



# E-Newsletter

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## South Central Texas Cow/Calf Clinic

The 43rd annual South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic and Trade Show is scheduled Oct. 24 at the Washington County Fairgrounds sales facility in Brenham.

Registration is \$20 and will be held from 7:15-8 a.m. the day of the event.

"All area producers are encouraged to attend to receive information that will help them make sound management decisions in their beef cattle operations," said Kara Matheney, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent for Washington County. "A great list of speakers has been prepared based on the recommendations of the area beef and forage committee members from Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Fayette, Grimes, Harris, Lee, Waller, and Washington counties."

Matheney said Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, College Station, and Doug Pierce, division chair for agriculture at Blinn College, will start the morning session with a presentation and demonstration on heifer selection and evaluation using a variety of breeds.

Dr. Steve Hammack, professor emeritus and AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Stephenville, will follow up their demonstration with a reminder about the basics of breed characteristics for the cattle in the area. Dr. Levi Russell, AgriLife Extension economist, Corpus Christi, will discuss the economics of buying versus raising replacement heifers.

Weed and brush control and fence line management will also be part of the program.

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### **Suggestions?**

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"Each year the cow-calf clinic is supported by numerous sponsors and trade show vendors who will have booths, equipment displays and representatives on hand to visit with participants throughout the day," she said. "This year the clinic is opening up the trade show to cattlemen who would like to bring in bulls or heifers for display. Anyone interested in the trade show can contact the AgriLife Extension office in Washington County for more information."

Matheney said the Washington County beef and forage committee, in conjunction with Texas Ag Finance, purchased a commercial heifer during the Washington County Fair Commercial Heifer Sale and will raffle it off as the grand door prize at the end of the day. Participants must be registered for the entire day and must be present to win.

"After the meeting is adjourned, trade show sponsors, participants and speakers are invited to stick around for the social hour sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing and enjoy some beer-battered beef tips."

Cow-calf clinic participants who hold a private, commercial or non-commercial pesticide applicators license will receive one hour of continuing education in the integrated pest management category and one hour in general. Beef cattle producers certified under the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program will receive beef quality credits for attending the clinic.

For more information and to register for the South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Washington County at 979-277-6212.

-Release by Drivers/CattleNetwork

## **Western National Show Results**

The Western National Brangus Show took place September 20 in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Fair in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Blake Nelson of Warner, Oklahoma evaluated the entries.

Results are as follows:  
Grand Champion Brangus Female & Reserve Supreme  
Champion: Aimee Adamek

Reserve Champion Brangus Female: Triple Crown  
Ranch

Grand Champion Brangus Bull & Reserve Supreme  
Champion: Roop Cattle Company

Reserve Champion Brangus Bull: Deep Down Ranch

Grand Champion Red Brangus Female: Diamond K Ranch

Reserve Champion Red Brangus Female: Triple JR Cattle  
Co/McDonald Ranch

Grand Champion Red Brangus Bull: Triple JR Cattle Co

Reserve Champion Red Brangus Bull: Cox Excalibur Don  
Cox

-Results from IBBA

## **FDA Report on Antimicrobial Sales**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published its fourth annual report on the sales and distribution data of antimicrobial drugs approved for use in food-producing animals.

Additional data tables have been added to this latest 2012 report to provide more detailed information and to improve transparency, and the same tables have also been added to the summary reports for the previous years (2009-2011), reports Bovine Veterinarian.

In summary, the report found:

- 1) The total quantity of medically important antimicrobials sold or distributed for use in food-producing animals increased by 16 percent.
- 2) The percentage of domestic sales and distribution of medically important antimicrobials that are approved for

production use decreased from 72 percent to 68 percent.

3) The percentage of domestic sales and distribution of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in food-producing animals that are sold over-the-counter did not change appreciably, decreasing from 98 percent to 97 percent.

[Click here](#) for links to the full report, a Q&A document from FDA and other Animal Drug User Fee Amendments reports.

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

## **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](mailto: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](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](#).

## Oct./Nov. Calendar of Events

### October:

**11th:**

CX Advantage Brangus Sale Cox Excalibur Ranch-  
Weimar, TX

**18th:**

Doguet Diamond D Ranch Sale- Poteet, TX

**24th:**

South Central Texas Cow/Calf Clinic & Trade Show-  
Brenham, TX

Central Texas ICA All Breeds Bull & Female Sale-  
Gonzales, TX

**25th:**

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

### November:

**8th:**

Hill Country Brangus Breeders Sale- San Angelo, TX

**10th:**

World Brangus Congress- Yucatan, Mexico

\*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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*Sincerely,*

*Texas Brangus Breeders Association*

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