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**Texas Brangus
Breeders
Association**

Letter from the TBBA President

Dear TBBA Members

Not a lot has changed since my last report. I would like to remind you that this week is the last that you can enroll for the TBBA [Beef 706 tour](#) at Texas A&M. Again, it is free except for your room which I believe it is \$60.00 per night and your travel. This event also will include a tour of Sexing Technology and will be both fun and educational. You should have gotten an invitation in the mail, if not call or email Francis at the IBBA and she will enroll you.

The Junior Texas State Brangus show was held at Brenham, TX on 23 June 2012 and I will list and congratulate those winners below:

Bred and Owned

Grand Champion Female- Tanner Miller: CMR Angel's Sunday

Reserve Champion Female- Jake Johnson: JCC Ms 390Y

Grand Champion Bull- Adrian Whipple: 6S Felipe 2Y

Reserve Champion Bull- Claire Smart: Smart Cadence 157Y1

Owned

Grand Champion Heifer- Callie Scott: DDD Ms Yancey 103Y

Reserve Champion Heifer- Matt Wellmann: DDD Ms Laycee 200X7

Grand Champion Pair- Holli Baker: Ms BCC Taylor 10X

Reserve Champion Pair- Tanner Miller: CMR Ace 610Z

Showmanship

Grand Champion Junior- Kaylyn Watt

Reserve Champion Junior- Briana Hicks

Grand Champion Senior- Mathew Whipple

Reserve Champion Senior- Elizabeth Wishert

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Queen: Rachel McConnell

Sweetheart: Holli Baker

The Junior National Show and Futurity is in one week at West Monroe, LA. This is a good chance to see some really good Brangus cattle and visit with your fellow IBBA members.

We have a couple of months left for advertizing in the TBBA 2013 Calendar. Contact Russ Williamson for this at 903-530-5957 or email at skyhawkbrangus@yahoo.com.

See you at Monroe or at Texas A&M.

Russ Williamson, President

Letter from the TJBBA

Dear TBBA Members:

This year is already off to a great start, and we can feel that this is going to be a phenomenal run for us all. We are all doing our part and pitching in to bring in the funds to better our association and make it fun and successful for our juniors. Right now we are selling raffle tickets for a YETI cooler and the discussion on having a heifer in the Salado spring sale will be discussed at Junior Nationals. I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to make this happen, as well as your generosity towards us Juniors, it is greatly appreciated. It's always great to receive a helping hand to make our future a little brighter and pave the way for everyday improvement. I hope to see you at Junior Nationals, best of luck to you in all of your endeavors and God Bless.

Adrian Whipple, Reporter TJBBA

Texas Heat and Drought Awareness Rise

Though cool by comparison to some parts of the country, much of Texas was frying going into the July 4 holiday, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

While parts of the Midwest and Eastern U.S. were hotter, the triple-digit temperatures throughout the state complicated chances of recovery from last year's drought.

According to the National Weather Service, many areas only received traces of rain - 0.25 inch or less during the last week of June. There were some heavier rains along the Coastal Bend and South Texas areas. But except for a few isolated incidences of 2 to 3 inches, accumulations were generally 1 inch or less.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for June 26, there were no areas of exceptional drought. But only a few East Texas and Coastal Bend counties were spared being either abnormally dry or under moderate to severe or extreme drought conditions.

The Panhandle, South Plains and Far West regions remained the hardest hit.

Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent for Motley County, southeast of Amarillo, reported: "Area producers had a decent start to this year, but these past few weeks have turned everything completely around. With daytime temperatures reaching 100-plus degrees, no rain and hot, dry winds, pastures and cotton fields are beginning to show the signs. Currently we are setting at close to 6 inches of moisture total for the year, which hasn't done much to replenish the soil-moisture content. At this time it looks like the only thing that can turn our situation around would be a hurricane."

"Extremely high temperatures and windy conditions have producers running pivots as hard as they can right now trying to keep up with water demand," said Brad Easterling, AgriLife Extension agent for Sherman County, north of Amarillo on the Texas/Oklahoma border.

"Topsoil moisture is very depleted and rain is needed soon," said Josh Blaneck, AgriLife Extension agent for Andrews County, north of Odessa. "Producers are weaning and selling calves early to allow cows to rest and help reduce feed consumption."

"The rains we received two weeks ago were very beneficial, but now that moisture is gone," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent for Collin County, northeast of Dallas. "The last five or six days have been at 100 degrees or above."

"Pastures and hay fields are making little growth due to hot temperatures and lack of moisture," said Mark Currie, AgriLife Extension agent for Polk County, north of Houston. "Producers are trying to put up all the hay they can and hopefully avoid buying hay. If rains are not received soon, many will need to purchase at least some of their hay again

this year."

"Dry, hot and, at times, windy conditions persisted this week," said Jesse Lea Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent for Presidio County, in Far West Texas. "Stifling heat with highs lingered around 100 in the mountains and were as high as 116 along the river. Pastures have now lost their green tinge and are browning."

"Just like all over West Texas, we have been very dry and very hot," said Anthony Munoz, AgriLife Extension agent for Schleicher County, south of San Angelo. "On Wednesday we received some sprinkles for about half an hour but just enough to settle the dust. The dryland cotton isn't all that bad, but it sure could use a drink."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

-Release by Texas AgriLife for Southwest Farm Press

Farm Bill Draft Released by House

The House Agriculture Committee released its [draft of the 2012 Farm Bill](#) Thursday, in advance of full consideration beginning next week.

The House committee's version of the farm bill includes:

- * \$35 billion in savings of mandatory funding;
- * Repeal or consolidation of more than 100 programs;
- * Billions of dollars in cuts to discretionary spending authority;
- * Preliminary reform to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- * Repeal of direct payments, countercyclical payments, ACRE and SURE; and
- * Consolidation of 23 conservation programs into 13 programs.

American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) has urged both the Senate and the House to complete the 2012 Farm Bill this year. The AFBF board of directors will discuss the House's version this week and provide analysis early next week.

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

July/August Calendar of Events

**July
10th:**

RSVP for TBBA Beef 706 Event Due

15th:

National Junior Brangus Show- West Monroe, LA

19th:

Regional Standard of Excellence Brangus Show & West
Coast Brangus Breeders Annual Meeting- Sacramento, CA

August

6th-8th:

Texas A&M University Beef Cattle Short Course-
College Station, TX

Sincerely,

Texas Brangus Breeders Association

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marketing of Brangus cattle.