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Letter from the President

Fellow Texas Brangus Breeders,

I trust all made it home safely after a the weekend at TENROC Ranch in SALADO. We had a good turnout for the Miss America Sale and dinner/dance despite being pounded by hail, wind and a full force Texas thunderstorm only 2 1/2 hours before the sale! If you were not there we missed you and if you attended we appreciate your support. The sale was one of the best we have had, top to bottom! Thanks again to Garry Clem, Steve Densmore, AMS and DV Auctions for putting on a great sale!

Thanks to McDonald Ranches for donating a heifer to benefit the TJBBA and they made \$3000 for their fund as well as selling ads for their state show coming up.

The sale and annual general meeting will be held next year on March 27 & 28 and more will follow as far as confirming location, etc. from the Sale Committee which will be chaired next year by Russ Williamson.

I am not announcing the new officers for 2014 because we will be having a special election of Board of Directors in next few weeks according to the time line as set forth in the by laws and from that seated group the officers will be elected. If you are interested in actively serving on the Board please contact the nominating committee Brandon Belt or Russ Williamson to assure your nomination is put forward for consideration. We will have the timeline duly noted in the next few days.

Until next time,

Joe Dillard

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TJBBA Junior Connection

"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." It seems that Vince Lombardi quoted this as if he were describing the determination of all Brangus members. The much anticipated Miss America Sale in Salado, Texas has come and gone with much success and many more memories and satisfaction.

Not only did we experience hail and extreme humidity all within the same hour, but also fun and festivities that took place under the tin roof of Tenroc Ranch. MCR Miss Red Ace 231/3 was certainly an Ace in the hole selling for \$3,000 and was purchased by Joe Dillard. As an additional lot, 5 straws of semen were auctioned off resulting in \$850 of profit benefiting the TJBBA. The TJBBA could not be more thankful of the TBBA, McDonald Ranches, and Joe Dillard for all of the care and support of the juniors and the future of the Brangus breed.

It was an eventful afternoon and evening for all those in attendance as we mingled with one another and strengthened our bonds and love for Brangus cattle. The Back Porch Boys entertained guests as some danced and some conversed about life, cattle, and all that they entail. As we left the Salado city limits I came to this conclusion; I love Brangus cattle and all who make it such a great organization. Count your blessings and you will soon realize that you have more than you ever imagined.

Adrian Whipple
TJBBA President

2014 Communications Report

TBBA members and Brangus breeders:

As I was unable to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting, I wanted to provide you with updated information regarding our communications efforts.

Website (txbrangus.org)

The website continues to generate traffic, with an average of 2,934 page visits per month. Total visits for the past 12 months were 35,219...an increase of more

than 6,000 visits from last year.

New features include the archive of TBBA Featured Breeder articles, e-newsletter archive and paid advertisements on the home page.

Facebook

There have been more than 100 additional likes to the Texas Brangus Breeders Association Facebook page. You are encouraged to share the page with your friends and invite them to like it as well.

Features from the past year include member-provided photos from Around the Farm and Ranch.

E-Newsletter

Bi-weekly, the e-newsletter reaches 246 active contacts, with an open rate of approximately 50 percent.

New features within the newsletter the past year included the TBBA Featured Breeder.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me at any time at mollie@txbrangus.org.

Best,

Mollie Lastovica
TBBA Communications Coordinator

Tax Implications of Drought

AMARILLO - Drought plagued much of the state in 2013, causing property damage and additional livestock liquidations for many Texas agricultural producers. These losses and any unexpected revenue may have implications at tax time, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, said much of the U.S. experienced abnormally dry conditions over the past 36 months, and it was especially severe in Texas, where 108 Texas counties were designated as natural disaster areas at the beginning of this year.

Economists estimate more than \$7.6 billion in lost revenues over the past 36 months in Texas. Jones said low moisture fueled wildfires and ruined crops and pastures. And with the price of hay increasing by 200

percent during this time, Texas ranchers were forced to severely cull their herds and sell off large numbers of cattle in auctions.

This situation poses several financial management challenges, she said.

In a typical year, any gain on property loss reimbursement such as insurance payments or the sale of livestock is subject to taxes, Jones said. However, under these unusual circumstances, additional options should be explored.

Several options, including Internal Revenue Service Form 4684, IRS code 1033 and IRS code 451, are available to help farmers and ranchers deal with these weather-related issues in excess of normal business practices, she said. She encouraged producers to contact a tax accountant to determine the option that best fits their operation and business plan.

The first option, IRS Form 4684, allows producers to postpone reimbursement gains for up to four years. The second, IRS code 1033, pertains to draft, breeding or dairy animals that will be replaced within a given time period. The final alternative, IRS code 451, allows a one-year postponement in reporting sales proceeds on raised livestock.

Reporting casualty losses on IRS Form 4684 allows farmers and ranchers to defer any gains that result from insurance reimbursements for fire-related losses associated with fences, equipment, etc.

Producers have up to two years under normal circumstances and four years during times of disaster to utilize any money received for property restoration or replacement. The replacement period begins on the date their property was damaged, destroyed or stolen. It ends two or four years following the tax year in which the gain is realized.

The four-year option is available only to those located in a federally declared disaster area, Jones said. To be eligible for deferment, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the date and details of their casualty, the amount of insurance or other reimbursement received, how the gain was calculated, and proof of a disaster declaration, if applicable.

Under the 1033 election, drought liquidations of breeding livestock are considered involuntary conversions of capital equipment. Gains can be postponed for up to two years in typical circumstances and four years during times of disaster if animals are replaced in a county-declared disaster area.

All replacement cattle should be used for the same purpose as the livestock that was sold, Jones said. For example, beef cows must be replaced with beef cows. The taxpayer also has to show that adverse weather conditions caused the sale of more livestock than normal. Gain postponement is only allowed on those animals sold because of the unfavorable weather.

To be eligible for a 1033 election, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the existence of an adverse weather-related condition, proof of a disaster declaration, if applicable, and documentation listing the amount of gain realized on liquidated cattle. They should show the amount and kind of livestock sold or exchanged, and estimate the number of animals typically sold or exchanged under normal weather conditions.

Section 451 allows cattle owners to postpone gains for one year on raised livestock only, Jones said. To qualify for this election, taxpayers must show that their primary business is farming or ranching and use the cash method of accounting. They should demonstrate that the livestock would normally have been sold at a later date but were liquidated early due to drought.

Additionally, she said, they must provide proof that the sale of livestock was caused by weather conditions from a region officially declared a disaster area. The liquidation can take place before or after a disaster is declared, as long as the same disaster caused the sale. Income can be postponed only on those cattle liquidated as a result of weather-related causes.

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-Release by AgriLife Today

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](#).

April/May Calendar of Events

April:

1st:

IRBBA Memorial Scholarship Applications Due

6th:

Tripple Crown Ranch Opens the Gates- Angleton, TX

11th:

Doguet's Diamond D Ranch "Elite Heifer Sale"- Poteet, TX

12th:

"Texas Best" Brangus Female Sale- Poteet, TX

25th-26th:

IRBBA Annual Meeting and Divas in Red Sale- College Station, TX

26th:

GENETRUST at Cavender Neches River Ranch- Jacksonville, TX

May:

3rd:

JLS International "Winning Tradition XI" Sale- Devine, TX

15th:

NJBS Entry Deadline

25th:

NJBS Ownership Deadline

31st:

"The Event" Red Brangus Sale- Brenham, TX

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,

Texas Brangus Breeders Association

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