



# E-Newsletter

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## Letter from the President

Fellow Texas Brangus Breeders,

I am writing to you this morning from West Monroe, Louisiana where the National Junior Brangus Show and Futurity has been in full swing since last Monday and wrapped up with the Open Show yesterday afternoon after a full week of activities and competition. I am pleased to report this was the most attended NJBS since I have been exhibiting with the breed being well represented from an abundance of our youth from many states. I will follow in the next letter with complete results but will offer this compressed report as I must get hooked up and on the road this morning.

We started the week with some welcomed reports of significant rain reported across many areas of Texas where it was greatly needed and met with thankfulness!

Ms. Kacie Wallace from Bryan, Texas was installed as the new 2013-2014 IJBBA President and we wish Kacie and her new board a successful year ahead!

As far as the entire results of the show I will provide complete results later but the open show Grand Champion Female, CMR MS LANIE 488Z was exhibited by Tanner Miller and the Reserve Grand Champion Female, DDD MS BARBARA 804Y61 was exhibited by Douget's Diamond D Ranch. The Grand Champion Red Female, KK MISS CHARDONNAY 157Y4 was exhibited by Katie Knox and the Reserve Grand Champion Red Female, MISS -C- RED BAILYE 087Z was exhibited by Bailye Foltyn.

The Grand Champion Bull, SCC SAMPSON 313Y was exhibited by Triple Crown Ranch and the Reserve Grand Champion, I H RUDDER 504Y2 exhibited by Buck Thompson. The Grand Champion Red Bull, CX MR PROMISE KEEPER 609/Y1 was exhibited by Cox Excalibur Brangus and the Reserve Grand Champion, MR -C- DUKE 30Z exhibited by Bar C Bar Red Brangus. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS AND ALL

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**EXHIBITORS ON A FINE GROUP OF BRANGUS  
CATTLE!**

That's all for now folks, I must get hooked up and on the road, have a great week!

Joe Dillard, TBBA President

**TJBBA Junior Connection**

After two incredibly long weeks, I am so glad to finally be home. From Dallas, Texas to West Monroe, Louisiana-Brangus has an influence. While in Dallas at the State FFA Convention I met up with old Brangus friends and even made new Brangus friends inviting them to join us at majors and the 2014 TJBBA State Show. This made me realize how prominent Brangus actually is and excited me to begin State Show preparations, and that's exactly what I did.

On Wednesday, July 17th the 2013-2014 TJBBA Board of Directors held their first meeting. Claire Smart was elected Vice President, Kourtney Gardner Secretary, Victoria Parkey Treasurer, Demi Hunt Reporter, and Brandon Hicks was elected Parliamentarian. The Board reflected on the 2013 State Show and looked at areas for improvement as well as began planning for the next State Show which will be held in Bryan, Texas. With a new location and new board, it's decided that "We're all one team in 2014". My fellow board members will work closely and together to ensure a successful and enjoyable State Show.

Throughout the past year, months, weeks, and even past few days-I've come to the realization that blessings are all around. It may come in the form of immediate joy, or in some cases a blessing in disguise. Sometimes in life we're surpassed on the things we really do deserve, but part of what makes us that much more deserving are the struggles we go through to gain our success. Controversy will follow us everywhere we go, it's just a part of it and we have to live with it.

Congratulation to all of the deserving winners, and to those of you who were left standing? Well, it may feel like it's the end, but it's far from it. The most deserving are the ones who are in fact the ones forgotten about or looked over. Over a period of time we come to find out what we're made of and our capabilities. Eventually with a little bit of work, drive, and faith...we will gain what we deserve and success will become our best friend. Until then, hold on to what you believe in and grab your shades, because the future is bright and success is in the horizon.

-Release by Adrian Whipple, TJBBA President

## **Steiner Ranch Dispersal**

Bastrop, Texas-After a century in the cattle business and over 40 years of producing top purebred Brangus cattle, XS Steiner Ranch Brangus has dispersed their entire cattle herd to Santa Rosa Ranch. Over 1,000 head of females will be relocated to Santa Rosa Ranch along the Trinity River in Houston County and will complement the growing herd of purebred Brangus and Ultrablack cattle that have been developed in their program.

"This is a bittersweet time for our operation," commented Bobby Steiner of XS Steiner Ranch. "But I am gratified that this premium cow herd, coupled with the already strong Santa Rosa Brangus operation, will definitely ensure Brangus bull and replacement female buyers with an unequalled opportunity to have access to the most premier Brangus cattle anywhere. I congratulate Gerald Sullivan, his daughter Kelley and their family, as well as general manager Kent Smith of Santa Rosa Ranch, because I know they offer an outstanding program for this herd to join."

"We are proud to incorporate this stellar herd of cattle into our operation," adds Smith. "One would be hard-pressed to find a set of cattle with this reputation for quality and productivity than what Bobby and his family at Steiner Ranch have developed over time. This is a great opportunity for our program."

Santa Rosa Ranch was founded by the Gerald and Susanne Sullivan Family and has locations in Grimes and Houston Counties. Under the guidance of general manager, Smith and manager Scott Broadus, Brangus and Ultrablack seedstock are developed from the genetic foundation of Brinks Brangus, Gardiner Angus and V8 Brahman cattle.

Recently, the program expanded to the historic Rattlesnake Ranch/7J Stock Farm in Houston County, offering expansion opportunities for their current purebred and commercial operation, as well as bull development, replacement female and weaned calf programs.

-Release by Southern Livestock Standard

## **Farm Bill Talks Continue**

Farm bill talks advanced Thursday as the top leaders of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees met to begin their discussions and the Senate later took the first steps to request a formal conference with the House.

"We are very serious about working together and getting

this done," Senate Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) told POLITICO. "And I am very confident we will."

That said, the Michigan Democrat had to endure a long afternoon of uncertainty before finally getting her consent request to go to conference through the Senate Thursday evening.

At one stage, the Democratic leadership thought the effort was doomed. But Stabenow went in and out of the GOP cloakroom and recruited Republican members of her committee to overcome threatened objections.

Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.), who happened to be speaking on the floor at the time, was instrumental, as was Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.). Even the sometimes disgruntled Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kans.) came back to the fold to work through the objections, many of which appeared to come from the conservative Steering Committee faction in the Senate GOP.

"We all want our amendments but we have to get a farm bill," Roberts told POLITICO.

"Everyone was gracious. I'd rather not name names," Hoeven said later. "I thought I had it cleared around noon. You saw what happened. Debbie Stabenow told me others had cropped up, I went to work."

In a single stroke, the Stabenow motion served to call up and amend the House farm bill—approved last week—with the Senate's fuller version that includes a nutrition title funding food stamps and local food banks around the country.

This is important because the House Republican leadership had jettisoned the same nutrition title last week to win back the votes of conservatives for the farm bill. By doing what she did, Stabenow establishes the nutrition programs as a qualified subject for the House and Senate conference.

Mindful of this, Republicans in the House are expected to slow walk the process of appointing conferees to give them more time to reach agreement on how to approach the food stamp issue.

Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) has convened a working group of about 21 GOP members to be a sounding board of sorts for Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.). Most are conservative and there's no suggestion of including Democrats. But liberals like Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) on House Agriculture are pressing for Lucas to hold a full hearing on hunger and the food stamp issue before proceeding.

A first meeting of the Cantor group was held Wednesday and Lucas wants to move quickly. Yet as a practical matter, this process will take enough time that it's very likely that no formal conference will begin before the August recess.

That doesn't preclude talks like those that began Thursday among the top members from both parties.

"We may or may not formally go to conference," Stabenow said. "But it would help us move things along if we did."

"This is a very important step as we move forward in what I am very confident, despite the twists and turns, will result in a bipartisan farm bill," Stabenow told the Senate after her motion was accepted.

-Release by David Rogers of POLITICO

## **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](#).

## **August/Sept. Calendar of Events**

**August:**

**5th-7th:**

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

**7th-10th:**

NCBA Summer Conference- Denver, CO

**10th:**

Southeast Brangus Breeders Field Day- Letohatchee, AL

**15th:**

Western National Brangus Show Entry Deadline

**September:**

**7th:**

Brangus National Show of Merit Entry Deadline

**22nd:**

Western National Brangus Show- Oklahoma City, OK

\*Are you a TBBA member with an upcoming sale or field day? E-mail [mollie@txbrangus.org](mailto:mollie@txbrangus.org) to have it listed on the website and E-Newsletter calendar\*

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Texas Brangus Breeders Association

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