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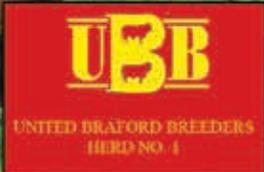
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397	1004	13.0	1.29	13.28	102 (1/2)	3.00	2.98	88 (2/2)	0.21	0.2	74 (1/2)	0.42		0

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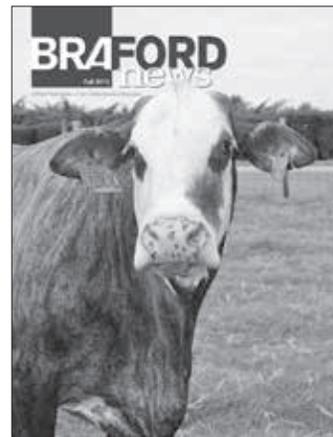
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## Events

### September 29

East Texas State Fair, Tyler, TX  
East Texas State Fairgrounds  
Open Braford Show – 4 p.m.

### September 30-October 1

Advancing the Breed V Bull Sale, Elite  
Female Sale and Registered Female Sale  
Burton Coliseum Complex, Lake Charles, LA  
Sept. 30 – Social and viewing of all lots  
Oct. 1 – Sale – 10 a.m.

### October 30-31

State Fair of Louisiana Braford Shows  
Louisiana State Fairgrounds, Shreveport, LA  
Oct. 30 – Junior Showmanship – 6 p.m.  
Oct. 31 – Junior Braford Show – 9 a.m.  
Junior Braford Base Show – to follow  
Open Braford Show – 2 p.m.  
Open Braford Base Show – to follow

### November 4-5

Adams Ranch 37th Annual Sale  
Headquarters - Ft. Pierce, FL  
Nov. 4 – Field Day  
Nov. 5 – Sale – 12 p.m.

# Fulfilling the Promise:

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# BRAFORD BREED

by Sarah Starr

In 2010, several United Braford Breeders (UBB) members sent a group of good young bulls to the Graham Land and Cattle Co. feedlot in Gonzales, TX, hoping that a well-organized, well-publicized bull development program and sale would bring more attention to the Braford breed and increase the market for Braford bulls. That hope has been fulfilled, with bulls selling for higher prices each year to a growing group of buyers. In this article, three Braford breeders who have bought and/or consigned Advancing the Breed bulls discuss their breeding decisions and their experiences with the program.

### Bill Rainer

of Bill Rainer Cattle Company is a large Braford producer in Summerfield, TX. He has some Braford cattle and some registered Hereford that he breeds to one of two  $\frac{3}{4}$  Brahman/ $\frac{1}{4}$  Hereford bulls. Rainer has been one of the strongest backers of the UBB bull program since the beginning, consigning more bulls to that first 2011 sale than many breeders have consigned to date. "This sale is our chance to put our animals in front of a new set of commercial breeders," he says. "It's a powerful marketing tool." Every year Rainer has put a few more bulls in the sale than the year before, but he committed fully to the program from its inception. "I've had a few bulls that didn't fit the program because of when they were born, so I've sold those from my farmland in



One of Bill Rainer's bulls from the 2014 Advancing the Braford Breed sale.

Texas, but otherwise I've consigned all the bulls that I didn't steer."

Since 2013, Braford breeders have close to doubled the number of bulls they've consigned to the program. Rainer says this rising participation has been crucial to bringing in buyers. "We can see a difference in the buyers since the program began. We're getting people who have a larger number of cattle because they can come find more than one bull that fits their needs. The first bull sale, we didn't have but about 40 bulls. The man who wanted 10 wasn't going

to come to that sale! This last sale, though, we had some buyers who bought eight or 10. The program has given them an opportunity to come see a large quantity of Braford bulls in one place, with detailed performance numbers based on a common environment."

For the last dozen or so years, Bill Rainer has had two cattle operations, one in East Texas and one in Alabama. Last year he retired from his job with Bonnie Plant Farms, so he's cutting back his operation in Texas. His brood cows will be in Alabama. "All I'll

keep in Texas are heifers after I wean them and bulls, just long enough to ship them to Graham." Rainer sells most of his registered calves to registered breeders. "Actually," he says, "I'm just getting myself into a position where I can sell registered heifers. I've been keeping most of them until now."



**Josh Kent**  
of Kent Cattle in Cullman, AL, 60 miles north of Birmingham, has raised some Braford from Gray Brahman cows

and polled Herefords, but has been phasing out the Gray Brahman cows. "They're wilder to handle," he says. Kent runs about 380 mama cows, including 30 Hereford cows that he runs Gray Brahman bulls on, but most of which are all Angus. His cows are purebred but not registered. He doesn't raise bulls of his own to reuse. "We think we get quicker results from buying bulls than from raising them to breed, and it's a lot harder when you're keeping your own: we don't test to know exactly which bulls the calves are out of. We've always kept our heifers. We'd have to track the bloodlines more if we raised our own bulls."

Kent's impetus for going toward Brafords was market-based. "I have several friends who put together a bred heifer sale every year here in Cullman," he explains, "and they'll buy pretty much any heifer, but they don't want straight Angus. They like a touch of Braford in it.

They always want them baldies." He deliberately picked out speckle-faced bulls with this in mind. "I asked Richard Hood to help me choose some with more of a Hereford look to them, bulls that would put some white on our calves, and 75 to 80 percent of the calves this year are baldies. That was our goal.

"Richard Hood and Mark Cowan came to our state before and sold cattle during that drought several years back and that's when I got to know them. I called Hood the first year of the Braford sale and told him what I wanted. Every year since then I went to the sale and he had some picked out for me when I got out there. He found me three bulls in 2012, three in 2013, and four more last year."



**Bubbie Dupont,**  
BD Brafords, is the only Braford breeder in the area right below Baton Rouge, LA. He started his Braford cattle operation around

2006. He had two F-1s at that time but was interested in the  $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$ s. "I called Dr. Franke at LSU and he gave me Mr. Bryan Alleman's name. I bought three Brafords from him and I liked the temperament of them a lot better than the F-1s. They're a lot gentler." He built his herd fairly rapidly to 150 registered cows, and has recently culled back to around 100, which he considers the best number for his pasture.

Like Rainer, Dupont has both consigned to the program and bought bulls in the sale. "Every

year this sale has gotten better and better," he says. "Every year we've gone up a notch. We got more bulls this year than we've had before, and a lot of people inquiring.

"The sale gets everyone's name out there," says Dupont. "Somebody might like the look of my cattle or they might like Bryan Alleman's or someone else's. There are enough bulls in the program so they can find what they want and in the long run it helps every Braford breeder.

"When I first entered, I consigned two bulls. One bull didn't make it and the second was a beautiful bull but didn't make it with the semen-testing. I was really aggravated and thought I wouldn't consign again, but I talked to friends and decided to try again. Since then it's been very, very good for my program. I get a lot more calls now from people wanting to look at my cattle."

Since the beginning, the bull development program has been run by a professional sales management firm, American Marketing Service. The AMS folk have many contacts with predominantly black-hided-cattle ranchers, and the program has brought the Braford breed to the attention of those ranchers. It's definitely expanded Dupont's buyer base, he says. "I'm having a lot of new people with Angus cattle calling me, buying my bulls, coming to the sale."

Bulls in the program are fed in a commercial feedyard environment and then put out on pasture with a feed supplement. Consignors are responsible for the cost of the bull going through the program



A Braford-sired calf out of an Angus cow at Kent Cattle Company.



Dupont cattle.

regardless of what happens to the bull at the end. This has made some potential consignors hesitate. "A producer with 600- or 700-lb. steer calves might think, 'I'll sell them at this weight and take the money and not have to feed them up for a year,'" says Rainer. However, he shakes his head at the idea that this is much of a risk. For one thing, the sheer quantity of animals in the program keeps the costs down; Dr. Charles Graham and Maurice Janda, the men raising up the bulls, find low-price by-product feedstuffs and buy in quantity, allowing them to feed up the bulls more cheaply than most Braford breeders could at home. Also, Rainer says, the profit potential is significantly higher with the bulls than with a just-weaned steer. "With the price bulls were bringing at last year's sale, they overcame that steer price plus the cost of the program easily. I think last year bulls sold at a \$5,000 average, or just a few dollars under."

Dupont agrees: "I had less cattle to sell last year than I've ever had and I made more money than I've ever made."

A change coming up in 2016 will take the cost of the program down even lower: The UBB will be having two annual sales based on the bull development program instead of just one, with bulls being sold younger, at around 16 or 17 months old. "You'll have them on feed a less lengthy time," Rainer points out. "Plus as those bulls get toward two years old they get more rambunctious and they hurt each other – messed-up legs and heels and such. This will cut down on injuries." The UBB is one of the last cattle organizations to move away from the two-year-old sales, he says. "Just about any sales you look at, they're selling yearling-type bulls. If you see a two-year-old bull in one of those sales, it was probably left over from the year before."

When the March sale is added in, the twice-yearly programs together will expand the age range by two months. Currently bulls are accepted in the program with birth dates ranging from October 1 through April 30. Beginning in 2016, the March program will accept bulls beginning with September 1 birthdays, and the fall sale will include birthdays through May 31.

This new March sale is encouraging Rainer, among other breeders, to shift his breeding program a little. "I didn't have very many spring calves, and if I did it was just a late calf," he explains. "Now I'm going to split my herds and have one-third calve in the spring." Giving buyers the opportunity to buy in their choice of fall or spring will bring in even more buyer attention, he thinks. "In the Florida bull market, people are going to put those bulls in during December and January to get fall calves. In south Louisiana, they like spring calves so they'll like that March bull sale because they won't have to take care of the bulls, unused, all the way till spring."

Josh Kent has recently split up his herd as well. "We have two calving seasons so we don't let our bulls stand around and get fat," he says. He currently has nine Braford bulls on his Angus cows. "We got our first Braford bulls in 2012. The calves being born right now are coming off second-calf cows and all those are coming out really good." He plans to keep 20 or 25 heifers to add to his herd, putting Angus back on those heifers. Later he'll put Braford bulls back on that line. "We buy three or four bulls a year," he says, "and we'll change up the bloodline."

At the Advancing the Breed sales, buyers can compare performance details on bulls easily: it's all there in a sales catalog. Different

buyers care about different data, and the committee designing the program made a decision to record and provide as much detailed information as they could.

"All the information we get through our program," Rainer says, "it's all written down for you to look at. A lot of commercial buyers demand carcass value information and buy strictly off those numbers. You can pick out a bull like an automobile from this sale, whatever criteria you want." Rainer bought two bulls from the 2013 sale. "I've always looked for growth and milk. That year I was also looking for big rib eyes and high IMF to add carcass fat into my cattle."

Kent has relied heavily on birth and weaning weight data in choosing bulls to purchase. A lot of people look at birth weights and weaning weights because they want small calves, he says, but he looks for the opposite. "We don't use our Braford bulls on heifers. Most all our cows are second, third, fourth calf up, so we don't mind these bulls having 80- or 90-lb. birth weights. A lot of these calves I'm looking at right now are in that range. If we have a calf born at 100, that'll be 300 at three months, so we might get a heifer weaned at six or seven months weighing 600 or 700 lb. If we can put a bigger calf on the ground, that's less time that we need to feed them. Looking at two or three dollars a pound, that's pretty big money."

He doesn't feed up his heifers himself for long, actually. He keeps them till they're yearlings, then sells them to friends who put bulls with them and raise large groups of bred heifers for several months. "I don't want to run a heifer operation; I run a cow-calf operation. My neighbors buy those heifers and graze them on ground that they usually have in corn or soybeans. They're selling them for the pounds they put on them. Whether it be heifers or steers, they buy them, they graze them, they put the pounds on them, and sometimes we actually buy some back if we know we need a lot of heifers."

Like Kent, Dupont looks partly at color and partly at the sales catalog when he chooses bulls to buy. "Those bulls I bought through the sale had a little more brindle look to them and it gave the cows a little more brindle. My herd has been solid red with the



white face. I was looking to change that up a little bit. Cattlemen like the brindle down here where I live." He was also trying to improve his EPD's. "I'm looking for a big-boned bull with a lot of meat. Manly and beefy. I check the EPD's; the ribeye and milk are very important to me. Mr. Alleman and I get together and check the numbers in the catalog."

"I'd encourage all buyers to study the numbers," says Rainer. "Just looking at a bull phenotypically, he might look like a show bull, but to know all about him you have to look at those EPDs and all that. The numbers are important."

As of 2014, the bull sale has included heifers as well. Braford breeders have never found it difficult to sell heifers, but putting them in the sale helps market the breed even more, Bubbie Dupont says. "I could sell all the heifers I have if I wanted to, but I put four little heifers in the sale last year to let people see what I have." Heifers go through the sale in pairs. When you send heifers to the sale, the organizers will run two through at once. The buyer picks one of the two and you bring the other home. "People get to see what kind of calves you're raising," says Dupont. "People have come to me wanting to buy show calves because they've seen the heifers I have. I don't really sell show calves – when they're really good calves, I keep them to build my herd! But this sale has made my name a lot better known."

He's been raising his calves a few months longer these days instead of selling them all at weaning. "I've never raised up my heifers and my little young bulls before. I started doing that to see which ones I have are good enough for the bull sale. Growing them out has been a new experience with me, and I really enjoy it!" He starts looking at them when he weans them, but is giving them a few months now before steering the lower-quality bulls and sending them to the stock yard. "I've sold about six or nine calves right off the mama, to people who met me at the sale and called me, but I'm keeping the bulk of the heifers this year."

"Everyone's been getting calls," Rainer agrees. "Since the last bull sale we could have probably sold as many Braford bulls again. Breeders

are trying to raise more. I have more obligated for the 2016 sales myself."

Dupont had six bulls in the sale last year, but he's planning to increase his future consignment numbers. "I already have four for the early 2016 consignment, and I'm probably going to have 8 to 11 more for the October consignment. I just bought me some very good bulls and I have some very good mama cows. I feel I'll get some very good calves from these that I can consign."

If you need a bull, Rainer says, the time to buy is at the sale. "I'm going to check my bulls before the 2015 sale. I'm going to buy at least one. If I have one that fails the fertility test I'll have to buy another, and I might want a spare bull. These days the time to buy your spare is at the sale. After that sale, if you run into problems, it's almost impossible to find the bull you want."

As the Advancing the Breed sale has expanded, it's drawn more buyers, and from a greater distance. "We're getting buyers as far away as Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri and New Mexico. A big percentage of these bulls are going on black-hided cattle and by putting a Braford bull on those calves they're getting a big jump in hybrid vigor," Rainer says. "A lot of those buyers didn't know about Brafords ten years ago."

Dupont, Kent, and Rainer all agree that they like the calves they're raising from Advancing the Breed bulls.

"We weighed some heifers the other day when we weaned them," Kent says. "At about five, five-and-a-half months they averaged 523 lb. We don't hardly feed them but weight-wise we're getting as good a weight out of our Braford bulls as we have with any of our other bulls. I wouldn't want to change anything in the genetics we're buying. If the bulls were any bigger, we might have some trouble. One thing we were trying was to get more heat-tolerant cattle, and that's worked out great – and it was important this year. Just like everywhere else it's been 100 degrees here this year. We're not even used to mid- to upper 90s in north Alabama. The Braford-cross calves have enough ear in them so they're not standing in the pond."



One of Dupont's Braford sires purchased in the Advancing the Braford Breed Sale.

"After three years buying bulls from the bull sale, we've been real pleased with the heifers we got from them. We're planning to come back and pick up three or four more this year," he says. "We've got confidence in the bulls and in the Brafords in general."

Rainer and Dupont had been buying Braford bulls before the bull development program and sale began, of course. What they both have appreciated about the Advancing the Breed sale is the bigger selection of animals available with detailed performance information.

"The first bull I purchased through the sale was from Harvey Ranch," says Dupont. "I got my first set of calves off him this year. They're all very good and I'm excited about future calves. I bought one bull last year, and I expect to buy a couple more this year. Lord, there's not anything I'd change about the genetics, and I like having all the bulls there at the sale to choose from. I'm getting them the way I want them."

With more breeders, more bulls, and more buyers involved annually, the bull development program is fulfilling its promise: it's advancing the breed. Rainer encourages all breeders to participate in the show, consigning bull calves if they can. "I want to see the bull sale keep getting better every year and I think it will as long as we have people participate at the rate we're going now. We got called all year; I did, everybody did. There are some breeders who are not putting any in the sale. We're hoping they'll start participating. Ever since I've been in Braford cattle I could have sold every heifer I had, but this is bringing attention to the bulls as well. It's a huge thing for the Braford breed." ◀



by Larry Stanberry

Hopefully by the time you receive this issue of the *Braford News* we will all have had a little rain and the summer temperatures will have moderated to something more comfortable. This summer has been close to normal in Texas, hot, really hot, and no rain. Our Braford cattle continue to hold their weight and look good despite the temperatures. I am always pleasantly surprised with how well Brafords perform and thrive in real-world conditions. About this time every year we start to wean calves and begin to make plans for marketing this year's product. Our board has continued to work diligently promoting Brafords, and opening up new opportunities for our membership to market their cattle. I believe you will see

the progress that has been made in the recognition of Brafords. There is no doubt how well they fit in today's cattle industry. With the continued strong demand for beef I think we all agree "this is a great time to be in the cattle business."

Remember to mark your calendars for "The Advancing the Breed V Sale" on October 1st, at the Burton Coliseum Complex in Lake Charles, LA. The sale will be offering 125 performance-tested, top bulls in the Braford breed, 45 bred Braford heifers from Adams Ranch, and 10 elite Braford female lots. The demand for our Braford bulls continues to grow and get stronger each year. The demand has grown so much we will now offer a second bull sale starting in March 2016. Come in on September 30th for an early viewing of the offering that afternoon, and join us for the cattlemen's social that evening. A great opportunity to view the top Braford genetics and visit with good friends.

The youth events this summer were very encouraging. In Texas our new junior program director Mary Martin held

the state show in Gilmer. There were several new faces joining our regulars participating in the 2015 activities. Mary is an Ag teacher at New Diana High School, and brings a great deal of experience working with juniors and in teaching showmanship. Mary held a showmanship clinic at the Texas show this year, which was well received with most of the juniors participating. Many of Mary's previous students participated in the clinic and provided lots of one-on-one attention to the juniors. The Louisiana state show and the All American were in held in Sulphur, LA, this year. The host family for the 2015 event was Danny and Charlene Boudreaux. Danny and Charlene went above and beyond in delivering a wonderful experience for all the exhibitors and their families at Sulphur. There was a record attendance for the All American event with 142 head of Braford cattle shown and over 250 people that came to watch and support the youth. A big "Thank You" to all that supported and participated in this year's All American, it was one of the best ever.

It is never too early to start preparing for our upcoming Houston sale. Please start now considering what your consignment would be. This year's sale will go back to a haltered animal format. Some Braford consignment options might be, the perfect animal for a junior starting out, a top show performer that would go to a seasoned junior, or a high quality bull or female ready to go to the ranch and add new genetics to a breeding program. Please be making preparations and plans for your consignment to the 2016 Houston sale.

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As most of you know by now, Grace Nyhuis will be leaving the United Braford Breeders (UBB) at the end of September. She is leaving all of us with fond memories and stories of our time spent together. Even though she is leaving as our executive director she will always continue to be a part of our Braford family. Please show her your appreciation and that we all wish her the very best in her new opportunity.

As the temperatures get cooler, it is a sign for the beginning of the Braford show season. It's an exciting time as juniors and seasoned adult exhibitors alike start to search for that special animal that shows off new Braford genetics. They enthusiastically prepare and fit the animal representing the traits that they worked

so hard to develop. These exhibitors have a significant investment in time and cost in bringing these new genetics to our breed. Please talk with them, figure out what would help your program, and utilize what you find to make the next improvement in your herd. We are excited to offer a new addition to the show calendar in 2016 as we include the Dixie National in Jackson, MS, to this year's show events. The Dixie National has a deep heritage and tradition in the area's beef cattle industry. This event will provide the UBB with new venue and a great stage to show off our Braford cattle!

Good Luck to all the exhibitors... I will look forward to visiting with you at the fall shows. ♦

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 Dixon Baird, Malakoff, TX, Junior  
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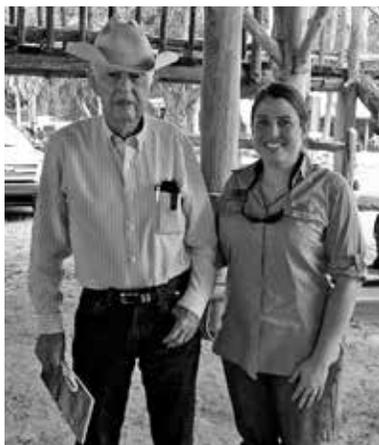


## Continue Building Momentum

by Grace Nyhuis  
UBB Executive Director

There have been so many thoughts circulating in my head about what I was to write about in my last column as executive director for the United Braford Breeders (UBB). As most of you know by now, I have resigned from my position with the UBB to pursue other professional opportunities in the ag industry. I do not want to dwell on the fact that I am leaving, but hope that you all look ahead with intensity at the now and future of the growing Braford breed.

I also want to let you all know that my time here has been nothing but an



Bud Adams and Grace in 2013 under his sale facility.

honor and privilege for me to serve as your executive director. The UBB has seen a number of changes over the past two and a half years as any organization will see with a change in leadership. I am proud to say one of those changes has been an increase in positive morale among the board of directors and the membership, and for plenty of good reasons. We have seen growth like we haven't seen since the mid '90s in the Association.

Mr. Bud Adams calls what is going on in the beef cattle market these days another "golden age" in the cattle business. Bud is exactly right. There is no reason to be down on your luck if you have cattle in your name in today's market, and even more so if those cattle are Brafords.

When I started my journey two and a half years ago, Bud told me that many folks would tell me what my job was, so he would do the same. He said that my job was to promote and lead. The UBB has done our best to mold changes made to accomplish this for the betterment of the UBB.

The Adams Ranch family has been such a mentor to me and I am very thankful for the relationship the Association has with them now, and that I have been personally able to have with them. Looking back, there have been so many supportive people that have been instrumental movers and shakers in my time here. I am so grateful and blessed to have been able to be a part of this.

My prayer is that my legacy is one of respect. Everyone leaves a legacy, good or bad, and it is up to each of us. I am confident in the search committee's and the board of director's

ability to hire in my place someone even more eager and motivated than I was to take on this role.

Those 12 board members most of the time do not get the credit they deserve. They are volunteers, they graciously offer up their time, personal finances to travel, and a variety of other valuable investments. They are committed to make a positive difference in their time as a board member or officer for the UBB. It is investments of time and ideas from people like our board members, committeemen, and membership that mobilize that momentum I am talking about.

So enough with the goodbyes. I am writing to send a word of encouragement and to charge each of you to keep the positive momentum the UBB has going.

The UBB will soon offer the fifth annual Advancing the Breed Sale, selling the largest group of bulls and registered females to date. This was a brain child of then president, Dr. Jim Harvey. Just look where this program has gone! This is a highly respected and sought out sale all over the country with an increase in every number, from consignments, to sale averages each year in its completed four year history. This program and sale have created competition and a drive for our breeders to evaluate their breeding programs and make improvements where needed, and also helped commercial cattlemen to realize the need for heterosis in their herds. This has been such a momentum builder for the UBB and we are excited for the continued growth and success. It has brought so much in

terms of data for our breed improvement program and really made us step up our game to meet the need in today's market.

The Braford breed is a positive difference maker in cattle herds all across the nation, and more and more producers are realizing that. For many years now, producers have been lacking heterosis in their strictly *Bos Taurus* herds to rocket their breeding programs to the next level in terms of growth and maternal abilities. Braford bulls are doing that for them. Just as you see from one of the testimonies in our feature story, there are lots more where that came from.

The purebred cattle industry is ever changing. The UBB will grow with the changes and set standards as it grows. Whether the next change is implementing genomic-enhanced EPDs or any number of other advancements coming down the pipes in the industry. These are all ways the Association promotes and brings our game to the next level.

The Association's job has never been to sell cattle; they do that by themselves, but to be that positive promotion, be the voice for the breed, and lead breeders in directions to continually enhance the breed. The breed is stronger than it has ever been and membership is becoming more and more united. I am proud of the hard work we have all been able to do as a team and am even more excited to see where the UBB is going next. Get excited and jump on the momentum train moving the Association forward.

I'll see you all down the road. ♦



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# Mary Martin

Youth Activities

Mary Martin and her son, Tobie, run a small cattle operation on a 100-acre farm in Gilmer, TX, about 20 miles north of Longview. They and Martin's mom, Nell Allen, have a few registered cattle, selling commercially to the local sale barn or by word of mouth. "Our goal is to someday expand, but right now we're starting small," Martin says. Mary Martin has been in the Braford association since about 2002, when her son Tobie began showing Brafords. "I knew the Mills personally and they've always been real backers of the Braford breed." Since then, the Martins have kept a small Braford herd.

In April, Martin was appointed the new Texas Junior Braford Association director. As youth director she was responsible for the state show this year held in Gilmer. "My job is to work with the juniors and try to build up the Texas youth program. Years ago we had a really strong junior program. We lost our show at San Antonio due to low numbers and we're trying to regain enough numbers to build it up." She, other breeders and the newly

elected youth officers are brainstorming incentives for the kids. "We're going to try to have activities for kids at the open shows and we're trying to come up with some other ideas, something to make it worth them putting their time in the Braford breed." Some kids have gone to other breeds because there's more availability to show against their own breed, she says, and some aren't showing at all. "Cattle are so expensive now. It's important for all the breeders — not just in Texas — to support our juniors. Hopefully we can make Texas as strong as other junior programs. I'm going to talk to the other state Braford associations and see what we can do to improve ours."

Martin has a strongly youth-oriented agriculture background. She attended Kilgore Junior College and East Texas State (now Texas A&M at Commerce) and got an ag education degree. From there she taught agriculture at a high school in Atlanta, TX, for five years. Then for 12 years she owned her own feed store and storage building "and hauled my son to lots of shows! Tobie, who's 24 now, showed many Braford cattle over the years and did well with them: the first year that San Antonio Livestock show gave a \$10,000 scholarship, he won it with a Braford. We bought a heifer, Jodie, from Thunderstorm R. She won San Antonio, state and national champion, all the majors, the Belt Buckle..." Currently Mary Martin is entering her

third year as an ag teacher at New Diana Independent School, managing the greenhouse and teaching equine science and other animal science, small animal management, floral design and principles of agriculture sciences.

Her biggest hobby is showing quarter Palomino horses. "I've done that all my life. I have one all-around horse that I show; we call him Zeus but his registered name is Zippo the Love Bug. Sometimes we haul him to Oklahoma, but mostly we stay right around home."

Like other United Braford Breeders members, Martin hopes to see the Braford breed expand. "I would like to see our breed become as big as any other breed," she says, "and I don't see any reason why we can't get there. They make really good momma cows, they have good heat-tolerance and insect-tolerance and they have enough Hereford in them that they can be used other places. I'd like us to get more ranches and more people raising Braford cattle." The long-term key to this, she believes, is the youth program.

"I think it's important for us to suit the commercial cowman, but I think that the backbone of our program is the youth program and that we all need to get behind and support our youth. I'd like to thank the breeders who are making cattle available, teaching juniors how to show and giving them guidance in the program." ♦

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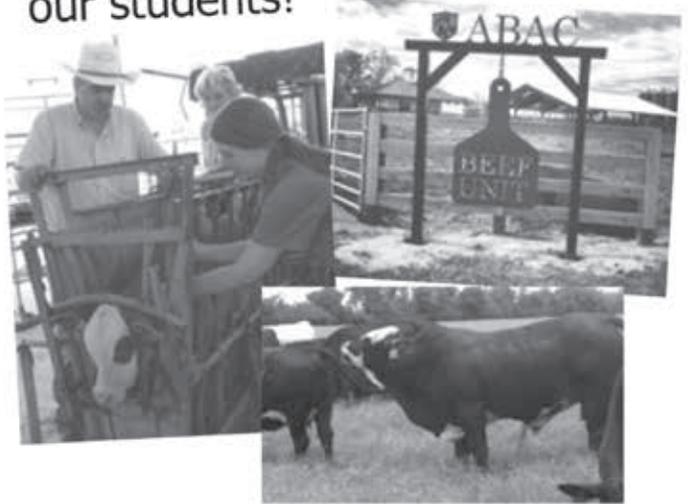
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## Low Stress Weaning For Calves

by Mary Ellen Hicks, DVM

**W**ow! For the last two months, I have seen the topic of low stress weaning for calves covered in industry electronic newsletters, magazine articles, blogs and even on cattle television shows and webinars. I surmise two things from this. One — it is getting close to weaning time for most cow-calf operations around the country and two — producers and educators are starting to realize the importance of handling these cattle in such a manner during this high stress time in an effort to improve immune function and reduce incidence of respiratory disease. Funny — I approach weaning with the same concept that I do handling cattle in general as well as at heifer synchronization and breeding time.

**Condition the animal to the event.** — As with handling cattle in general, if I can condition the cattle to what they will experience with the upcoming event (weaning), the “shock” to the system is reduced when the event occurs. In the case of weaning, it is difficult to simulate what the calf will experience when it is separated from its dam but I can tackle other issues it will face. Example — If I have already taught the calf to live in that pen with its mother, drink from the water source and possibly eat from the trough it will eat from after weaning, then the calf is already preconditioned to living in that environment. The calf knows where the gates are, where the water source is and where as well as what they will eat following separation.

I can also precondition the immune system by exposing them to pathogens they may face in greater quantity at weaning by immunizing them while they are still on their dam. I can expose them to the rider on horseback or the dogs or workers that they will be in closer contact with at weaning and shortly after. The more “dress rehearsals” I can run with them, the less the real event will set the calf back.

**Start with the “right” genetics by good genetic selection and culling cattle with temperament problems.** — The ability to adapt to change is important to the weaned calf and young stocker. Some temperament

problems do not lend themselves to adapting to differences in handling, feed and environment. This adaptability can go hand in hand with docility. Docility is genetically linked as well as being a product of the time and quality of handling the cattle receive from the handlers and owners. More and more breed associations are looking at indicators that tell them that their cattle are adaptable and docile in all situations and with all handlers. A calf that will settle down more rapidly and go back to eating and drinking will be the calf that will stay healthier and grow better in the long run.

**Facility design can lend itself to lowered stress.** — Well built fences work really well with weaning that is done in conjunction with fenceline contact with their dams. The fence that is stout to begin with and can handle the pressure of the calf as it tests it in order to get back to its dam will reduce stress on the calf and the cow in the long run. Take into account other facility issues that could reduce stress on the freshly weaned calf — conveniently placed stock tanks in areas that the calf will walk, fences and gates that are in proper working order, nails and other sharp protrusions that will cause injury and damage to the hide and the tissue underneath, proper lighting to recognize issues quickly in order to correct them faster and pens or shelters whose design encourages

natural ventilation and drier conditions. These facility issues go beyond the handling area where design takes into account natural cattle tendencies in behavior and flow.

**Utilize “low stress” handling techniques when dealing with these calves.** — I know everyone thinks about flight zone, pressure and point of balance when the term “low stress handling” is used. There is so much more to it, though. This type of handling also addresses particularly how the calf perceives its world at the time of this stressful event. An elderly mentor of mine told me that this is a good time to walk and mingle with the calves in a non-threatening manner every day. He told me that the calves will focus their attention on the handler and less on their “worries” about separation from their dam. (Of course this was after he culled hard in his genetics to reduce extreme avoidance behavior from his calves...)

He practiced this with his calves and every foal he weaned. The foals and calves began to expect his presence and his calm nature, and the way he carried himself and walked around the pens and amongst them generated a sense of calm amongst the animals. In essence, he was conditioning them while presenting them with a non-predatory movement pattern and behavior. Spending time with the calves developed a working relationship with the owner so that the calves worked with and for the owner when

they needed to be penned, handled, processed further or moved from pasture to pasture. They learned what was expected over time and did as "asked."

I share with my students that I look at these four principles as if they were a mathematical equation where 1+1+1+1 equals a healthy animal with reduced stress. Sometimes the first "1" in the equation is missing (i.e. no preconditioning to the event has been done.) If that is so, then the other three components of the equation become more critical and weigh more heavily.

If the cattle are extremely docile, then the part of the equation dealing with facility design can be less

than desirable. Sometimes the low stress handling overrides everything else when dealing with non-conditioned cattle, extreme temperament issues in the cattle and horribly designed or poorly maintained facilities. The handling part of the equation is so fantastic that you don't notice that the three other components of the equation are suboptimal.

At the end of the day, though, the result should still be the same — a healthy calf that will successfully make it through weaning, drink and eat without missing a step and be adaptable to whatever may come next in its life. ♦



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# What Should Producers Consider When Implementing An Artificial Insemination Program In Their Operations?

by G. Cliff Lamb, University of Florida, North Florida Research and Education Center, Marianna, FL

## Overview

Estrus synchronization and artificial insemination (AI) are reproductive management tools that have been available to beef producers for over 30 years. Synchronization of the estrous cycle has the potential to shorten the calving season, increase calf uniformity

and enhance the possibilities for utilizing AI. Artificial insemination allows producers the opportunity to infuse superior genetics into their operations at costs far below the cost of purchasing a herd sire of similar standards. These tools remain the most important and widely applicable reproductive

biotechnologies available for beef cattle operations. However, beef producers continue to be slow to utilize or adopt these technologies into their production systems. In recent years with the increase in cattle prices, the value of incorporating an AI program into an operation may be something to consider.

Several factors, especially during early development of estrus synchronization programs, may have contributed to the poor adoption rates. Initial programs failed to address the primary obstacle in synchronization of estrus, which was to overcome postpartum anestrus.

Additionally, these programs failed to manage follicular waves, resulting in more days during the synchronized period in which detection of estrus was necessary. This ultimately precluded fixed-time AI (TAI) with acceptable pregnancy rates. More recent developments focused on both corpus luteum and follicle control in convenient and economical protocols to synchronize ovulation. These developments facilitated TAI use and should result in increased adoption of these important management practices.

This new generation of estrus synchronization protocols uses two strategies which are key factors for implementation by producers because they: 1) minimize the number and frequency of handling cattle through a cattle-handling facility; and 2) eliminate detection of estrus by employing TAI.

Many options exist for synchronization of estrus and ovulation. This short list of protocols, based on research and field use by reproductive physiologists, veterinarians and professionals in related industries, is intended to help you select an appropriate synchronization option.

## Factors to consider prior to estrus synchronization

Any of the synchronization protocols presented are recommended for

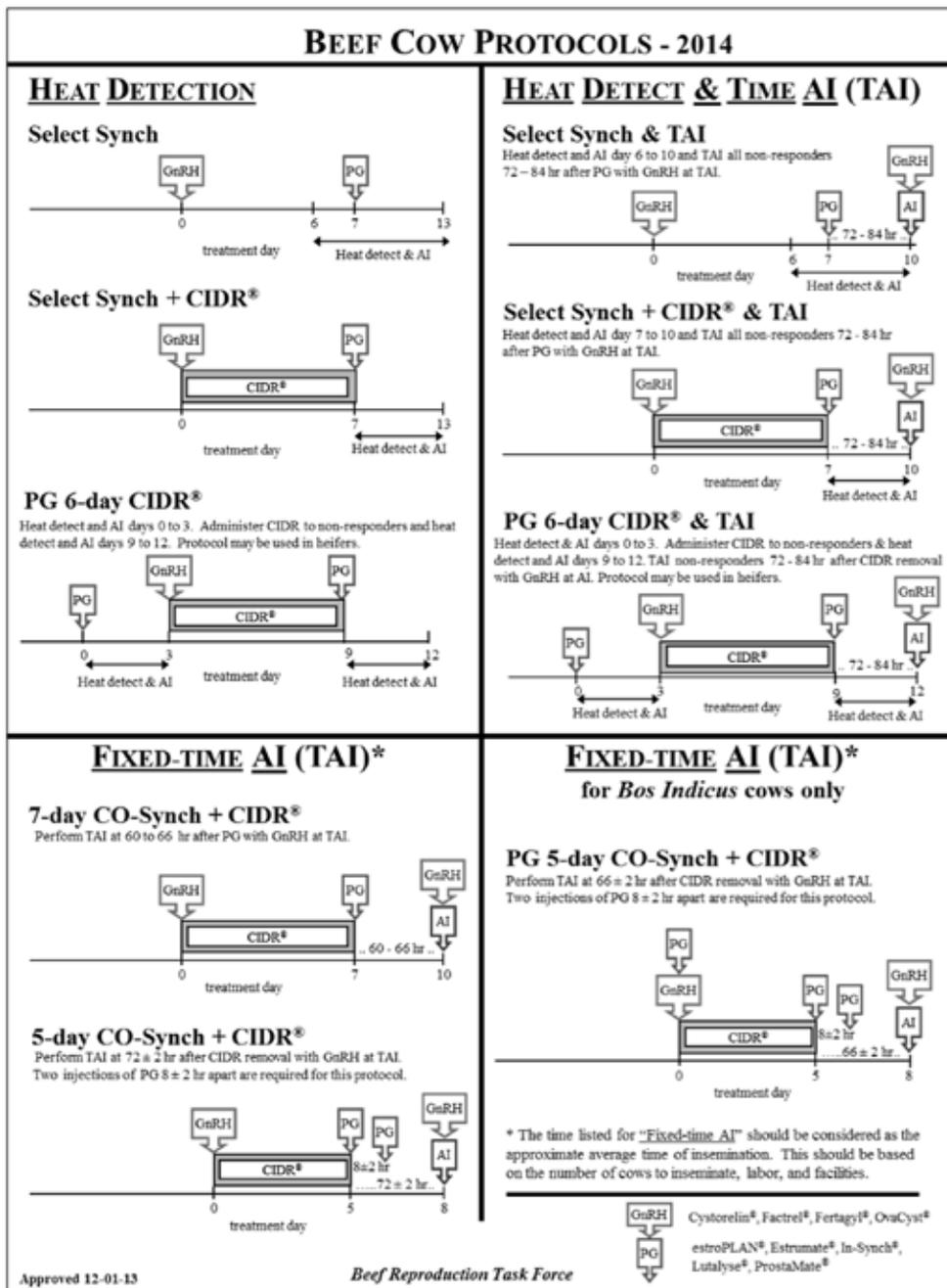


Figure 1: Schematic of recommended estrus synchronization protocols for beef cows.

mature cows with a body condition score of 5 or greater that are at least 50 days post-calving at the time of AI. Young, thin and late-calving cows are less likely to have resumed their estrous cycles at the beginning of the breeding season. If a high percentage of cattle fall into these categories, consider protocols that include a progestin (a compound that acts like progesterone) that mimics the first cycle after calving. An intravaginal progesterone-containing insert, such as a CIDR (controlled internal drug release), will induce some non-cycling cows to cycle and improve their chances of conceiving to AI. If cows are too thin or have calved too recently, synchronization of estrus may not be effective.

Duration of the protocol, number of times handled and the ability to successfully administer treatments are other factors to consider in protocol selection. Management system, feed resource flexibility and facilities help determine which protocol works best in a particular environment. Protocol success depends on proper administration and timing of treatments. For help, see the Estrus Synchronization Planner at [IowaBeefCenter.org/estrus\\_synch.html](http://IowaBeefCenter.org/estrus_synch.html). This tool generates a daily calendar of activities and can compare costs of up to three protocols. The mobile version ([EstrusSynch.com](http://EstrusSynch.com)) generates a protocol application schedule that can be shared via email.

### Determining the cost or value of an AI program

Heat-detection protocols generally cost less than fixed-timed AI, provided that labor is available or can be hired. Treatments, semen and number of handlings contribute to cost of synchronization. Savings from fewer bulls needed for natural service and higher returns based on age and weight of AI-sired calves should also be considered. A decision tool called the 'AI Cowculator' was developed by the University of Florida and allows users to determine net gain or loss per cow exposed if AI were used in place of natural service. Calculations are based on user inputs related to costs of natural service sires, cow herd and AI. The tool is available for

Android and iPhone devices or as a spreadsheet at [BeefRepro.unl.edu](http://BeefRepro.unl.edu).

### Differences among estrus synchronization protocols

Figures 1 and 2 are a list of protocols recommended by the Beef Reproduction Task Force. You will note that the schematic is broken down into three categories: 1) Heat Detection; 2) Heat Detect & Time AI (TAI); and 3) Fixed-Time AI (TAI). Producers should consider the various merits of each protocol prior to selecting an estrus synchronization protocol.

*Heat-Detection Protocols.* Females in these protocols should be inseminated 6 to 12 hours after the first observation of standing heat. During peak activity (48 to 72 hours after PG for most systems), plan to spend at least 3 hours per day observing animals to detect heat and preferably 5 to 6 hours. Divide total observation time into three or more times throughout the day. The larger the group, the more time required for heat detection.

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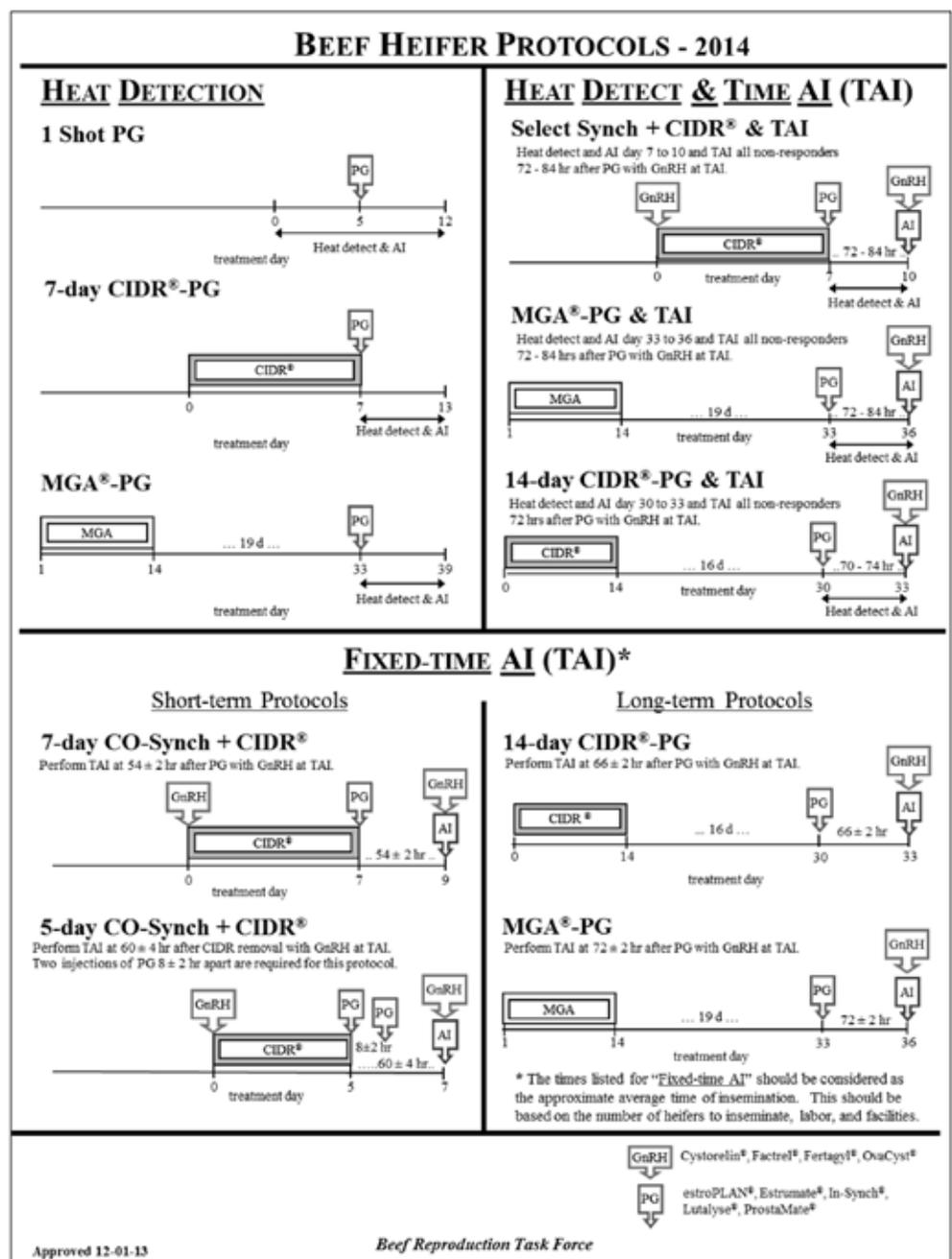


Figure 2: Schematic of recommended estrus synchronization protocols for beef heifers.

**Heat Detection and Timed AI (TAI) Protocols.** Heat detection and timed AI protocols involve AI 6 to 12 hours after observed estrus for 3 days, and then TAI of all females not detected in estrus by 72 to 84 hours with GnRH given at TAI. This reduces the amount of time spent on heat detection and gives early responders a better chance of conceiving compared to a single fixed-timed AI.

**Fixed-Time AI Protocols.** With fixed-time AI protocols, all animals are inseminated at a predetermined time. The times listed for fixed-time AI should be considered as the approximate average time of insemination. This should be based on the number of females to inseminate, labor and facilities. These protocols allow producers the opportunity to schedule an AI technician in advance since all procedures are performed at a predetermined time.

Braford breeders should note that the PG 5-day CO-Synch+CIDR is a protocol that was specifically developed for cattle that are *Bos indicus* or *Bos indicus* composite breeds. This protocol has yielded 5 to 10% greater pregnancy rates compared to other synchronization protocols tested. In addition, this

protocol has the potential to be used in both cows and heifers; therefore, Braford breeders have options when considering artificial insemination in their operations using TAI.

**An example of implementing an AI program on an operation – A Case Study**

An example of the influence of utilizing multiple technologies on the subsequent value of the calf crop is reflected in a case study conducted at the University of Florida — North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) located in Marianna, FL. This case study was conducted during the spring 2008 to spring 2013 breeding seasons, in a cow/calf operation consisting of 300 cows of Angus, Brangus and Braford breeds. Prior to the 2008 breeding season the herd exposed to a 120-day breeding season.

The goal was to reduce the breeding season to 70 days within four years. To do this, it was decided in 2008 that all females in the operation would be exposed to the following criteria:

- 1) replacement heifer must become pregnant during the first 25 days of the breeding season;
- 2) every cow will be exposed to ES and TAI;

- 3) a cow must produce a live calf every year and calve without assistance or she was culled;
- 4) every cow must provide the resources for the genetic potential of the calves and each calf she produces must be genetically capable of performing;
- 5) every cow must maintain body condition score without requiring supplemental feeding; and
- 6) any cow with an undesirable temperament or disposition was culled.

As a result of incorporating multiple reproductive management practices, the breeding season was reduced from 120 to 70 days and almost all cows calve prior to initiation of the breeding season and are exposed to a single TAI at the initiation of the breeding season.

The net result is a more compact calving season that has increased the value of calves (in current dollars) by \$169 per calf or an annual increase in calf value for the 300-head operation of \$50,700 per year (see Table 1). ♦

**Table 1: Breeding season characteristics and change in calf value by incorporating a TAI program into the NFREC beef herd**

Item	Year							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Overall PR, %	81	86	84	86	82	94	92	93
Mean calving day <sup>a</sup>	79.2	80.9	59.2	56.2	53.7	47.2	39.5	38.7
Breeding season length, <sup>d</sup>	120	120	110	88	80	75	70	72
Difference from 2006/2007	0	0	21.7	24.7	27.2	33.7	41.4	42.2
Per calf increase in value <sup>b</sup> , \$	0	0	\$87	\$99	\$109	\$135	\$166	\$169
Per herd increase in value <sup>c</sup> , \$1,000	0	0	\$26	\$30	\$33	\$40	\$50	\$51

<sup>a</sup> Mean calving day from initiation of the calving season

<sup>b</sup> Increase calf value based on increased weaning weight compared to 2006/2007 mean calving day with 500 lb. calf valued at \$2/lb.

<sup>c</sup> Increase calf value based on 300-head cow herd



# The Importance of Beef Quality Assurance Certification to Enhance Consumer Confidence in Our Industry

by **Chase DeCoite**, associate director of BQA programs and **John Paterson**, executive director of producer education

## Why become BQA Certified?

Has a consumer ever asked you how you care for your animals? Do you have documentation that proves that you produce beef of the highest quality and safety? Have you wondered about the most current beef production practices?

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a program developed to ensure that beef and dairy cattle are raised in a manner that will result in safe and wholesome beef products for the consumer. Specifically, BQA is designed to enhance quality by preventing drug residues, injection-site blemishes and bruises. BQA is valuable to all beef and dairy producers because it:

- Demonstrates a commitment to food safety and quality.
- Safeguards the public image of the beef and dairy industry.
- Upholds consumer confidence in valuable beef products.
- Protects the beef industry from additional and burdensome government regulation.
- Improves sale value of marketed beef cattle.
- Enhances herd profitability through better management.

BQA is a good business practice which can identify potential problem areas in order to avoid product defects. It is of utmost importance that the public has confidence in knowing that beef is a safe product.

Being informed about cattle production standards makes your job as a representative of the beef industry easier. Making a commitment to Beef Quality Assurance is the right thing to do to continue to increase consumer confidence and beef demand.

## What does the research say?

Every five years a National Beef Quality Audit is conducted to 1) provide an industry-wide scorecard that gives direction to decision-makers across the industry in order to improve the quality and value of the U.S. beef supply, 2) identify and correct quality shortfalls and non-conformance which will lead to greater profitability through improved demand and 3) help outline the things that can be measured and effectively managed. The highlights from the 2011 National Beef Quality Audit found that the top three challenges were food safety, eating satisfaction and how and where the cattle were raised.

When producers were asked how they intentionally influenced “quality,” the number one method was through animal handling, followed by health management protocols, nutritional programs and following best management practices. Several specific recommendations to reduce barriers and improve beef profitability included 1) implement BQA and demonstrate conformance by having written records, 2) encourage dairy BQA engagement by working together with veterinarians and 3) document the economic value and market recognition of BQA programs.

As an industry we must do a much better job of telling the beef story. Examples of BQA successes include educational efforts centered around animal welfare, environmental stewardship and low stress handling.

## Why aren't all ranchers BQA certified?

A research study conducted in early 2014 had an objective of determining familiarity of the BQA program, perceptions toward BQA guidelines, value of the program to participants and obstacles to BQA participation.

The survey was conducted by interviewing 603 cow-calf producers. Ninety percent of cow-calf producers said that following BQA-type guidelines is important while 66% said it was very important. Eighty-seven percent of respondents believed that BQA principles added value to their operation.

The key reasons that producers become BQA certified include an enhanced image of beef among consumers, increased consumer confidence and a premium being paid for BQA-certified cattle. Challenges to become certified, as identified by producers, include “being too busy” or “not seeing the need to become certified.” On a national basis, only 11% of producers have taken BQA training.

## Take the time to become certified.

Beef Quality Assurance is an excellent educational program that is offered to cattle producers to share up-to-date and scientifically sound cattle management practices that ensure a safe, wholesome and healthy beef supply.

As a beef producer, you need to be able to answer three questions about your production practices: 1) Will this decision affect eating satisfaction? 2) Does this decision improve product integrity and customer trust? and 3) Will I be proud to make this a part of telling the beef industry's story?

Thanks to Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc., **BQA online certification is free from Sept. 15 to Nov. 20.** To sign up, visit [bqa.org](http://bqa.org). There are several training options. Choose the one that best suits you and your operation or, for the most complete overview, select the Comprehensive Beef Quality Assurance training.

If you have any questions please contact Chase DeCoite at 303.850.3369 or [cdecoite@beef.org](mailto:cdecoite@beef.org) ◊



# Adams Ranch Hosts Successful Bred Heifer Sale in Alabama

**A**dams Ranch hosted a bred heifer sale of Braford cross composites July 11 at the Midstate Stockyards in Letohatchee, AL.

The sale was well attended with about 200 for lunch and about 180 viewing online. This was our first live auction with online bidding.

The 170 heifers sold very well with an overall average of \$2,776. They went home to 10 buyers from Alabama to Oklahoma.

This was a new venue for our cattle. They were certainly well received. ♦

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## A Note From Bud

The Adams Ranch Braford originated from crossings made by Bud Adams in 1948. Hereford bulls from CK Ranch in Kansas were used on Brahman cows of Adams Ranch in southern Florida.

This was a sub-tropic climate — 24 feet above sea level. Mosquito-born diseases took a toll on the bulls, but the calves were good and had immunity.

Neighboring ranches used both bulls and replacement heifers. The International Braford Association was formed and the USDA recognized the new breed in 1965. Some former International Braford members were W.D. Randall, Rip Story, Paul Russell, Cush Radebaugh, Charles Vavrus, the University of Florida,

the Seminole Indian Tribe and the Resmondo Ranches.

We believe in culling and selection. Careful culling and selection eliminated bad udders and eye problems. Natural selection eliminated low hips, unlike show cattle, that allows them to calve unassisted.

The idea was to provide cows with grass, good bulls and they would do the rest.

The Adams Ranch herd has never been liquidated for over 70 years.

We do not trust EPDs from up north and out west. We do not believe a bull birth weight is a big deal. We want medium size cows and big bulls.

All Adams Ranch bulls are ultrasounded by the University of Florida for ribeye and marbling. All are DNA tested.

The current Adams Ranch program is geared to produce natural beef for a national chain grocery store.

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Jamie Davis, NJBA report

Excited, happy and blessed is what I feel in my heart after spending my first summer with my new United Braford Breeders (UBB) family. Hello to all the wonderful people that I have met and to those I hope to meet. My name is Jamie Davis and I am serving as your new national junior reporter. My parents, Davy and Tammy Davis along with three sisters and two brothers, live outside of Alvin, TX, in an area called Chocolate Bayou. I am 15 years old, my siblings and I are homeschooled, and oh, did I

mention one of my sisters is my twin?

This year is going to be a very busy year for me; along with making cattle shows, I also serve as secretary for Brazoria County 4-H council and president for my 4-H club, Alvin Stock-N-Stuff. Aside from this, I enjoy fishing, taxidermy and working in a local antique store with my family.

I began my show career at 8 years old, showing Boer goats. Then I became involved in one of my favorite contests, livestock judging. I am also active in the beef quiz bowl, fashion, foods and nutrition projects. A few years ago, I was asked to help show cattle at our local shows. This summer I was blessed to start showing Braford cattle as my new 4-H project. I have learned so much and continue to gain knowledge about cattle. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield, I have been introduced to this amazing breed. Through my experiences raising and showing Braford cattle, I have gained a strong appreciation of the breed.

I feel very blessed and fortunate to be able to serve and represent the National Junior Braford Association as reporter and ambassador. In the short amount of time that I have been involved with the UBB, I have made many new friends and learned so much about cattle. I am proud to be a part of such a positive and educational organization. This experience is one that I will treasure forever and will help me to achieve one of my future goals. Once I have graduated high school, I plan to attend Texas A&M University to study veterinary medicine. It is my goal to become a large animal veterinarian who also treats exotic animals.

As we get into the show season, I want to encourage all my friends and others interested in cattle to become involved with Braford cattle. I hope that through leadership and fun everyone will want to be involved. This way more people can learn about and love this wonderful breed of cattle.

Best of luck this show season,  
Jamie Davis, NJBA reporter



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# 2015 ALL AMERICAN NATIONAL JUNIOR BRAFORD SHOW

The 2015 All American National Junior Braford Show was hosted in Sulphur, Louisiana, July 9-11, and was once again a huge success. Members from all around traveled to the West Cal Events Center to attend this fun-filled event. Seventy-four National Junior Braford Association (NJBA) members proudly exhibited 141 Braford and Braford Base cattle at this year's All American to make this the second largest National Junior Braford Show to date. We would like to congratulate all the junior members on their accomplishments, thank all the parents and juniors for dedicating the time and effort it took in preparing for the show and commend everyone who had a hand in making this show a wonderful experience and time of learning for the juniors.



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# 2015 ALL AMERICAN NATIONAL JUNIOR BRAFORD SHOW RESULTS

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**Grand Champion Braford Bull**  
Hannah Doucet, ACC X810 MR WATTS 517



**Reserve Grand Champion Braford Bull**  
Madalyn Jennings, RLR 14066



**Grand Champion Braford Female**  
Ari Montemayor, WB LG SOUTHERN CYPRESS 471



**Reserve Grand Champion Braford Female**  
Logan Vest, LV LEGACY MS MARIE 41

## Braford Bulls

### Class 23 – Bulls calved 3/1/15 and later

- 1 Jamie Davis, CK MR COLIE 3175
- 2 Jed Guilbeaux, 4G MR. GUILBEAUX

### Class 24 – Bulls calved 2/1/15 - 2/28/15

- 1 Jordan Morse, JGM 2135 RED BULL

### Class 26 – Champion Bull Calf

- 1 Jamie Davis, CK MR COLIE 3175

### Class 27 – Reserve Champion Bull Calf

- 1 Jordan Morse, JGM 2135 RED BULL

### Class 28 – Bulls calved 10/1/14 - 12/31/14

- 1 Will Boudreaux, GB MR. BUCKLES
- 2 Joe Natali, HB MR BOY TOY
- 3 Lainee McCullough, LEM 1703 AXL ROSE 4002

### Class 30 – Champion Fall Bull Calf

- 1 Will Boudreaux, GB MR. BUCKLES

### Class 31 – Reserve Champion Fall Bull Calf

- 1 Joe Natali, HB MR BOY TOY

### Class 32 – Bulls calved 5/1/14 - 7/31/14

- 1 Ashlee Primeaux, EJH MR BANDIT 1451

### Class 33 – Bulls calved 4/1/14-4/30/14

- 1 Madalyn Jennings, RLR 14066
- 2 Jade Herpin, JH MR BIG DADDY 014

### Class 34 – Bulls calved 3/1/14 - 3/31/14

- 1 Mason Mhire, MR HDG RED BULL 14034

### Class 35 – Bulls calved 1/1/14 - 2/28/14

- 1 Hannah Doucet, ACC X810 MR WATTS 517
- 2 Wacen Fontenot, MR CAJUN BANNER
- 3 Linlee Lalande, GCL SHOT GUN

### Class 36 – Champion Yearling Bull

- 1 Hannah Doucet, ACC X810 MR WATTS 517

### Class 37 – Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

- 1 Madalyn Jennings, RLR 14066

### Class 43 – Grand Champion Braford Bull

- 1 Hannah Doucet, ACC X810 MR WATTS 517

### Class 44 – Reserve Champion Braford Bull

- 1 Madalyn Jennings, RLR 14066

## Braford Females

### Class 45 – Heifers calved 3/1/15 and later

- 1 Shelby Welch, MRS ANNIE NUNEZ 3/15
- 2 Kaden Hess, MISS CAJUN'S QUEEN
- 3 Eli Lableu, MO 139 MS RED

### Class 46 – Heifers calved 2/1/15 - 2/28/15

- 1 Jordan Morse, JGM 2145 CUTIE PIE

### Class 47 – Heifers calved 1/1/15 - 1/31/15

- 1 Katelin Hyman, HNH MUSCLES 1054 MS SUGA
- 2 Shelby Welch, MRS NUNEZ 1/15

### Class 48 – Champion Heifer Calf

- 1 Katelin Hyman, HNH MUSCLES 1054 MS SUGA

### Class 49 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

- 1 Shelby Welch, MRS NUNEZ 1/15

### Class 50 – Heifers calved 10/1/14 - 12/31/14

- 1 Katelin Hyman, NPH MUSCLES 1054 MRS. 5121
- 2 Destiny Doxey, AG MS 1024 SPECKLED LADY
- 3 Madalyn Jennings, AG GP MIRANDA 1014P

### Class 51 – Heifers calved 8/1/14 - 9/30/14

- 1 Gene Natali, S5 GO MS 378
- 2 Ryan Danos, S5 CM MS 389

### Class 52 – Champion Fall Heifer Calf

- 1 Gene Natali, S5 GO MS 378

### Class 53 – Reserve Champion Fall Heifer Calf

- 1 Ryan Danos, S5 CM MS 389

### Class 54 – Heifers calved 5/1/14 - 7/31/14

- 1 Logan Vest, LV LEGACY MS SASSY 42
- 2 Ryan Danos, S5 GO MS 74

- 3 Garrett Wood, GW 358 MS LIZ 514

### Class 55 – Heifers calved 4/1/14 - 4/30/14

- 1 Libby McCullough, RCM 9182 COCOA 4839
- 2 Kinsley Sibille, MO 135 LADY K
- 3 Jaron Landry, JRL MS 111 HACK 1401

### Class 56 – Heifers calved 3/1/14 - 3/31/14

- 1 Logan Vest, LV LEGACY MS MARIE 41
- 2 Emily Deshotel, D&D MS BUTTERCUP 0094
- 3 Madalyn Jennings, RLR 14034

### Class 57 – Heifers calved 1/1/14 - 2/28/14

- 1 Ari Montemayor, WB LG SOUTHERN CYPRESS 471
- 2 Jamie Davis, RLR CK MISS WYLIE
- 3 Clayton Owens, RCM 9182 MAYBELINE 4827

### Class 58 – Champion Yearling Heifer

- 1 Ari Montemayor, WB LG SOUTHERN CYPRESS 471

### Class 59 – Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

- 1 Logan Vest, LV LEGACY MS MARIE 41

### Class 60 – Heifers calved 10/1/13 - 12/31/13

- 1 Ari Montemayor, WB LG TRINTY BELLE 402P ET
- 2 Abby Henry, TR RB COPPER PENNY 411P
- 3 Ryann Landry, TR 575 LEE ANN 427P

### Class 61 – Heifers calved 8/1/13 - 9/30/13

- 1 Hayden Hyman, NPH MUSCLES 1054 MS. DOTTIE
- 2 Maeleigh Conner, MO MS JEN
- 3 Brynlee Boudreaux, NPH MUSCLES 1054 MS. 305

### Class 62 – Heifers calved 4/1/13 - 7/31/13

- 1 Maeleigh Conner, B/S BLACK LADY 1363
- 2 Jed Guilbeaux, HONEY BOO BOO

### Class 63 – Heifers calved 1/1/13 - 3/31/13

- 1 Madalyn Jennings, WB LG CRIMSON CUTIE 388S
- 2 Trevor Bertrand, MO MS KAY
- 3 Madalyn Jennings, RLR 13066

### Class 64 – Champion Senior Female

- 1 Ari Montemayor, WB LG TRINTY BELLE 402P ET

### Class 65 – Reserve Champion Senior Female

- 1 Maeleigh Conner, B/S BLACK LADY 1363

### Class 66 – Grand Champion Braford Female

- 1 Ari Montemayor, WB LG SOUTHERN CYPRESS 471

### Class 67 – Reserve Champion Braford Female

- 1 Logan Vest, LV LEGACY MS MARIE 41

## Braford Base Bulls

### Class 3 – Bulls calved 1/1/15 - 1/31/15

- 1 Dilan Comeaux, DC MR ROCKET 0115
- 2 Wacen Fontenot, BOSS MAN

### Class 4 – Champion Braford Base Bull Calf

- 1 Dilan Comeaux, DC MR ROCKET 0115

### Class 5 – Reserve Champion Braford Base Bull Calf

- 1 Wacen Fontenot, BOSS MAN

### Class 6 – Bulls calved 10/1/14 - 12/31/14

- 1 Dilan Comeaux, DC MR BULLET 1114
- 2 Ellen Deshotel, D&D DUFFY MANSO 82/4

### Class 8 – Champion Fall Bull Calf

- 1 Dilan Comeaux, DC MR BULLET 1114

### Class 9 – Reserve Champion Fall Bull Calf

- 1 Ellen Deshotel, D&D DUFFY MANSO 82/4

### Class 10 – Bull Calved 5/1/14-7/31/14

- 1 Amberlee Saltzman, BOCEPHUS

### Class 11 – Bulls calved 4/1/14 - 4/30/14

- 1 Destiny Doxey, MR NUNEZ 18/14

### Class 12 – Bulls calved 3/1/14 - 3/31/14

- 1 Kaleb Styron, MILL FOUR RUNNER

### Class 13 – Bulls calved 1/1/14 - 2/28/14

- 1 Jace Roussell, MILL CAMO
- 2 Grant Guilbeaux, CB MR LUCKY 214

### Class 14 – Champion Yearling Bull

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Jace Roussell, MILL CAMO

**Class 15 – Reserve Champion Yearling Bull**  
Kaleb Styron, MILL FOUR RUNNER

**Class 18 – Bulls calved 1/1/13 - 7/31/13**  
1 Jaselyn Roussell, D&D PRINCE BENHI 753

**Class 19 – Champion Senior Bull**  
Jaselyn Roussell, D&D PRINCE BENHI 753

**Class 21 – Grand Champion Braford Base Bull**  
Jaselyn Roussell, D&D PRINCE BENHI 753

**Class 22 – Reserve Champion Braford Base Bull**  
Jace Roussell, MILL CAMO

## Braford Base Females

**Class 680 – Heifers calved 3/1/15 and later**  
1 Bralen Bertrand, MISS CPF T-RED

**Class 70 – Heifers calved 1/1/15 - 1/31/15**  
1 Wacen Fontenot, MRS FANCY REDEYE

**Class 71 – Champion Heifer Calf**  
Wacen Fontenot, MRS FANCY REDEYE

**Class 72 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf**  
Bralen Bertrand, MISS CPF T-RED

**Class 73 – Heifers calved 10/1/14 - 12/31/14**  
1 Jayden Nunez, MS D&D PRINCESS 754  
2 Corey Bourgeois, MISS KALLION CINNAMON  
3 Caleb Bourgeois, MISS COOKIES & CREAM

**Class 74 – Heifers calved 8/1/14 - 9/30/14**  
1 Ari Montemayor, AAM VB GET A RHYTHM B5  
2 Aiden Saltzman, JAZZY BELLE

**Class 75 – Champion Fall Heifer Calf**  
Ari Montemayor, AAM VB GET A RHYTHM B5

**Class 76 – Reserve Champion Fall Heifer Calf**  
Jayden Nunez, MS D&D PRINCESS 754

**Class 77 – Heifers calved 5/1/14 - 7/31/14**  
1 Ashton Smith, MISS CHERIE LAMBEAU

**Class 79 – Heifers calved 3/1/14 - 3/31/14**  
1 Gavin Guilbeaux, MISS MA ROSIE

2 Wacen Fontenot, MRS JACKIE  
3 Paige Comeaux, PMC MS RED 314

**Class 80 – Heifers calved 1/1/14 - 2/28/14**  
1 Kirston Lanreneaux, MRS NUNEZ 32/14  
2 Jayden LaBleu, MISS LACEY  
3 Victoria Dooley, MARLEIGH

**Class 81 – Champion Yearling Heifer**  
Ashton Smith, MISS CHERIE LAMBEAU

**Class 82 – Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer**  
Gavin Guilbeaux, MISS MA ROSIE

**Class 83 – Heifers calved 10/1/13 - 12/31/13**  
1 Maeleigh Conner, MISS LUCY  
2 Gene Natali, ROSEMARY 132  
3 Harlee Styron, MISS BONCHASSE 3541

**Class 84 – Heifers calved 8/1/13 - 9/30/13**  
1 Bralen Bertrand, MS BB50

**Class 85 – Heifers calved 4/1/13 - 7/31/13**  
1 Shelby Welch, MRS. WELCH 101  
2 Grant Guilbeaux, MRS. NUNEZ 32/13

**Class 86 – Heifers calved 1/1/13 - 3/31/13**  
1 Shelby Welch, MRS. NUNEZ 31/13  
2 Maeleigh Conner, CB MISS BON CHASSE 3065

**Class 87 – Champion Senior Female**  
Maeleigh Conner, MISS LUCY

**Class 43 – Reserve Champion Senior Female**  
Shelby Welch, MRS. NUNEZ 31/13

**Class 44 – Grand Champion Braford Base Female**  
Ashton Smith, MISS CHERIE LAMBEAU

**Class 45 – Reserve Champion Braford Base Female**  
Maeleigh Conner, MISS LUCY

## Showmanship Winners:

Junior champion: Ellen Deshotel  
Intermediate champion: Shelby Welch  
Senior CHAMPION: Trevor Bertrand



**Grand Champion Braford Base Bull**  
Jaselyn Roussell, D&D PRINCE BENHI 753



**Reserve Grand Champion Braford Base Bull**  
Jace Roussell, MILL CAMO



**Grand Champion Braford Base Female**  
Ashton Smith, MISS CHERIE LAMBEAU



**Reserve Grand Champion Braford Base Female**  
Maeleigh Conner, MISS LUCY

## All Around Winners



**Junior Division** – 1st Ellen Deshotel, 2nd Joe Natali, 3rd Luke Natali  
**Intermediate Division** – 1st Jamie Davis, 2nd Gene Natali, 3rd Hayden Hyman  
**Senior Division** – 1st Maeleigh Conner, 2nd Madalyn Jennings, 3rd Ari Montemayor

# 2015 ALL AMERICAN CONTEST RESULTS

## ● Beef Cook-off



**Dessert:**  
Strawberry Twinkie  
- Braford Bandits



**Junior Beef:**  
Cow Poke Chimis  
- D'ville Platte



**Open Beef Main Dish** - Rosco's Steaks; **Side Dish** - Hazard Potatoes; and **Showmanship** - Vermillion Rebels

## ● Livestock Judging Contest



**Senior Division:** 1st Kirston Landreaux. 2nd Maeleigh Conner. 3rd Wacen Fontenot



**Intermediate Division:** 1st Audreanna Richard, 2nd Gene Natali, 3rd Jamie Davis



**Junior Division:** 1st Joe Natali, 2nd Ellen Deshotel, 3rd Amberlee Saltzman



**Adult Division:** 1st Aaron Natali, 2nd Christi Natali, 3rd Bubba Richard

## ● Peewee Coloring Contest



Grady Richard, Meg Boudreaux, Jayden Nunez, Luke Mhire, Hailey Sheffield, Luke Styron, Cadence Constance, Cashe Constance

# 2015 ALL AMERICAN CONTEST RESULTS

## ● Photo Contest



**Senior Division:** 1st Lainey McCullough, 2nd Maeleigh Conner, 3rd Madalyn Jennings



**Intermediate Division:** 1st Jordan Morse, 2nd Gene Natali, 3rd Victoria Dooley



**Junior Division:** 1st Joe Natali, 2nd Ellen Deshotel, 3rd Tyleigh Canik



**Adult Division:** 1st Carla Denison (not pictured), 2nd Kaylen Fontenot, 3rd Stacey Deshotel

## ● Pee wee Showmanship



Grady Richard, Bryce LaJune, Hailey Sheffield, Kutter Sibille, Austin Brown, Cadence Constance, Cashe Constance, Livy Guilbeaux, Klancie Hebert, Luke Styron, Andon Baccigalopi, Talon Canik, Luke Picou, Claire Baccigalopi, Charlee Bell.

## ● Poster Contest



**Senior Division:** 1st Madalyn Jennings, 2nd Maeleigh Conner, 3rd Libby McCullough



**Intermediate Division:** 1st Jamie Davis, 2nd Gene Natali, 3rd Brynlee Boudreaux



**Junior Division:** 1st Joe Natali, 2nd Luke Natali, 3rd Ellen Deshotel

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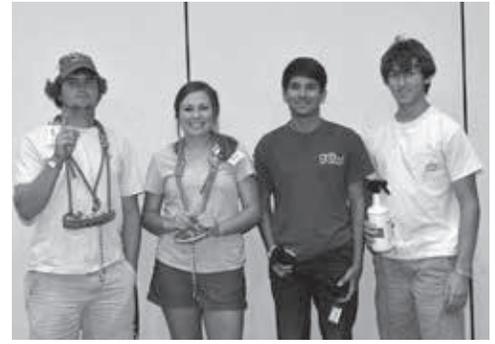
## ● Quiz Bowl



**Senior Division: 1st place team**  
– Maeleigh Conner, Ryan Danos,  
Garrett Wood



**Senior Division: 2nd place team** – Libby McCullough,  
Lainey McCullough, Madalyn Jennings, Ari Montemayor



**Senior Division: 3rd place team** – Jade Herpin,  
Paige Comeaux, Hagun Hebert, Christian Doucet



**Intermediate Division: 1st place team** – Jordan  
Morse, Hayden Hyman, Logan Vest, Gene Natali



**Intermediate Division: 2nd place team** –  
Hannah Doucet, Jamie Davis, Peyton Bickham,  
Victoria Dooley



**Intermediate Division: 3rd place team** –  
Emily Deshotel, Audreanna Richard, Brynlee  
Boudreaux, Harlee Styron

**Junior Division:  
1st place team** –  
Ellen Deshotel, Ali  
Fontenot, Joe Natali,  
Luke Natali



**Junior Division: 2nd place team** – Kindalyn LaBleu, Amberlee  
Saltzman, Kinsley Sibile, Kiley Sibile, Tyleigh Canik

## ● Sales Talk



**Senior Division:** 1st Maeleigh Conner,  
2nd Lainey McCullough, Ari Montemayor



**Intermediate Division:** 1st Hayden Hyman,  
2nd Jamie Davis, 3rd Gene Natali



**Junior Division:** 1st Joe Natali, 2nd Ellen Deshotel,  
3rd (Tie) Ali Fontenot and Luke Natali (not pictured)

## 2015 Louisiana Junior Braford Breeders State Summer Show

June 20, 2015 – Burton Coliseum Complex, Lake Charles, LA – Judge: Paul Maulsby, College Station, TX

### Braford Heifers

**Grand Champion Braford Heifer** and **Grand Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Heifer**

Logan Vest, LV Legacy MS MARIE 41

**Reserve Champion Braford Heifer** and **Reserve Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Heifer**

Emily Deshotel – D&D MS BUTTERCUP 0094



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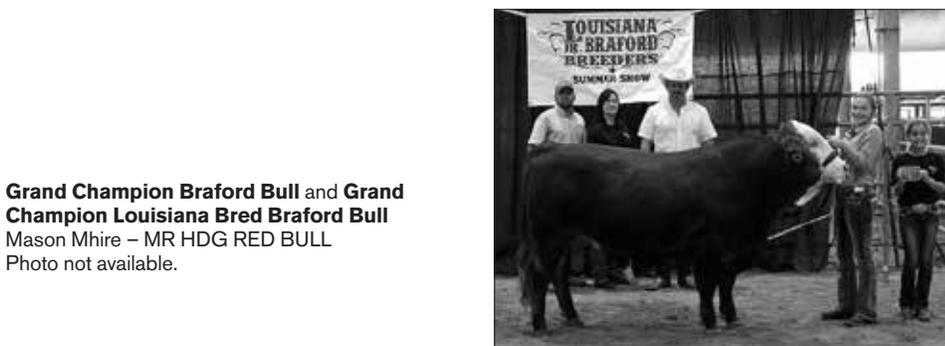
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**Grand Champion Braford Bull** and **Grand Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Bull**

Mason Mhire – MR HDG RED BULL

**Reserve Champion Braford Bull** and **Reserve Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Bull**

Hannah Doucet – ACC X810 MR WATTS 517



**Grand Champion Braford Bull** and **Grand Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Bull**

Mason Mhire – MR HDG RED BULL

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**Reserve Champion Braford Bull** and **Reserve Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Bull**

Hannah Doucet – ACC X810 MR WATTS 517

### LJBB Showmanship Champions

**Super Pee Wee** – Luke Natali

**Junior** – Leah Thibodeaux

**Intermediate** – Hannah Doucet

**Senior** – Maeleigh Conner

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**Braford Queen** – Brynlee Boudreaux

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### Braford Base Show

**Grand Champion Braford Base Heifer and Grand Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Base Heifer**

Ashton Smith – MISS CHERIE LAMBEAU

**Reserve Champion Braford Base Heifer and Reserve Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Base Heifer**

Luke Natali – GPN MISS RASPUTIA

**Grand Champion Braford Base Bull and Grand Champion Louisiana Bred Braford Base Bull**

Jaselyn Roussell – D&D PRINCE BENHI 753

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Destiny Doxey – MR. NUNEZ 18/14



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# Texas Junior Braford Association State Summer Show

June 20, 2015 – Yamboree Grounds, Gilmer, TX – Judge: Reggie Rodriguez, Cat Springs, TX

## Braford Bulls

### Grand Champion Braford Bull:

Lainey McCullough, LEM 1703 AXL ROSE 4002

### Reserve Grand Champion Braford Bull:

Hayden Hyman, KSH MAXIMIZER

## Braford Female

### Grand Champion Braford Female:

Jamie Davis, RLR CK MISS WYLIE

### Reserve Grand Champion Braford Female:

Libby McCullough, RCM 9182 COCOA 4839

## F-1

### Grand Champion F-1 Female:

Lena Darby, MISS 4-T 313

### Reserve Grand Champion F-1 Female:

Savannah Allen, Miss V8 F1 SADIE 100/3

## Showmanship Champions

**Pee Wee:** Blaine Allen

**Junior:** Jackson Dennard

**Intermediate:** Savannah Allen

**Senior:** Lena Darby

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### Grand Champion

**F-1 Female:** Lena Darby, MISS 4-T 313



### Reserve Grand Champion

**F-1 Female:** Savannah Allen, Miss V8 F1 SADIE 100/3



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