



# E-Newsletter

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## Letter from the President

Dear Texas Brangus Breeders,

If you haven't noticed, summer is here and the HEAT is on! At least where we are in Fayette County, the much welcomed late spring rains (which were very limited), greened the pastures up but are drying out very quickly and we never received the runoff rains need to fill the tanks. We are just hoping and praying for some relief soon.

I received a report from 1st Vice President, Bob Helmers regarding the field day held at the AgriLife Extension Office in San Angelo on May 28th. Bob and Buck Thomason manned the TBBA booth and Bob reported they had 75 - 80 local producers stop by the booth. The Hill Country Brangus Breeders Association contributed \$250 toward the event to help defray some of the cost to the TBBA, for which we are appreciative! The next event will be the Rangeland Conference in Fort Worth on July 12th where several hundred producers are expected to attend.

The TJBBA State show was held in Brenham Friday/Saturday and at the time of this writing I do not have the results to report. All of the Juniors who prepared their livestock and competed in the event are "winners" in my opinion as they are learning life skills, i.e., responsibility, preparation, competition, sportsmanship to name a few. Congratulations to all who attended!

Many will be going to West Monroe, LA on July 14 - 20th for the NJBS and we wish the best of luck to all and safe travels to and from LA!

I do not intend to turn this newsletter into a political forum; however, after observing our elected House and Senate representatives' inability to get anything done in Washington this week regarding the Farm Bill defeat in the House, I encourage each of you to engage your elected officials and hold them accountable for their

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votes. They are not sent to Washington to establish a career, they are there to represent their constituents! Let them hear from you!

In the future I am asking some of the TBBA Board to contribute to the newsletter so you don't get tired of hearing from me! Until next time....

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and fun 4th of July! Show your pride, fly the Flag!

Joe Dillard, TBBA President

## **TJBBA Junior Connection**

The moment we have been waiting for all year long has finally come and gone. I must say, it's been quite a ride. Ups and downs, twists and turns, and the struggles we go through to gain our success make us that much more deserving in the end. Friday night during my candidate speech I spoke about passion and how it drives a person to do their best. As our 2013 TJBBA State Show rolled on I got to witness multiple much deserving exhibitors receive the winnings and satisfaction they deserve.

Grand Champion Owned Heifer honors went to my very own brother Matthew Whipple of Burton, TX with 6S MW Crystal 820Z2 and Reserve Champion Owned Heifer went to Jake Johnston of Waxahachie, TX with DDD Ms Chariti 88Z10. Grand Champion Cow Calf Pair went to Jake Johnston showing JCC Ms 390Y with Mr JCC Antonio 390A by her side. Reserve Champion Cow Calf Pair was shown by Tanner Miller of Gilmer, TX with CMR Angel's Sunday 1211X with CMR Ms. Carley 1211Z by her side. Grand Champion Owned Bull was shown by Jake Johnston also of Waxahachie, TX Showing IH Crow 504Z and Claire Smart of Runge, TX taking Reserve honors with IH Smart Cadence 157Y1. In the Bred and Owned Show the Champion Female was owned by Tanner Miller showing CMR Lanie 488Z and Reserve Champion went to Luke Johnston with JCC Ms 125Z3. Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull was shown by Claire Smart with Smart Cadence 157Y1 and Reserve Champion honors went to DJ Duty of Eddy, TX with DJD Walks Alone 804Z.

If you have been following my endeavors this past year, you would find that I have a passion for the Brangus association. Friday the two candidates for President delivered a speech, and mine, of course, was about passion. This past year my love for the association has grown tremendously and at the 2013 State Show I made multiple new friends and advancements, and I am thankful for every single one. Saturday Evening at our Awards Banquet the 2013-2014 TJBBA President was

announced; and my name was called. I was left speechless and unable to speak because of the amount of support I had received using the podium as my crutch.

The only thing I could manage to say was, "Wow. I never thought I would see myself standing up here." At this point I had to lower my head and contain myself. Overwhelmed with my countless blessings and amount of love I have received, the last words I were able to speak were- "I promise I won't let you down." And this is a promise I will keep. I will try in all of my power to ensure that this year will be one of the best yet. We will remain a team and work together so that success will be reached. Welcoming us on the board for the 2013-2014 year will be Aimee Adamek and DJ Duty for a fantastic year. The officer positions will be decided on at NJBS in July. I am looking forward to serving the best association to the best of my ability. The passion I have for the Brangus Association is strong, and it's our passion that drives us on.

-Contributed by Adrian Whipple, TJBBA President

## **TJBBA State Show Results**

The 2013 Texas Junior Brangus Breeders Association State Show was held last weekend in Brenham. A complete list of results are pending, but Grand and Reserve Grand Champion winners can be found below.

- Grand Champion Female: exhibited by Matt Whipple
- Reserve Grand Champion Female: exhibited by Jake Johnston
- Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female: exhibited by Tanner Miller
- Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female: exhibited by Luke Johnston
- Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull: exhibited by Claire Smart
- Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull: exhibited by DJ Duty
- Grand Champion Owned Bull: exhibited by Luke Johnston
- Reserve Grand Champion Owned Bull: exhibited by Claire Smart
- Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair: exhibited by Jake Johnston
- Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair: exhibited by Tanner Miller

[-Results compiled from IBBA Facebook page](#)

## Farm Bill Fails House Vote

The future of the farm bill is up in the air following the defeat of the bill, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act, in a 195-234 vote Thursday afternoon.

Following the vote, House Chairman Frank Lucas expressed his disappointment.

"On this day, on this vote, the House worked its will. I'm obviously disappointed, but the reforms in H.R. 1947-\$40 billion in deficit reduction, elimination of direct payments and the first reforms to SNAP since 1996-are so important that we must continue to pursue them. We are assessing all of our options, but I have no doubt that we will finish our work in the near future and provide the certainty that our farmers, ranchers, and rural constituents need," said Lucas.

Of the 36 representatives from Texas, 15 voted against the bill while the other 21 supported it. The roll call vote results can be found here: <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2013/roll286.xml>

The Senate passed its proposed farm bill earlier this month and was awaiting the House's bill so the two could be conferenced into a bill to send to President Obama.

The current farm bill extension expires Sept. 30. Without another extension or a new bill, the country would revert to 1949 farm legislation.

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

## Cattle Inventories Shrinking

The June Cattle on Feed report from the UDSA, released June 21, shows cattle inventories in feedlots with 1,000 head or more at 10.7 million head as of June 1. That figure is down 3 percent from inventories on June 1, 2012.

Placements into feedlots during May, at 2.05 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago. As expected for this time of year, the majority of placements were in the heavier weight classes, with 66 percent entering feedyards weighing 700 pounds or more.

May marketings from feedlots, at 1.95 million head, were 3 percent below a year ago and the second lowest for May since the current report series began in 1996.

The last time the report showed a year-over-year increase in feedlot inventories was in August 2012, when cattle on feed increased by 1 percent. Month-to-month,

inventories have been declining since late 2012. Following are the totals from the past 9 months:

- October 1, 2012 - 11 million
- November 1, 2012 - 11.3 million
- December 1, 2012 - 11.3 million
- January 1, 2013 - 11.2 million
- February 1, 2013 - 11.1 million
- March 1, 2013 - 10.9 million
- April 1, 2013 - 10.9 million
- May 1, 2013 - 10.7 million
- June 1, 2013 - 10.7 million

Placements since last summer, while mostly lower, have varied widely relative to the year-earlier figures, in part because of drought shifting placements away from their typical seasonal patterns. Following are the totals for the past 11 months, showing that variability.

- July 2012 - 1.9 million, down 10 percent
- August 2012 - 2 million, down 11 percent
- September 2012 - 2 million, down 19 percent
- October 2012 - 2.18 million, down 13 percent
- November 2012 - 1.92 million, down 6 percent
- December 2012 - 1.66 million, down 1 percent
- January 2013 - 1.88 million, up 2 percent
- February 2013 - 1.48 million, down 14 percent
- March 2013 - 1.9 million, up 6 percent
- April - 1.75 million, up 15 percent
- May 2013 - 2.05 million, down 2 percent

-Release by John Maday for Drovers/CattleNetwork

## **TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course**

Registration for the 59th Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course is available now through August 1.

Short Course will be held in College Station, TX August 5-7. For more information, [click here](#).

## **TBBA Business Card Ads**

TBBA members have the opportunity to advertise their farm or ranch through the new business card advertisements to be launched on the TBBA website soon. If you would like to purchase a business card ad, e-mail [mollie@txbrangus.org](mailto:mollie@txbrangus.org) for more information. Business card ads will cost \$50.

## **Call for Cattle Photos**

The TBBA is constantly looking for ways to improve our social media sights. If you have photos of your Brangus cattle around the farm or ranch that you would like us to

share on the Facebook page, please e-mail those in .jpg format to [mollie@txbrangus.org](mailto:mollie@txbrangus.org).

To view the current "Around the Farm and Ranch" album, [click here](#).

## **June/July Calendar of Events**

**June:**

**28th:**

Registration Deadline- Texas Grazingland Conference

**July:**

**14th-20th:**

National Junior Brangus Show and Futurity- West  
Monroe, LA

**15th-17th:**

Texas Grazingland Conference featuring Temple  
Grandin-Ft. Worth, TX

**16th:**

Western Region Brangus Classic- Sacramento, CA

Sincerely,

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