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Letter from the President

Fellow Texas Brangus Breeders,

We have had a few on and off days of unsettled weather across the state since the last letter but one thing is for sure, most if us have not had sufficient rain to make any difference in the level of our tanks! Hope we all get at least one good rain before the onslaught of summer which is just around the corner!

A bit of humor! I was checking cows yesterday evening and noticed a car pulled over off the road and a family taking pics of the bluebonnets (they were much prettier last weekend)! So I went over to make sure they were ok. The license tags were from Vermont and they asked if I was growing the blue variety of corn? I said why do you ask that! The lady said look at all those blue plants on your "farm" with the lavender blooms! I almost fell out of the mule laughing, trying to be respectful and said, no ma'am, that is our second state flower the Thistle! Unfortunately due to the wind I have only been able to weed spray for one day, so far and with the little rains we have received every weed which has payed dormant for 3 or so years has decided to explode with vengeance! Next step is shredding to "harvest" the blue corn"!

On a more serious note, the GeneTrust sale at Cavender's this weekend seemed to be very strong according to the DV Auction and AMS report and we all look forward to that momentum carrying forward to JLS sale on May 3 at the ranch in Devine.

Hope everyone has a very safe and productive week! To all you lovely mothers who make us old men tolerable, have a very Happy Mothers Day and I wish all blessings for you! Gent's it's not until May 11th so MARK YOUR CALENDARS! I mention that now because the next

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newsletter will not come out until May 12!

I pray that each of you have a safe and blessed Easter weekend!

Until next time,

Joe Dillard

Feeding Group Targets Brangus

BeefTek a Sugar Land, TX based cattle feeding group is targeting Brangus and Brangus-X cattle for their DNA based feeding programs. With the experience from a multitude of feeder calf trials including thousands of Brangus influenced animals BeefTek has identified profitability markers for its multi-faceted DNA analysis, sorting, management and marketing system with preconditioned and fully weaned Brangus and Brangus-X calves.

BeefTek offers three complimentary profitability opportunities to the Brangus producer.

Direct Select BeefTek purchases selected cattle directly from the cow-calf producer or stocker operator at a mutually agreeable price. The producer pays no DNA analysis fee, no sales commission, no trucking costs and shrink will be reduced.

P+ Program BeefTek purchases the cattle directly for 80% cash and a note + interest for the remaining 20%. There are no upfront fees, no sales commission and no trucking costs. BeefTek assumes all transportation and feed yard costs. The producer is paid 80% at weaning, the remaining 20% + interest at slaughter, Plus the producer is also paid a percentage of the net profit following slaughter. The better cattle you raise the more money you make without the risk of actually owning the cattle through the feeding phase.

M+ Program Selective Retained Ownership allows the producer to take full advantage of their superior genetics with BeefTek's vast experience in DNA analysis, animal selection, management and marketing. The Management Plus Program will maximize profit potential while minimizing discounts. No upfront fees or sales commission. BeefTek receives a small percentage of gross revenues at the time of slaughter. This is BeefTek's genetic based risked

management

program.

Cow Selector Program - BeefTek's Patent Pending Sire and Dam selection solution offers the cow-calf producer a low-cost individual animal production efficiency selection solution without the need for an extravagant record keeping or software system.

BeefTek has what it feels is the most advanced and proven DNA analysis, selection, management and marketing system in the beef business. It is the only genomics service provider that will stand so firmly behind its DNA analysis capability that it will invest right along with the producer or purchase selected cattle outright.

For more information contact Tom Hogan at (406) 672-0670 or email your questions and contact information to TMHogan5@cs.com

Upper Gulf Coast Ranch Expo

SIMONTON - The second annual Upper Gulf Coast Ranch Expo scheduled May 13 in Simonton will feature presentations on the basics of pasture leases, according to organizers.

The event, to be held at Twinwood Cattle Co., 4430 Guyler Road, will feature several management topics pertaining to beef cattle production, including sprayer calibration for weed control and a variety of bus tours. Other presentations will focus on forage production and management, weed control and pecan production.

Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide license holders can earn three continuing education credits - one laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and one general.

"Pasture leases are popular among Texas cattle producers and we are anticipating big interest in this topic," said Dr. Greg Kaase, AgriLife Extension program specialist in risk management, College Station. "We are hoping to educate agricultural producers about this topic and show them the importance of having a written lease in place."

Cost is \$10 by May 9 or \$20 for on-site registration. Registration and sponsored booth exhibits open at 7 a.m.

Tiffany Dowell, AgriLife Extension agricultural law

specialist at College Station, will help beef cattle producers understand the finer aspects of pasture leases.

"Specifically, I will go through the basic law of leases, discuss why it is important to have a written lease, and then walk through 12 terms that should be considered when signing a lease," Dowell said.

At 8:20 a.m., Dr. Pete Gibbs, AgriLife Extension associate director from College Station, will provide opening comments. Fort Bend County Judge Dr. Robert Hebert will also provide opening remarks. At 8:45 a.m., Dr. Levi Russell, AgriLife Extension economist, Corpus Christi, will discuss "Use of Debt to Finance Herd Expansion."

Following a break at 9:15 a.m., participants will board buses for four stops featuring Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Corpus Christi, discussing beef cattle management; College Station specialists Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, discussing forage production and management; Dr. Paul Baumann, AgriLife Extension state weed specialist, weed identification and control; and Monte Nesbitt, AgriLife Extension horticulturalist, discussing pecan production.

Following a noon meal, Dowell will discuss livestock lease agreements/contracts. A representative with the Texas Department of Transportation Department of Transportation will then discuss regulations/laws for hauling livestock and equipment, and what farmers and ranchers need to know in order to be safe and within the law.

Nesbitt will follow with a presentation on alternative horticultural crops including olives, pomegranates and citrus. A pesticide training on laws and regulations session will be given by Melissa Barton with Texas Department of Agriculture.

The expo will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. For more information about the event, call 281-342-3034.

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-Release by Blair Fannin for Texas A&M AgriLife

Brazil Investigates Possible BSE

Brazil is investigating a potential case of atypical mad cow disease, the agriculture ministry said on Thursday, just over a year after several countries banned Brazilian beef imports when a similar case of the disease was confirmed.

A routine inspection at a slaughterhouse in Mato Grosso state found an animal that veterinarians suspect of having a neurological problem, a ministry spokesman said in an e-mail.

Laboratory tests are under way and atypical bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or mad cow disease, has not yet been confirmed, the e-mail said.

In late 2012 tests showed that a cow that died two years earlier in Parana state had developed the protein that causes BSE, though the animal never developed the disease and died of natural causes.

The case was considered "atypical" as the animal contracted the protein spontaneously, rather than through the feed supply. Classical cases of BSE are caused when cattle are fed brain or spinal tissue of other ruminants, which is now forbidden in nearly all beef producing countries including Brazil.

The World Animal Health Organization maintained Brazil's status as a country with an insignificant risk of BSE after it confirmed the atypical Parana case in tests carried out in England in 2012.

Even so, several countries including South Korea, China and Egypt banned some or all beef imports from Brazil, the world's top exporter.

Humans can develop what is known as variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from consuming animals with mad cow, and more than 150 people have died from it. Mad cow was first discovered in Britain in 1986, but strict controls have tempered its spread.

-Release by Reuters

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.](#)

May/June Calendar of Events

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

June:

1st:

Brangus Futurity Entry Deadline

18th:

Beef Improvement Federation Symposium- Lincoln, NE
TJBBA State Show- College Station, 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.