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Texas Brangus

Letter from the President

Dear TBBA Member,

I am just back from the IBBA Convention and Houston Livestock Show. It was a long and packed week and I am glad to be back in Tyler. There is a lot to report and much news due to the resignation of Dr. Massey as our executive Vice President. A committee has been formed and is currently in the process of finding a new person to fill this very important position. Also a hot issue is the vote on the Ultrablack issue of breeding 1st generation Brangus and whether to allow this process and to be called and papered as a Brangus. I believe the vote has now been closed, however I do not have a final number to report on whether it is approved or not.

Our own convention is just around the corner and if you did not get the change on the last newsletter, the date has been changed to April 19th and 20th due to a schedule overbooking by the facility owner. If you have cattle signed up for the "Miss America" sale there, please make sure have them on feed to look their best for that sale. It takes over 40 days to change a pasture animal into a good sale animal. AMS is our sale manager this year and they just completed a very successful sale in Houston. It was an internet sale only and averaged over \$10,000 per lot. They have a great lineup this year but need a few more lots to complete the best quality animals we have ever had. If you have a really nice animal this would be the best time to get it signed up. Contact me, Joe Dillard, Mark Cowen, Richard Hood, Trey Kerpatrick or Brad Wright for information.

Below are pictures of the donation heifers that will be sold to benefit the TJBBA organization. Hope to see you soon.

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JLS Donation Female



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Russ Williamson, President

TJBBA Connection: Seizing Opportunities

Being in the cattle industry, there are crucial things that are needed to succeed. Understanding is by far the direst. Ironically, it's the hardest thing to harness and truly accept 100 percent, especially in the business we are so heavily involved in. Everybody loves winning, the sigh of relief when you head to the gate to meet the queen with your banner is a feeling like no other. John F. Kennedy truly said it best when he stated that "Victory has a thousand fathers, but defeat is an orphan." Winning is indeed a sweet victory and becomes greater when it has been yearned for quite some time. When the goal is finally achieved, weight is lifted and you swell with pride and joy basking in the glory. Showing cattle is a passion that showmen of all ages live for and in some instances, all is put out on a limb to reach the winner's circle. The youth learn techniques, showmanship, and how to feed and take care of their animals to their maximum potential instilling values and responsibilities. Involvement in the industry is beneficial to all, helping flourish the breed's future leaders. However, the biggest benefit is how exactly all of these tools tie in together.

My experience at my family's first Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Open Show will undoubtedly be one that sticks with me throughout my life. An entire week of being around breeders and ranches getting the opportunity to interact and learn from all of them is by far an experience all juniors should undertake. Relationships built with individuals from across the country and even the world are ones that will be valued for innumerable years down the road. The IJBBA

Board of Directors interacted with numerous breeders as well as solicited raffle tickets for our Foundation Heifer which was so graciously donated by Deep Down Ranch. These experiences are ones that will benefit us greatly in our future careers already having somewhat of a business sense. The greatest benefit of all is the overall feeling we gain as we reflect on our experience while heading back home from the event.

For the duration of my week I not only came away with experiences in business and productive conversation, but also important realization. Showing is not about winning marked by a banner or ribbon, if this were the case our passion would no longer live or be as thriving as it is. We're taught that winning doesn't mean you lost. With every disappointment or let down we come across comes hand in hand with countless blessings; even if we're blinded to it at the moment. If the only experiences we gain are ones of victory, then we will never feel the glory of reaching the final step along the path to success which makes the trip worthwhile. When our fingers grip the seams of purple, we'll know it is well deserved and know the story behind the history we just made. To all juniors like myself, I strongly recommend to take in as much as possible while we still can to build up the strong foundation for the rest of our lives. What are you waiting for?

Adrian Whipple, TJBBA Reporter

Houston Open Show Results

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Brangus Show took place March 1-2, 2013. Bulls were exhibited March 1 and females were exhibited March 2. Jason Cleere of College Station, TX, evaluated the entries.

Black Brangus

The Grand Champion Black Brangus Heifer was DDD Ms. Barbara 804Y61 exhibited by Doguet Diamond D Ranch of McCoy, TX. She came out of the Senior Heifer Calf division. Reserve Grand Champion Heifer honors went to JCC Ms. Cariti 88z10 exhibited by Johnston Cattle Company of Waxahachie, TX. She came from the Junior Heifer Calf division.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf: DDD Ms. Callie 1019Y9 exhibited by Triple Crown Ranch of Angleton, TX

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf: TCR Sweet Dreams 222Z2 exhibited by Triple Crown Ranch of Angleton, TX

Summer Champion Heifer: CK News Lady Elizabeth

exhibited by Rachel McConnell of Longview, TX
Reserve Summer Champion Heifer: Miss JLS Kali 915Y42
exhibited by Lauren Savoie of Jennings, LA

Yearling Champion Heifer: JOJ's Ms. Onstar 801Y-ET
exhibited by J.O.J. Brangus of Tyler, TX
Reserve Yearling Champion Heifer: M&M Miss Lilly 75Y
exhibited by Trio Cattle & Genetics of Dallas, TX

Senior Champion Heifer: DDD Ms. Laycee 200X7 exhibited
by Doguet Diamond D Ranch of McCoy, TX
Reserve Senior Champion Heifer: Miss JLS Patricia 915X71
exhibited by Lauren Savoie of Jennings, LA

Bulls

The Grand Champion Bull was RCC Patriot 1252 Y exhibited
by Stephen Roop of Grapevine, TX. He represented the
Summer division. Out of the Junior Bull Calf division, SBR
Coal Mine 129UZ was the Reserve Grand Champion Bull.
He was exhibited by Sunnybrook Farms of Jackson, MS.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Champion Summer Bull: Mr. JLS Rudy 915Y47
exhibited by Tobi Parrott of Mamou, LA

Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf: Skyhawk's 4R Prez 7Z
exhibited by Russell Williamson of Tyler, TX

Senior Bull Calf Champion: IH Rudder 504 Y2 exhibited by
Johnston Cattle Company of Waxahachie, TX
Reserve Senior Bull Calf Champion: Skyhawk's FDR
exhibited by Russell Williamson of Tyler, TX

Yearling Champion Bull: SCC Sampson 313Y exhibited by
Triple Crown Ranch of Angleton, TX
Reserve Yearling Champion Bull: Skyhawk's Bachelor ET
exhibited by Russell Williamson of Tyler, TX

Senior Champion Bull: Doguets Dillinger 38X6 exhibited by
Doguet Diamond D Ranch of McCoy, TX
Reserve Senior Champion Bull: DCC Mr. Payday 630X
exhibited by Gary Prause of Bleiberville, TX

Additional Recognition

Champion Produce of Dam went to Russell Williamson of
Tyler, TX, while Gary Prause of Bleiberville, TX had Reserve
Champion Produce of Dam.

Sunnybrook Farms of Jackson, MS had Champion Junior
Get of Sire and Russell Williamson of Tyler, TX had Reserve
Champion Junior Get of Sire.

Champion Senior Get of Sire went to Sunnybrook Farms of Jackson, MS and Reserve Champion Senior Get of Sire was awarded to Russell Williamson of Tyler, TX.

Russell Williamson of Tyler, TX won the Breeder's Herd award.

To view complete results for the Black Brangus show, [click here.](#)

Red Brangus

In the Red Brangus show, Trio's Yelena 175Y3, exhibited by Trio Cattle & Genetics of Dallas, TX was named Grand Champion Heifer. She came out of the Summer division. Reserve Grand Champion Heifer went to Dos XX's Stretch's Jewel exhibited by Geary Stutts and Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX. She represented the Senior Heifer Calf division.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Champion Summer Heifer: Dos XX's Miss Mercedes exhibited by Geary Stutts and Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX

Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf: Dos XX's Destiny's Ruby exhibited by Geary Stutts and Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX

Junior Heifer Calf Champion: Dos XX's Stretch's Cover Girl exhibited by Geary Stutts and Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf: CX Ms. Payload's MBA Thouse 412/Z exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, TX

Yearling Champion Heifer: Sendero Stretch's Miss 14Y3 exhibited by Geary Stutts and Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX

Reserve Champion Yearling: Miss -C- Dutchess 30Y exhibited by Bailye Foltyn of Bay City, TX

Senior Champion Heifer: KK Miss Sidda Lee 317X41 exhibited by Katy Knox of Hempstead, TX

Reserve Champion Senior Heifer: Fagan Ms. Brasil 201X exhibited by Marcos Borges of Wharton, TX

The Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair was Marvel's Sweet Pea 7/10 exhibited by Sandra Marvel of High Springs, FL.

Bulls

In the Red Brangus Bull Show, Grand Champion Bull was Trio's Yucatan 175Y exhibited by Trio Cattle & Genetics of

Dallas, TX and out of the Yearling division. The Reserve Grand Champion Bull was Trio's Zoltar 175Z2, also exhibited by Trio Cattle & Genetics of Dallas, TX. He came out of the Junior Bull Calf division.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Champion Yearling: CX Mr. Red Chief 67/Y exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, TX

Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf: TJR Mr. Rojo's Renegade 46/Z exhibited by Triple J-R Cattle Company of Friendswood, TX

Senior Bull Calf Champion: Dos XX's Numerouno exhibited by Geary Stutts and Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf: Rojo Grande's Radical 197Y exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, TX

Summer Bull Champion: Dos XX's Stout's Rambo exhibited by Geary Stutts and Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX
Reserve Champion Summer Bull: GM Moneymaker 227/Y exhibited by Markham Cattle and Tim Mikolajchak of Alvin, TX

Senior Champion Bull: Mr. PB 971/10 exhibited by Marcos Borges of Wharton, TX
Reserve Champion Senior Bull: M4 Aladdin 2 exhibited by M4 Cattle of Wharton, TX

Additional Recognition

Grand Champion Produce-of-Dam went to Trio Cattle & Genetics of Dallas, TX with III Miss Fancy 175/4. Reserve Grand Champion Produce-of-Dam was Dos XX's Miss Ruby 14/4 of Dos XX's Cattle Co. in Washington, TX.

Grand Champion Junior Get-of-Sire was Dos XX's Stout's Destiny of Dos XX's Cattle Co. in Washington, TX.

Grand Champion Breeder's Herd went to Trio Cattle & Genetics of Dallas, TX. Reserve Grand Champion Breeder's Herd was Dos XX's Cattle Co. of Washington, TX.

To view complete results for the Red Brangus show, [click here](#).

Updated Farm Bill Estimates Released

WASHINGTON (AP) - Farm bills passed by the Senate and a House committee last year would save far less money than previously thought, according to a new estimate released Friday.

A report from the Congressional Budget Office says a

Senate-passed farm bill would save \$1.3 billion annually, as opposed to the \$2.3 billion per year in savings estimated last year. A bill passed by the House Agriculture Committee would save \$2.7 billion a year instead of \$3.5 billion.

While the amounts may seem small in comparison to the bills' \$100 billion-a-year cost, the estimates are another roadblock for the embattled legislation and the farm-state lawmakers who have fruitlessly tried to convince House leadership to move forward on it.

One of the main arguments that House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas, R-Okla., and Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., made in favor of passage is that the bill would save taxpayers money over time.

The farm bill sets policy for farm subsidies, programs to protect environmentally-sensitive land, rural development and food stamps. Food stamps, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, make up roughly 80 percent of the legislation's cost.

The normally reliable farm-state coalition in Congress fell apart in 2012 as agricultural issues fell by the wayside in an election year. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack blamed the lack of a farm bill on rural America's declining population and lost clout. A booming agricultural economy also played a part as farmers weren't clamoring for a new bill or changing farm policy.

The farm bills passed by the Senate in June and by the House Agriculture Committee in July died at the end of last year's congressional session after Republican House leadership said they did not have the votes to pass it. The most recent farm law, passed in 2008, expired in September and was extended until September 2013 as part of the New Year's agreement on the so-called fiscal cliff. Farm-state leaders will have to write a new bill this year but have not yet started that process or said how they plan to go about it.

-Release by Mary Clare Jalonick for Associated Press

Valley Farmers Offered Free Soil Testing

Farmers and ranchers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley who have not yet taken advantage of the no-cost soil testing campaign sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office are being encouraged to do so before March 31. This year's program has been extended to allow those involved in agriculture more time to have their soil tested to help the environment and the farmer and ranchers' bottom lines.

Ashley Gregory, AgriLife Extension assistant, reports that the soil testing program helps growers determine how much

residual fertilizer is already in the ground, cutting down on the amount of fertilizer needed.

Interested participants can pick up soil sample bags and forms at the AgriLife Extension offices in Cameron, Willacy and Hidalgo counties and at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Weslaco.

For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Hidalgo, Camerson or Willacy counties.

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

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.

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

March/April Calendar of Events

March:

9th:

TBBA/ICA Spring Sale
Indian Nations Spring Sale

10th:

Houston Junior Brangus Show- Houston, TX 8 a.m.

16th:

Mound Creek Ranch Annual Bull Sale

22nd-24th:

TSCRA Convention

23rd:

West Texas Brangus Breeders Sale
Miller Brangus Sale

26th:

Genetrust at Suhn Cattle Company Registered Bull Sale

30th:

Salacoa Valley Farms Sale

April:

1st:

IRBBA Memorial Scholarship Application Due

19th-20th:

TBBA Annual Convention and Miss America Sale- Tenroc Ranch, Salado, TX

27th:

Genetrust at Cavendar Ranch Registered Bull and Commercial Female Sale

27th-28th:

IRBBA Annual Convention and Divas in Red Sale- College

Station, TX

Sincerely,
Texas Brangus Breeders Association

Serving and promoting the interest of its members specific to the breeding, raising, and marketing of Brangus cattle.