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NOTICE: ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

The ABA has updated the website and has made it possible to submit *all forms and payments* online. This includes: Membership Dues, Transfers, Registrations and Meat Tags.

NOTICE: FORMS

All printable forms are updated to be more user friendly. Please be sure to include a *Fee Schedule Worksheet* when submitting anything by mail to ensure timely processing and to calculate the correct payment.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Flying K
- Windy Hills Beefalo
- Mill Springs Ranch
- Jack Correa Ranch
- Red Hill Farm
- Rattlesnake View Farm
- C&S Farm
- Jordan Creek Farm
- Twin Deer
- 3 Pond Farm
- Eagles Rest
- Weise Hill Beefalo

2020 NATIONAL BEEFALO SHOW & SALE - *Beef Expo in Louisville, Kentucky*

We had an amazing turn out this year with 11 consigners and 34 animals competing! Some as far away as Texas came all the way to Louisville, Kentucky. This is a great opportunity for anyone to showcase their animals and meet other members. We would love to see attendance grow as each year goes by, even if you have never shown before, we welcome you to give it a try. The ABA walks you through every piece of the process and once you are here we set you up with a mentor to guide you the rest of the way.



KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU BEEF EXPO 2020 NATIONAL BEEFALO SHOW AND SALE

SHOW: Friday, March 6th, 2020 - 4:00pm
Broadbent Arena
Judge: Dustin Ogburn

SALE: Saturday, March 7th, 2020 - 9:30am
New Market Hall
Auctioneer: Marcus Landers

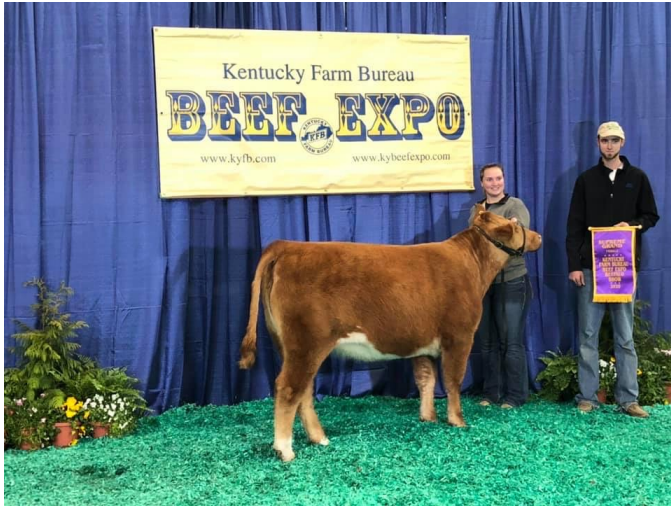
SHOW & SALE MANAGER:
Kyle Skidmore 502-641-7878



KENTUCKY FAIR & EXPOSITION CENTER - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

This year we saw a huge increase in participation in the Junior Show and a lot of happy faces. The 14 juniors all did really well and we hope the experience sparked interest in Beefalo for years to come. Thank you to all who participated, we know it is not easy being away from the farm!

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP FEMALE



SUPREME GRAND FEMALE -
 4M Red Bud
 18.75% - Percentage Animal
 2 year old bred heifer
 4M Farms - Michigan

SUPREME GRAND RESERVE FEMALE
 KSBC Bourbons CoCo
 35.69% - Purebred Animal
 3.5 year old cow/calf
 Broken Buckle Beefalo Farm - Kentucky



SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP BULL



SUPREME GRAND BULL -
 KSBC Anchorman
 35.21% - Purebred Animal
 1.5 year old bull
 Broken Buckle Beefalo Farm - Kentucky

SUPREME GRAND RESERVE BULL
 FPF Chuck
 18.75% - Percentage Animal
 5 year old bull
 Broken Buckle Beefalo Farm - Kentucky



**FIRST TIME EVER OFFERED - LIMITED AVAILABILITY
NATIONAL BEEFALO SHOW & SALE CATALOGS!**

Interested in adding to your own personal Beefalo archive records? Take advantage of this offer.

We are now offering past National Beefalo Show and Sale catalogs for purchase.

We have 2014 thru 2020 years available.

Purchase additional quantities and save - or get the entire set for \$45!

Limited Quantities Available

To Order Call: 502-220-2044

- 1 catalog - \$7
- 2 catalogs - \$14
- 3 catalogs - \$21
- 4 catalogs - \$27
- 5 catalogs - \$33
- 6 catalogs - \$39
- 7 catalogs - \$45

A LETTER FROM THE 2020 NATIONAL BEEFALO SHOW & SALE MANAGER

ABA MEMBERS, we appreciate all of the positive support that was given during the 2020 National Beefalo Show and Sale that was held in conjunction with the Kentucky Farm Bureau, Kentucky Beef Expo. As the Show and Sale Chairman and also an Exhibitor, I get to see different aspects of the Event. One aspect that set this event apart from the previous years would be the split show that the General Membership voted to have the previous year. This was the first split show that our breed has encountered to my knowledge. The General Membership required that the Purebred and



Fullblood animals would compete against each other in their designated show and then the Percentage animals (17%-33.99% Bison) would compete against each other in their designated show. While I understand the concept to this, it was a bit ridiculous. A vast majority of people who supported the split show last year were not exhibitors this year. This year there were 33 animals entered and we have been averaging close to 45 animals in the last several years. There were 20 initial classes before any division classes were counted. This means there was a large number of single entry animals in the show.

The split show in my opinion only added confusion, time and cost. In terms of confusion; it was difficult in two aspects: both following the show in person and trying to follow the catalog in general for both spectators and exhibitors. When it came to time, the split show required almost double the original allowed time frame we were giving for our show. Special requests had to be made to move to the show to the last one of the day. It also required additional time spent redesigning the format of the catalog to have it as a split show. Having a split show also increased the costs of additional ribbon and banners being purchased, it also increased the costs of design work. With additional ribbons being purchased and most



of the classes being a single entry, everyone got a first place banner. Call me old school, but I don't think everyone should be a winner. I think hard work and dedication to this breed should be able to be shown by the ribbons and banners you take home. With almost every animal being able to take home a 1st place blue ribbon, because they were the only one "competing" in their class, it skews the rankings. The only positive side that I saw to the split show was the increased chances of winning a championship banner. That's my personal opinion on the split show.

On other topics; I appreciate the help of everyone that stepped in to assist. I appreciate Rita Harris doing the announcing during the show, with how difficult the show was, she did amazing. Also, Alicia Johnson "Alan Harris's daughter" in helping get the animals in the ring in the correct order as well as handing out ribbons and prizes! Alex Skidmore assisted the Show Judge as the Ring Woman making sure everyone presented through the Show Ring in the Judges preferred fashion. David McCoy once again was a crucial aspect for us by announcing the Beefalo coming into the Sale Ring! Lewis Skidmore kept the animals lined up in the back in the correct order for the Sale again this year. Last but not least I know Katherine Dallas put a lot of work into the event from the ground up and I can't thank her enough from helping design the animal entry form, to putting together the catalog to filling out the final reports. These reports are crucial to be completed correctly and turned into the Kentucky Department of Agriculture before leaving the event to be able to receive their check to the ABA to help offset some of the cost of the event.



The General Membership meeting had a great turnout as well with right at 60 in attendance for the meal, fun auction and meeting! Also, the sale was a success!

We greatly appreciate all of the breeders that bid on Beefalo during the Sale! Many Beefalo did change ownership during the event and there were several bids that came in online through the DV Auction.



We have an amazing group of people that chip in and make this National Beefalo Show and Sale successful and we couldn't do it without all of you. Thank you to each and everyone of you!

We look forward to the second National Beefalo Show of the year that will be held in conjunction with the Missouri State Fair in mid August. Hopefully everyone can make it out there!

Sincerely,
Kyle Skidmore - ABA Show and Sale Chairman

ABA ADVERTISING OPTIONS

The ABA now offers 6 advertising options that have big rewards!

—We have seen an influx in inquiries so we encourage you to take advantage--

■ BASIC ADVERTISING

The ABA receives outside inquires from possible new customers inquiring on where they can purchase Beefalo Livestock and USDA packaged Beefalo meat local to them. Signing up for Basic Advertising will allow us to directly link your product to the customer on a more local level thus increasing your longterm sales relationships.

■ Option 1 - Beefalo Livestock - \$25 annually

■ Option 2 - USDA Beefalo Meat - \$25 annually

■ LIVESTOCK ADVERTISING - \$40 per animal, per quarter

■ FEATURED FARM ADVERTISING - \$25 per farm, per quarter

■ SEMEN ADVERTISING - \$40 per advertisement, per quarter

■ COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING - \$100 per advertisement, per quarter

For additional details and explanation on each advertising option or HOW TO SIGN UP: Please visit: www.AmericanBeefaloAssociation.com/advertising-options

If you are unable to signup online and would like to signup by phone please give us a call: ABA Operations Manager @ 502-220-2044. Please have your information ready.

2020 ELECTION -BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the election by submitting ballots by mail or voting in person by attending the event itself. There were many great people running, 9 total, and the race was a close one - everyone's vote mattered. We also would like to thank all those that attended the annual meeting where the voting took place. It was a record turn out and the feedback on the catered dinner and fun auction for our scholarship fund was absolutely positive. We are glad everyone had a good time! If you haven't attended before, we encourage you to join us next March in Louisville, Kentucky. Watch the website for details!

Here are the 3 new Board of Directors you elected!



Brian Miller of Ohio



Dan Stricker of Tennessee



Lytton Bastian of Idaho

The ABA has a well rounded Board of Directors representing different areas across the US.

- ✦ President - Brian Miller - Ohio
- ✦ Vice President - Leo Muehr - Texas
- ✦ Secretary - Kyle Skidmore - Kentucky
- ✦ Treasurer - David McCoy - Michigan
- ✦ Board Member -Bret Green - Michigan
- ✦ Board Member -Penny Knuckles -Arkansas
- ✦ Board Member -Jeff Hawk -South Carolina
- ✦ Board Member -Dan Stricker -Tennessee
- ✦ Board Member -Lytton Bastian -Idaho

Opinions and Percentages

Member Submission: Kyle Skidmore

Looking back over my 28 years of Beefalo experiences I have heard several different opinions. Many of these opinions have varied greatly. The opinions have been geared towards what a breeder considers their preferred percentage and what breeding should be focused on. It usually is pinpointed on Fullblood, Half bloods or somewhere in between. One opinion is to focus solely on all fullblood Beefalo; I believe that is a good thing and is a needed characteristic in the Breed to keep the percentages up as we move forward! I have also heard people promoting the half blood beefalo for their vast hybrid vigor and excellent growth rates. These guys are much needed as well to help meet our demand for Beefalo meat out there! I have also had a few long time breeders, that started out like myself, using purebred and fullblood bulls on bovine cows and

have gradually worked their percentage of Bison up. They claim the 3/4 Beefalo cows made the best mommas and grew the best calves no matter what bull you used.

According to the ABA Rules of Registry any animal that is between 17% Bison and 37.5% Bison is considered a Beefalo and can be marketed as a Beefalo.

Every percentage of Beefalo has its own place I believe. If you raise half or percentage Beefalo calves for meat then good for you! If you raise fullblood Beefalo and only fullblood Beefalo then good for you too! If you raise Beefalo with every odd ball percentage known to man then good for you as well! The name of the game is Beefalo! As long as you are raising them and satisfying the supply and demand then I believe you are on the right track! And if you haven't yet started raising Beefalo and are trying to decide what to do we would love to have you on the Beefalo side, no matter what percentage you choose.

BREEDER INTERVIEW - TOM LAMB

MEMBER SUBMISSION: DAN STRICKER

Tom Lamb bought his first Beefalo semen in 1974 from Philip Miller in New York to breed his 8 to 10 Charolais cows. The semen was from an HB8 bull and was delivered to his technician. The first calf he had was a heifer calf born in April or May the following year, and it was a cracker jack calf. Tom credits his strong first impression of the breed in encouraging him to keep with the Beefalo half bloods. He took this cow/calf pair to the sale when the calf was three or four months old, hoping to receive \$1000 for them. The sale had other breeds including Beefalo, but the final price far exceeded Tom's expectations as the cow/calf pair sold for \$3750!! In Future sales, Tom recollects individuals commenting on his beefalo half bloods as soon as they got off the trailer. People would say, "Hey, come over here! Here are the best cows in the auction!", and that got Tom's attention.

Tom used semen from other bulls named Tartan and Goldenrod with a lot of success over the years as well, but his fondest memory was of a full blood bull he bought named King from Ray Morrison in East Tennessee in 2000. King weighed in at over 2600 pounds and was used for all of his cows and heifers. Even though King weighed as much as he did, he never did put a heifer on the ground! When King was four years old, Tom sold him to another gentleman in Tennessee who later reported that King successfully bred 70 to 80 cows per year for 4 years until he was sold again to a farmer in Virginia. Tom later learned that the gentleman in Virginia used King to

breed over 100 cows per year for the next several years! Still today, some of Tom's favorite cows on his farm are descendants from King.

Looking into the future of the breed, Tom would like to see it grow a lot bigger. He would like our association to put forth a bigger campaign to promote the breed whether that be through magazines or otherwise without raising the registration fees. Tom recalls older Beefalo magazines that were paid for in part by equipment dealer ads, etc. Tom would also like to see our association keep an emphasis on full-blooded cattle. He believes that with the proper data these full blood bulls would be highly desired by commercial breeders which would also help increase the Beefalo breed.

RECIPE - BEEFALO CHILI

MEMBER SUBMISSION: KATHERINE DALLAS

3 pounds of Ground Beefalo
2 pounds of Hot Pork Sausage
3 14oz cans of diced tomatoes "preferably with basil"
1 28oz can of Brown Sugar flavored Baked Beans
2 14oz cans of chili beans
1 10oz can of diced tomatoes with green chili's
5 1oz packets of chili seasoning powder mix

Use a large pot to put all of the canned items into at a simmer. Use 2oz of chili powder mix in the simmering pot. Using an iron skillet cook the 2 pounds of Hot Pork Sausage using 1oz of chili powder mix. Once sausage is cooked place it in the simmering pot of canned items. Using the same iron skillet as the pork now brown the 3 pounds of Ground Beefalo while using 2oz of chili powder seasoning during the browning process. Using the same skillet as the Pork will help keep the LEAN Beefalo from sticking to the skillet while adding flavor. Once cooked place Ground Beefalo into simmering pot.

Now mix it all together in the simmering pot and serve!

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--Starting in 2021 The Corral will be posted online. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you please send a letter of request to: 833 Ridge Road Shepherdsville, KY 40165

--If you have articles you would like to be considered for The Corral please submit them as a Microsoft Word attachment to AmericanBeefaloOperations@gmail.com
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