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**Texas Brangus
Breeders
Association**

Letter from the TBBA President

Dear TBBA Member,

We finally got some descent rain here in Tyler!! Yea!!!

Your Board of directors me Wednesday night, 6 June 9, 2012 and had the most productive meeting. You can be very proud of your directors as they are really stepping up to the plate. The following is a brief preview of the results of this meeting.

First of all I would like to welcome Doug Muenchow to the Board as he was nominated and elected by the Board to replace Danny Wendland who has resigned. Doug is from the Floresville area and is very eager to contribute.

The convention and Miss America Sale at Tenroc, TX date change has been changed to 6 April 2013 to provide a little time between the Junior Show in San Antonio and our sale and convention. Your Vice President, Joe Dillard is Chairman of this event and assisted by your treasure, Donnie Dipple. If you have ideas for improvements at this event, contact them.

The Board has also approved a 2nd sale at the Ford Center in Beaumont, TX on 9 March 2013. This sale will primarily be a female sale with a few very good bulls. It will be held in conjunction with the ICA on Friday night with their commercial sale on Saturday. This sale is at low cost to you, as the ICA provides all the set up for 6% and we add a little more for our expenses. In addition, you can sell your lower graded animals as commercial in their commercial sale for 6%. Their sale last year was amongst the best in the state. Mike Doguet will be chairing this sale and your nominations will be sent to him.

Lastly, I want to invite you to a fun and educational event to take place at Texas A&M on 14 & 15 August 2012. Your Board has set a Beef 706 program at Texas A&M and a tour of Sexing Technology at the end of the Beef 706 course. This event is totally free except for your travel and hotel (Meals included). The first 45 TBBA members will be accepted, they can only accommodate 45 at the school. A mail out with an RSVP will be mailed shortly. Get your reservation in early as

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I feel this will fill up quickly. Enclosed is the link to the Beef 706 program. Please click on the image below to view it.

Sincerely,

Russ Williamson, President



Twitter Campaign to Push Farm Bill

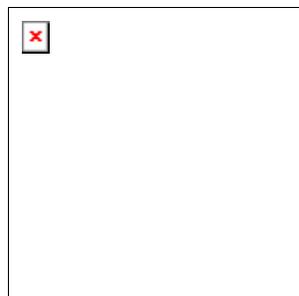
American farmers and ranchers are taking a different approach to urge the U.S. Senate to pass the 2012 Farm Bill- by using the power of social media.

Thursday morning, farmers and ranchers, state Farm Bureaus and other agriculture leaders began the #farmbillnow Twitter campaign. "Tweeters" use the hashtag #farmbillnow and senators' Twitter handles to call attention to the need to pass the 2012 Farm Bill this year.

In just 24 hours, the Twitter campaign created 284 tweets, generating 371,338 impressions and reaching an audience of 200,253. Tweeters are asked to continue using the hashtag with messages that clearly communicate the necessity of quickly passing the farm bill.

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

To learn more about Twitter, click on the icon below.



Drought Worries Begin to Mount

Some early indications show that despite improvements in areas hit by drought last year in the U.S., there is plenty of room for worry. Starting in May, USDA issues a weekly report that evaluates pasture and range conditions on a five-point scale: excellent, to good, fair, poor and very poor. The report is published as part of the crop conditions report for other crops. The latest update showed that, for the week ending June 3, 46% of pastureland and ranges in the U.S. were in good or excellent condition. This compares to 53% good/excellent conditions last year. The 10-year average condition for this time of year also is around 53%.

Pastures rated in poor or very poor condition accounted for 22% of the total, compared to 24% last year. Pasture conditions are worse than a year ago and the 10-year average despite a significant improvement in the situation in Texas and Oklahoma. Last year, 74% of the pastures in Texas were rated in poor or very poor condition. This year, only 36% of pastures are in bad shape.

The problem appears to be that while this area of the country has improved, other areas are showing significant deterioration compared to last year. Things could improve in a hurry should we have a normal or above-normal hurricane season this year, which would bring more rainfall inland.

A number of areas in the Midwest have experienced below normal precipitation in the last month, negatively affecting pastures. If current conditions continue, then we will likely see more pressure on producers around the country despite record feeder cattle prices.

Hay supplies are very tight, as evidenced by hay prices that are at record high-levels. The margin for error this year has become even smaller. Our working assumption and forecasts are for a return to a more normal rainfall pattern, which would cause beef cow slaughter to decline notably from last year. But with pasture conditions close to 2002 levels, that working assumption may need to be revised and herd rebuilding will have to wait for another year.

-Release by Steve Meyer and Len Steiner of CME Group
Daily Livestock Report for BEEF Magazine

Emergency CRP Grazing Announced

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director, James B. Douglass today announced that 12 counties are authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2012. Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during the previous 12 months.

The following counties are approved for CRP emergency grazing: Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Hockley, King, Lubbock, Martin, Swisher and Terry. The CRP emergency grazing authorization for FY 2012 is effective immediately and ends on September 30, 2012.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage," said Douglass. "Producers must also obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that outlines permitted grazing practices," he said.

Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under the emergency authorization and current CRP participants, who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval to graze eligible acreage and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing of CRP acres contact your local FSA office.

-Release by Cassie Bable, USDA-FSA for Southwest Farm
Press

June/July Calendar of Events

June

15th:

IBBA Deadline- Hard Copy Performance Data

16th:

"The Event" Showcase of Red Brangus Genetics-
Brenham, TX

20th-23rd:

TJBBA International Junior Brangus Show- Washington
County Fairgrounds, Brenham, TX

July

1st:

Data Entry Deadline- IBBA Fall NCE Run

15th:
National Junior Brangus Show- West Monroe, LA

Sincerely,
Texas Brangus Breeders Association

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