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Letter from the President

Fellow members and breeders,

Since the last letter that I wrote many of you have received some good rains, I only caught about 8/10 inch this past week. I hope that we see some good moisture this fall and winter so there will be some winter grazing. The corn prices have been falling as the corn crop production is above the predicted harvest yields. This should be bringing the cost of feed down, but some of the other ingredients are higher than they were last year, so the cost of feed may not drop as much as it should.

With the fall sale season around the corner it's time to make plans to attend these sales if you can. These events are a good time to make selections for new additions to your herd or to catch up on things that have taken place since you last seen some of your friends and fellow breeders. One of the things I enjoy is the good food that is served at these events and I don't think I've ever been upset with any of the meals at any of them. I look forward to seeing all of you at some of the sales this fall.

Till	Next	Time,
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Inaugural Brangus Fall Conference

SAN ANTONIO, TX- Join the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) for the inaugural Brangus Fall Conference set for October 2-4, 2014, in San Antonio,

directed to the page.



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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Texas. Participants can expect informative sessions and fun social events while networking with the Board of Directors and committee members. Headlining the event is keynote speaker Forrest Roberts, Chief Executive Officer for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"We are excited to have Forrest Roberts address members and provide his insight to the beef industry," said Tommy Perkins, Ph.D., IBBA Executive Vice President. "We look forward to hosting our members here at the IBBA headquarters and hearing their input. Their participation is vital to our progress."

Member participation is welcomed for imperative planning meetings. Discussion of pressing topics will lead to advancements integral in the upcoming year and for years to come. As representatives of the IBBA membership and the Brangus community, your input and thoughts will be important to the dialogue.

The fall Board of Directors and committee meetings will be hosted at the Drury Inn and Suites near La Cantera Parkway (15806 IH-10 West) located across Loop 1604 from San Antonio's largest shopping area and amusement park. The hotel provides easy access to The Shops at La Cantera®, La Cantera Golf Club, SeaWorld, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, the riverwalk, and the Alamo. Bring the whole family to enjoy Alamo City!

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend these important planning meetings. All IBBA members are welcome to attend. Contact the IBBA office at 210-696-8231 or visit www.GoBrangus.com for more information.

The conference registration deadline is Friday, September 26. [Click here](#) to learn more or to register.

-Release by IBBA

Rebuilding Beef Herd Program

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) will host a rebuilding beef herd program on Sept. 25 in Franklin at the Camp Cooley Ranch to provide tips on developing a sound restocking plan, according to AgriLife Today.

Open to cattle ranchers throughout the Brazos Valley area, Rebuilding the Beef Herd: Planning to Capture the Opportunities program will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Brazos Valley area includes the counties of Brazos, Burleson, Madison, Leon, Limestone, Freestone, Falls, Milam and Robertson.

Program speakers include Dr. Ron Gill, Jason Cleere, Larry Redmon and Stan Bevers, who will discuss cattle market outlook, forage and stocking management, replacement cow/heifer options, resource use and leased grazing considerations.

Various agribusinesses will exhibit and door prizes will be given throughout the day. Cost is \$25 and attendees are urged to preregister as the program includes lunch and program materials.

To preregister, call 979-828-4270, or for more information visit the AgriLife Extension for Robertson County Facebook Page at <http://on.fb.me/1qJGc2e>.

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Cattle Numbers

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.45 million head on September 1, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the August 1, 2014 level. Producers placed 410 thousand head in commercial feedlots during August, down 7 percent from a year ago but unchanged from July.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 415 thousand head during August, down 15 percent from 2013 but unchanged from July.

On September 1, there were 2.15 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 88 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 3 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the August 1 total.

August placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 367 thousand head, up 1 percent from the July total. Marketings were up 2 percent from last month to 375 thousand head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 9.80 million head on September 1, 2014. This inventory was down 1 percent from September 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.72 million head, 3 percent below August 2013. August placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 410 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 280 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 395 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 635 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.69 million head, 10 percent below 2013.

-Release by Drovers/Cattle Network

Letter from the Sales Chairman

Dear TBBA Members:

As your sales chairman this letter will inform you of the planned activities for the 2015 Miss America Sale and TBBA convention at The Tenroc Ranch in Salado, TX March 27 and 28, 2015.

There are several important changes when compared to last year's schedule. We have moved the sale to Saturday evening at 6:00 pm with all the activities preceding the sale on Saturday. This allow attendees to attend all activities without having to spend the night if they desire. Cattle will arrive on Friday and be in place by 6 pm with a social activity planned for consigners and those members who desire to come in Friday night. The Board Meeting will be Saturday morning with the meal at noon and the general Membership meeting following the meal at 12:30 pm. Web Site training with the IBBA staff will follow the general membership meeting. Since last year there were very few that participated in the dance after the sale, we will not have any entertainment this year.

This year's sale will include approximately 50 lots of the best Brangus cattle we can find. Last year's sale set a record with over a \$4000.00 average per lot and with prices the way they are now there is no reason to believe we cannot set the bar even higher. Also we will not run the cattle through the ring this year. All cattle we be available for viewing but will be videoed and that video will be displayed during the auction in the ring and the internet. Load out will be available after the sale or Sunday morning for those staying. We are still getting bids for meals and it is unclear at this time if we will offer a meal after the sale. This year we will send an RSVP to get a better handle on the planned attendance

The Sales Committee: myself, as chairman plus Steve Densmore and Garry Clem will screen the nominated cattle. AMS will manage the sale and will be selecting cattle. If you would like AMS to pick your nomination, you may contact them. This service will be a private arrangement between you and AMS. Nomination forms will be available soon so start thinking of your nominations. This sale is put on for your benefit and to allow you to show off your best breeding. Web site advertising will also be auctioned off prior to the sale.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome. Please contact me at skyhawkbrangus@yahoo.com with your suggestions.

Thanks,
Russ Williamson
Sale Committee Chairman

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](#).

Sept./Oct. Calendar of Events

September:

Southeast Regional Junior Brangus Show- Lake City, FL
Registration Deadline: Brangus Fall Conference

October:

2nd:

Brangus Fall Conference- San Antonio, TX

11th:

CX Advantage Brangus Sale Cox Excalibur Ranch-
Weimar, TX

18th:

Doguet Diamond D Ranch Sale- Poteet, TX

25th:

Brangus Show of Merit- Shreveport, LA
Oak Creek Farms Forage Tested Bull Sale- Chappell Hill,
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.