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BEEF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

- May 1—BQA
Lafayette County—
Oxford
- May 5—Beef Cattle
Basics—
Pelahatchie
- May 17—BQA
Webster County—
Eupora
- May 19— Beef/
Forage Field Day—
Tylertown
- June 7-8—Angus
Boot Camp,
Starkville
- June 20-23—
BIF Conference—
Loveland, CO

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Beef and forage field day set for May 19 in Tylertown

Cattle producers in Louisiana and Mississippi can learn about animal handling and health issues during the Mississippi/Louisiana Beef and Forage Field Day, May 19. The event begins with registration at 8:45 a.m. at the Livestock Producers Sale Barn on Highway 98 East in Tylertown, Mississippi.

Experts with the Mississippi State University Extension Service and the LSU AgCenter will join industry professionals to discuss topics that

pertinent to the beef industry.

Participants can also view the top-performing bulls from the South Mississippi Gain on Forage Bull Test. These bulls are for sale and can be purchased before, during or after the field day. A sponsored lunch will be provided, but preregistration is required.

To preregister or for more information, contact Walthall County Extension agent Richard Hay at 601-876-4021 or c.r.hay@msstate.edu.

Angus Cattlemen's Boot Camp to be held in Starkville

Cattle producers, mark your calendars! A Cattlemen's Boot Camp will take place June 7-8 at the Wise Center on the Mississippi State University (MSU) Campus in Starkville, Mississippi.

The educational event will be jointly hosted by the American Angus Association® (AAA) and MSU, and will provide purebred and commercial cattle producers with timely information presented by academic and industry professionals. Be sure to register [online](#) or download and send your application by mail before May 11 to ensure you don't miss all that this event has to offer.

"The Cattlemen's Boot Camp workshop is a great event for cattle producers across the country," said Jaclyn Upperman, Association director of events and education. "The workshop offers industry-specific information from speakers and research that will offer insight into the beef business to both purebred and commercial producers."

Generously funded by the Angus Foundation, Cattlemen's Boot Camp is open to all cattle producers, and it features two days of educational speakers and workshops and hands-on activities to help cattlemen and cattlemen improve their herd operations. Attendees will look forward to hearing from industry professionals on a market outlook, range and crop management tips, updates on carcass trends and information on bull selection, source verification, genetic improvement, and general herd management.

Registration is \$75 per person and includes meals and educational materials. Registration forms are due May 11 and can be submitted online or mailed to Jaclyn Upperman at the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Late and walk-in registrations will not be accepted.

BIF Announces June Program

50th Anniversary in the Rockies

June 20-23 • Embassy Suites Convention Center Hotel • Loveland, Colorado

For 50 years the Beef Improvement Federation has hosted our annual research symposium and convention. The convention serves to facilitate discussion and provide education on current issues facing the beef industry. Registration is now open!

Wednesday, June 20

1 – 4:30 p.m. Young Producers' Symposium
5:30 – 8 p.m. Opening Evening Reception

Thursday, June 21

Morning Session: Positioning for the Future of Beef Production
8 a.m. Introductions
8:15 a.m. Focus on Efficient Red Meat Production, Dave Weaber, VP, Beef Analysis, EMI Analytics
8:45 a.m. Focus on Quality, Mark McCully, Vice President, Certified Angus Beef
9:15 a.m. Focus on Sustainability, Dr. Sara Place, Sr. Director, Sustainable Beef Production Research, NCBA
9:45 a.m. Q&A
10:15 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Focus on traits not considered, Dr. Dorian Garrick, Professor and Chief Scientist, Massey University
11:15 a.m. Bringing it all together: Alternative Selection Objectives, Dr. John Pollak, Emeritus Professor, Cornell University
11:45 a.m. Q&A
noon Lunch — What I heard this morning, Dr. Trey Patterson, president and CEO, Padlock Ranch Company

Afternoon Breakout Sessions (2 to 5:30 p.m.)
Emerging Technologies
Selection Decisions
End Product Improvement

Thursday Evening Dinner Night Out
6:30 to 9 p.m. CSU Stadium Club

For more information on the Beef Improvement Federation Conference visit beefimprovement.org.

Friday, June 22

Morning Session: Decision Time: Who will own our industry?
7:45 a.m. Announcements
8 a.m. Value driven by information, Wade Small, President, Livestock Division, Agri Beef, Inc.
8:30 a.m. What I learned from pigs!, Marty Ropp, Allied Genetic Resources
9 a.m. How does the dairy industry handle information?, Chuck Sattler, Vice President, Genetic Programs, Select Sires Inc.

9:30 a.m. Break

10 a.m. Panel Discussion: Who owns your data and where is it? Dr. Darrh Bullock, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky Moderating
Matt Cleveland, Director, Global Beef Product Development, Genus ABS
Dan Moser, President, Angus Genetics Inc., American Angus Association
Wade Shafer, Executive VP, American Simmental Association
Larry Benyshek, Benyshek and Hough Consulting Services
John Genho, Livestock Genetic Services, LLC
11:30 a.m. Elections
noon Lunch — What I heard this morning, Don Schiefelbein, Schiefelbein Farms

Afternoon Breakout Sessions (2 to 5:30 p.m.)
Genomics and Genetic Prediction
Producer Application
Efficiency and Adaptability

Friday Evening

Leachman/Zinpro Dinner Out: \$Profit, Herdsires and free supper

Saturday, June 23, 2018
Tours



USDA Releases 2018 Cattle Inventories

Mississippi January 1 All Cattle Inventory Up 4% from Last Year

All Milk Cows Unchanged from Last Year

Cattle: All cattle and calves in Mississippi as of January 1, 2018, totaled 930,000 head, were up 4 percent from January 1, 2017. The calf crop for the full year of 2017 was 400,000 head, up 5 percent from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 510,000, were up 5 percent from January 1, 2017; beef cows, at 501,000 head, were up 5 percent; and milk cows, at 9,000 head, were unchanged from 2017. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 7 percent at 139,000 head. Steers were up 14 percent at 48,000 head; bulls were unchanged at 38,000 head, and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were unchanged at 195,000 head.

Save the Date!

The 2018 Deep South Stocker Conference will be held on July 13, 2018 at the Hale County College and Career Academy in Greensboro, Alabama. This program is a longstanding partnership between the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Mississippi State University Extension Service and University of Georgia Extension. The conference rotates between hosts. Last year, MSU hosted the conference as part of the Stockmanship and Stewardship program. As Greensboro is only 80 miles East of Meridian, we hope a large Mississippi delegation will be in attendance. For more information about the program visit www.deepsouthstocker.org or call Dr. Kim Mullenix, at 334-844-15446.

JULY 13, 2018
HALE COUNTY COLLEGE AND
CAREER ACADEMY
GREENSBORO, ALABAMA

2018 DEEP SOUTH
STOCKER
CONFERENCE
8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Topics:

Forage and Supplemental Nutrition
 Receiving Calf Health Management
 Market and Weather Outlook
 Producer Panel

Register at:

<http://www.deepsouthstocker.org/registration/>

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Dr. Kim Mullenix: (334) 844-1546 or

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April 2018 – Management Calendar

GENERAL

Watch for grass tetany, particularly on lactating cows grazing lush pastures. Feed a high magnesium mineral supplement to cows on ryegrass/tall fescue pastures. Provide proper free-choice minerals and fresh water at all times. Maintain at least 4” average stubble height on winter annual pastures to avoid overgrazing. Fertilize cool-season grasses according to soil tests if not done by February. Locate hybrid bermudagrass sprigs for planting next month. Spray to control little barley, buttercup, and other winter annual weeds. Plan summer fly control before fly population buildup. Consider vaccination for anaplasmosis and/or pinkeye. Vaccinate all calves more than three months old for blackleg (7-way). Consider marketing cull cows.

SPRING CALVING - January, February, March

Dip navels, identify, castrate, dehorn, and implant calves as appropriate at birth. Acquire quality herd sires with performance information from reputable sources. Make sure that calving ease sires are selected for breeding to

heifers. Conduct breeding soundness exams and make sure bulls are in good condition in advance of spring breeding. Vaccinate all open cows and heifers for vibriosis, leptospirosis, and IBR at least 30 days before breeding. Consult with a veterinarian for BVD recommendations for the local area. Cows need to be in moderate to good condition to rebreed early. Place cattle with the highest nutritional needs (lactating first-calf heifers and cows) on the highest quality grazing and hay. Supplement the cow herd as needed according to forage test results. Start breeding heifers about a month before the cow herd.

FALL CALVING - October, November, December

Remove bulls 283 days prior to the end of the desired calving season (mid-March to end the calving season around late December). Keep bulls in a small pasture traps with effective fences. Feed bulls to start the next breeding season in good condition. Observe the cow herd for returns to standing heat. Castrate and dehorn late calves or those missed in early working.

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Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(Check one) Seedstock: Commercial:

Cattle breed(s): _____

Completed applications and \$5 annual dues or \$100 lifetime dues payable to Mississippi BCIA should be mailed to:

*Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association
 Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762*