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Letter from the President

Fellow

TBBA

Members,

I write to you this cold afternoon, tired of my football teams loosing this weekend. Since both daughters graduated from BAYLOR I was not in the mood to do anything after the trashing they took last night at the hands of Oklahoma State! They had the opportunity to do something special this year and in retrospect have done very well! That was after watching LSU handle the AGGIES (my adopted # 2 team), followed by watching the last 4 minutes of the TEXANS game which will make one loose their lunch! I just thought how frivolous these games really are an the whole context of life!

Thanksgiving is upon us this week, where did the year go? What do we have to be thankful for? Goodness, the list is LONG but I will name a few that come quickly to mind...

A GOD that loves us as much as he loved his only SON!

A wife, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers extended families (I don't know about you but mine are the pride of my life)!

The blessing to live in the greatest country in the world (I have been in over 100 countries), yes the USA is head and shoulders above all the rest, even with the challenges that lie before us!

Absolutely blessed to be in TEXAS! Nuff said!!

Most of us do what we love, have a decent job to provide for our families, some of us even provide strictly by agribusiness and as I have said before, your are the Salt of the Earth!

Have a great set of friends and business relationships in the



Suggestions?

Help our marketing efforts meet YOUR needs. Any suggestions to the Facebook page or E-Newsletter should be sent to mollie@txbrangus.org

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cattle business! Breed and raise the best breed of cattle there is!

I can go on and on! I challenge each of you to just stop for a few minutes and think or list the things you are truly thankful for! Ya know, football didn't even make the list!

Until next time, may God richly bless your Thanksgiving Holiday and may you have a safe and reflective time with you loved ones!

GOD BLESS,

Joe Dillard, TBBA President

National Brangus Show of Merit

Black Brangus Results

The National Brangus Show of Merit was held in conjunction with the State Fair of Louisiana Nov. 2 in Shreveport.

Grand Champion Female went to DDD Ms. Barbara 804Y61, exhibited by Doguet's Diamond D Ranch of McCoy, Texas. She represented the Senior division. Reserve Grand Champion honors went to Johnston Cattle Company of Waxahachie, Texas, with DDD Ms. Chariti. Chariti came out of the Summer division.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Senior Champion Heifer: Skyhawk's Ms. Mamie, exhibited by Ryon Chaney of Windom, Texas

Reserve Summer Champion Heifer: CMR Ms. Lanie 488Z, exhibited by Tanner Miller of Gilmer, Texas

Junior Heifer Calf Champion: DDD Ms. Rhonda 125A6-, exhibited by Doguet's Diamond D Ranch of McCoy, Texas
Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion: Miss DDR Adele 915A1, exhibited by Lauren Savoie of Jennings, Louisiana

Heifer Calf Champion: DDD Ms. Yvette 38Z16-ET, exhibited by Ellie Jorgenson of Tyler, Texas

Reserve Heifer Calf Champion: KALM Ms. Mary K, exhibited by Rustin Anderson of Ovett, Mississippi

Junior Champion Heifer: Mis JLS Kay 789Z2, exhibited by

Lauren Savoie of Jennings, Louisiana
Reserve Junior Champion Heifer: JG Miss 747 Cadence,
exhibited by Aimee Adamek of Schulenburg, Texas

In the cow/calf show, Lauren Savoie of Jennings,
Louisiana, exhibited the Grand Champion, Miss JLS Kali
915Y42. Reserve Grand Champion was Jethro's 99K Ellie
Mae, exhibited by Russell Savoie of Iowa, Louisiana.

Grand Champion Bull honors went to 1 H Rudder,
exhibited by Buck Thomason of Waxahachie, Texas. He
represented the Intermediate Senior division. Reserve
Grand Champion was TCR Sampson 313Y, exhibited by
Triple Crown Ranch of Angleton, Texas. He came from the
Senior division.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Intermediate Senior Champion Bull: Skyhawk's
FDR, exhibited by Skyhawk Brangus of Tyler, Texas

Reserve Senior Champion Bull: DCC Mr. Payday 630X,
exhibited by Gary Prause of La Grange, Texas

Junior Bull Calf Champion: TCR Blackout 222A, exhibited
by Triple Crown Ranch of Angleton, Texas
Reserve Junior Bull Calf Champion: Skyhawk's Bush 610A,
exhibited by Skyhawk Brangus of Tyler, Texas

Senior Bull Calf Champion: Mr. JLS Prime, exhibited by
JLS International, Inc. of Hondo, Texas
Reserve Senior Bull Calf Champion: DDD Limitless
804Z55, exhibited by Doguet's Diamond D Ranch of
McCoy, Texas

Summer Champion Bull: Mr. 804 Star Z3, exhibited by
Russell Savoie of Iowa, Louisiana

Grand Champion Junior and Senior Get of Sire was
Skyhawk's Presidente, owned by Skyhawk Brangus of
Tyler, Texas. Reserve Junior and Senior Get of Sire went
to SBR Coal Train 222WR, owned by Sunnybrook Ranch
of Jackson, Mississippi.

National Brangus Show of Merit

Red Brangus Results

The National Brangus Show of Merit was held in

conjunction with the State Fair of Louisiana Nov. 2 in Shreveport.

Grand Champion Female went to Miss MR 821A, exhibited by Triple J-R Cattle Co. of Friendswood, Texas. She represented the Heifer Calf division. Reserve Grand Champion Female was CX Ms. Payloads Meathouse, exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas, and out of the Junior division.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Heifer Calf Champion: Scarlett 265Z, exhibited by Allison Deshotel of Lake Charles, Louisiana

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer: CX Ms. Legends Dream, exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas

Junior Heifer Calf Champion: BKC Rumor Has it 307A, exhibited by BKC Ranch, LLC, of Hockley, Texas

Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion: TJR Miss Cardinal, exhibited by Stofa Rosa Ranch, LLC, of Willis, Texas

Summer Heifer Champion: Ms. SR Powerdrive 84Z, exhibited by Stofa Rosa Ranch, LLC, of Willis, Texas

In the Cow/Calf show, Ms. SR Powerdrive took top honors as Grand Champion Red Brangus Cow/Calf Pair. She was exhibited by Stofa Rosa Ranch, LLC, of Willis, Texas.

Grand Champion Red Brangus Bull was BKC Almost Famous, exhibited by BKC Ranch, LLC of Hockley, Texas. He came out of the Junior Bull Calf division. Reserve Grand Champion Red Brangus Bull was CX Chief's Apache 67/Y, exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas. He represented the Senior Champion division.

Additional division winners were:

Reserve Junior Bull Calf Champion: CX Mr. Dream Forever 365/A, exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas

Summer Champion Bull: CX Dream Play 67/Z, exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas

Reserve Summer Champion Bull: THR Mr. Rojo's Renegade, exhibited by Triple J-R Cattle Co., of Friendswood, Texas

Junior Champion Bull: Mr. SR Powerdrive, exhibited by Stofa Rosa Ranch, LLC, of Willis, Texas

Reserve Junior Champion Bull: AB4 Skyline 51Z, exhibited

by Adolphus Gordon of Arcola, Texas
Intermediate Senior Champion Bull: CX Legends
Dreamaker, exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus, of Katy,
Texas

Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas, won the Red
Brangus Produce of Dam, Senior Get of Sire and Breeder's
Herd. CX Ms. Home Run 67/W was recognized for
Produce of Dam and CX Legends Dream 610/U1 for Get of
Sire.

Nutrition Essential during Winter

BRENHAM - Heading into the winter months, cattle
producers should give careful attention to adequate
nutrition of beef cattle, said a Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service expert.

Dr. Jason Cleere, beef cattle specialist, College Station,
told producers at the recent South Central Texas Cow-Calf
Clinic in Brenham to monitor body condition of their cattle
to ensure those cows will raise a healthy calf and properly
re-breed.

"Cattle markets have been phenomenal," Cleere said, "and
things are green and the outlook is great."

However, lack of nutrition is one of the main causes for
cattle not breeding, he said.

"Nutrition is extremely important to the cow-calf operation,"
Cleere said. "The way we manage cattle to calve at two
years of age and have a calf every year, you've got to have
some nutritional management out there for them."

Cleere said one of the most important things producers
should do is look at the body condition of their cows.

"The other thing is look at manure," he said. "It varies, but it
tells us what is going on with those cattle, what they are
eating and the quality of their diet. "

Body condition scoring is a numerical system for evaluating
the condition or fatness of breeding cattle. The system
ranks cattle from one, very thin, to 10 very fat. Cattle in
average condition would receive a score of five. Cleere
said cattle will first put on fat in the brisket area, then
behind the shoulder and onward towards the rear of the
animal.

"The effect of body condition score on pregnancy rates is significant," he said. "Research indicates that cows should be at least a body condition score of 5 at calving to achieve optimum re-breeding rates.

"However, the best time to be looking at body condition score would be when you wean your calves so that nutritional management decisions can be made prior to calving," he said. "You should look at it year round, and especially during the winter feeding period to make sure the cattle are being supplemented properly."

Cleere said body condition score also impacts how much money cull cows will bring when sold. He demonstrated a cow with a body condition score of two with a value of \$50-\$60 per hundredweight. A cow with a body condition score of six was worth \$75-\$85 per hundredweight.

"If we compare the two values on these cows, it equals \$920 to \$495 in difference between the cows," Cleere said. "The heavier cow weighs 1,150 pounds versus 900 pounds on the thin cow. When it comes to making culling decisions due to drought, if we let those cows get too thin and calve, it's going to hurt reproduction rates. If it didn't rain and we had to sell, we have animals a lot less valuable if you let them get too thin. Some tried to squeeze the value out of their cows and skimp on feeding."

Cleere advised monitoring cows throughout the year to not only optimize reproduction, but to have cattle in condition to bring added dollars if forced to decrease cow numbers due to dry conditions.

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Sale Committee Report

The TBBA Sale Committee is hard at work up grading the Salado Sale/Annual TBBA Convention. They are working to make this up coming sale (March 28-29, 2014) be the best ever. In doing so, they are asking EVERY TBBA member to please consider consigning one or two of your very best. This is an excellent way to advertise your program by the way. They are also asking all members to participate in some way toward the convention/sale. It is also felt that we might offer a larger number of females in the sale in order to help keep our cost down. Please do your part by getting involved and keeping the TBBA strong

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Note: Now is the time to look your cattle over and make your selection. If you need ANY help, please call or e-mail us today. Don't wait!

TBBA Sale Chairmen,

Garry Clem
Steve Densmore

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 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.

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

Dec./Jan. Calendar of Events

December:

1st:

Entry Deadline- San Antonio Junior Brangus and Junior Red Brangus Shows

Entry Deadline- Houston Junior Brangus and Junior Red Brangus Shows

7th:

GENETRUST @ Cavender's Neches River Ranch- Jacksonville, TX

15th:

Entry Deadline- San Antonio Open Brangus and Open Red Brangus Shows

January:

25th:

Junior Brangus Show- Fort Worth Stock Show, 8 a.m.

Are you a TBBA member with an upcoming sale or field day? E-mail mollie@txbrangus.org to have it listed on the website and E-Newsletter calendar

Sincerely,

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