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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Beefalo Breeders,

How are things going on your ranch? As for mine, things are doing pretty good. I weaned a nice group of calves back in September. My fall crop of calves doesn't look bad either, but maybe I am a little biased. I hope that you all have had a good year. As for the American Beefalo Association, we are moving forward. I think we are getting some of the registration problems fixed, at least the ones brought to my attention. Our registrar has stated that she has completed her Chemo treatments and is doing good. Hopefully she can get fully mended and be able to better focus on what is coming in. UC Davis, the place we send hair samples for DNA testing, has stated they are behind due to COVID restrictions and trying to hire more personnel to help keep up with the demand. They are currently running about 3 to 4 weeks behind. We used to get results back with in a week of them receiving them.

Unfortunately, we are still working on the 1-800 BEEFALO. This is showing to be more of a challenge then originally thought. We are still moving forward with trying to get it functional but as of right now it is still a work in progress. I hope to have better news next corral.

As for some good news, we will be having the National Beefalo Showcase in Franklin, TN just like last year on 18-19 March 2022. We also added a field animal slot. So if you have animals that are not halter broke but would like to offer them up for sale you can. When you enter your animals, you can enter them for Show Only, Show and Sale, or Sale Only. We will have our Annual Members Meeting on Friday with election of officers and the Show will be on Saturday. I really look forward to the friends I have made over the years by going to the Beefalo Shows these past few years. I know my girls have really enjoyed meeting the other kids that show up for the show. The one thing I have really admired about the beefalo community is the friendship and comradery that I see. Everyone is friendly and helpful and will go out of there way to make you feel welcome. I look forward to seeing you at the show.

In case you do not know, we are looking for nominations for members of the board as I mentioned above. Every year 3 board members are up for reelection. This gives new people a chance to get on the board. We are looking for nominations for this upcoming year. As a board member, you would serve for three years. If you know someone you think would like to serve on the board or if you would like to serve on the board, please contact Brian Miller, or you can let me know. It is always good to get new ideas and a different perspective. Without the new ideas we will not grow as an organization.

As always, if you have questions about anything in regards to the American Beefalo Association, please feel free to give me a call or text - 281-923-8549 (please leave a message if you call, I will call you back). You can also email me at rockincamelranch@gmail.com. Thanks for your interest in Beefalo.



2022 NATIONAL BEEFALO SHOW & SALE

2022 Spring National Beefalo Show and Sale
March 18th and 19th
By Dan Stricker

*Location: Hidden Trace Farm
Franklin, Tennessee*

During the summer of 2020 with so many cancellations and uncertainty of what the future may hold, the Board of Directors made the decision to hold the 2021 Spring National Beefalo Show and Sale at a private farm in Franklin, TN, and it was so great to see many of you there! During that weekend and even in the weeks and months afterwards, the Board received a lot of feedback about future shows and whether we should go back to the Beef Expo in Louisville or make a plan to remain at a private farm. One idea that garnered some attention was to move around the National Show and Sale to allow different regions greater access for participation.

After the Missouri Show in Sedalia, I received a call from our President, Leo Muehr, in regards to the idea of hosting the 2022 Show and Sale back at Hidden Trace Farm in Franklin, TN and I responded with a “yes!” and the Board confirmed that to be the location during the following call. I am looking forward to hosting everyone again, and I know this coming show and sale will be bigger and better than the last one! We will be sending out more information in the weeks to come regarding deadlines for entry, etc, but please feel free to reach out to our Show and Sale Committee members if you have a pressing question: David McCoy (Show Chairman), Dan Stricker, Alan Harris, Tom Lamb, Leo Muehr, and Sue Guigar. One recommendation that I will emphasize is to please start now in registering any fullblood animals you may consider entering for the show or sale as UC Davis is running way behind in getting paperwork back. Also please remember is that this weekend will include the sale of show animals AND non show animals. Again, entry details will follow, but please get ahead of any registrations that you might need!

Finally, we are not sure ultimately where the 2023 National Show and Sale will be, but also please reach out to a Board Member if you have a location idea. The Board of Directors are open to different locations and, ultimately, want to do what’s in the best interest of our breed and our members. In the meantime, we hope you to see you in Franklin, TN, March 18th and 19th!

THE FOUR STATES FAIR

**Karen Brunson
helping out.**



The Four-States Fair was September 11 – 18 in Texarkana, and on September 12, Beefalo breeders and their livestock converged onto the fairgrounds for an opportunity for their Beefalo to be on exhibit and to

be part of a competitive show. The state and county fairs begin in late summer and run throughout the fall and are a time for members of the American Beefalo Association to promote the Beefalo breed and to spend time with fellow Beefalo breeders to share ideas and successes.

Penny Hacker-Knuckles brought the Grand Champion heifer and Grand Champion bull along with a 4-H student, Kaci to show the animals. Karen Brunson, Beefalo breeder from Texas and her granddaughter, Faith came to help out and learn. Faith was able to show a heifer on Monday after helping to wash, brush out and feed the Beefalo. Alan Harris and his family were there with the Reserve Grand Champion heifer, that his granddaughter Gracelynn showed. His daughter Alicia and grandson worked hard and Lucas also showed a cow on Monday. Sue Guigar, a long-time Beefalo breeder from Michigan came to support the exhibitors as well and showed one of the heifers.

Penny brought a bull and four heifers from her farm back in Arkansas and Alan Harris brought a bull, a cow and heifer from his Tennessee farm to be a part of the exhibition and show. Each of these registered Beefalo were very nice breeding stock and a good representation of the breed.

Penny and Alan realize that the show ring isn't just for the Beefalo breed, but for what it teaches the youth about competition, perseverance and how to win and lose gracefully. It takes long hours to prepare these animals for the show ring and these exhibitors invest in making the show the best. The youth also learn what body composition and temperament wins, the economics and care and compassion for the animals as well. These are life lessons these youth won't quickly forget and will hopefully use with their own herd someday.

As the fair and show season winds down, this breeding stock will go back out into the pasture to add to their owner's herds or be sold to fellow Beefalo farmers. Congratulations to all who have exhibited and won this season.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Brunson



TRIPLETS!!!

BY: DANA CAMERENA

Abundance comes in many forms... For some it looks like an abundance of happiness, others it is economic abundance, and for us it was an abundance of calves this spring. Triplets to be exact!! On March 7th, as my father, husband, and I pulled into our place with a load of lumber, I noticed one of my cows had a new calf. We parked the trailer and were standing there chatting when I looked up and realized she was having a second. Twins are pretty common for us, so we weren't too concerned and just observed to make sure everything went smooth and then checked on the calf shortly after. All was good so we went in the house to grab a bite to eat and when I looked out the window about 20 minutes later, she was delivering a third calf! At this point I was concerned and figured the third baby might not be alive, but to our astonishment she was! The odds of a cow delivering triplets are 1 in 100,000. I text my vet and emailed a few of my contacts at OSU in the beef science department and they said the odds are lower than 1 in 100,000 for all three of them to survive and the mother to accept them all. Since I am typically a "glass half full person" I interpreted that as, there was indeed a very small chance they would survive, it would just be challenging. Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes them meaningful, so we set to work. Mom and triplets were brought into a small corral close to the house and every two hours, we rotated one calf out to allow the other two to eat and mom to get accustomed to feeding two at a time. After three days of this, we allowed all three to be with mom and by then, she knew they were all hers and was intent on taking care of them. We typically do not feed any grain or texturized feed to our herd, but in this instance we supplemented mom with a high protein feed to assist in milk production. We turned them out on pasture and let mom raise them for 3 weeks and then we took the smallest heifer and started supplementing her on a bottle and eventually weaned her off mom and onto the bottle full time.

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We knew that even though mom was producing a ton of milk and taking great care of them, her chances of getting bred back would be almost zero if she continued to raise all three. Mom and two of the calves spent the summer up on the range and did excellent and the third calf was given to a family friend to raise and she is thriving as well. We will be preg testing in a few days and fingers crossed Mom is bred back. While the experience of the triplets was exciting at the time and I am thankful that we had the ability to help them thrive, I definitely don't want to make this a habit. If it happens again, I suppose I will start playing the lotto as the odds might be in my favor.



ABA MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

UPDATED FOR 2021-2022

Part 1: For every five animals registered; receive a \$25 credit

- Cannot be refunded in CASH.
- Retroactively begins January 1, 2022 and ends December 31, 2022
- Meat tag registrations DO NOT apply to animal registrations.
- Credits can be applied toward Dues, Registrations, Meat Tags, or Advertising

Part 2: Refer a NEW LIFETIME MEMBER in 2022 (begins January 1, 2022) This member must list your name on their application.

- 1st referral earns member \$25 for 2022 annual dues
- 2nd referral earns member 1 free ANIMAL ad on the ABA website.
- For each additional referral earns member free Breeder or Meat Producer ad on the ABA website.
- Expires December 31, 2022

Part 3: For every 9 Meat tags purchased, receive the tenth FREE!

- Begins January 1, 2022 and ends December 31, 2022.

Upon registration, the numbers will be added to the tally by the registrar. Breeder will not be responsible for keeping track of their numbers.

*"I do not believe there was ever a life more attractive
than life on a cattle farm"
-Theodore Roosevelt*

COMMUNICATIONS

Do you have registrations ready to be sent?

Mail your registrations ,transfers, or meat tag registrations to:

ABA Operations

14481 Millersburg Rd SW

Navarre, OH 44662

Want to register, transfer, or join online?:

americanbeefaloassociation.com

Membership Tab- Forms and Docs

Input information into the form

click: Submit

Click button to pay the allotted amount

Got questions?

Email us at: operations.americanbeefalo@gmail.com

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