



# M I S S I S S I P P I

# BCIA

BEEF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Upcoming events:

- May 17—Mississippi-Louisiana Beef and Forage Field Day, Tylertown, MS
- June 18-21—Beef Improvement Federation Annual Convention, Lincoln, NE
- August 4—Homeplace Producers Feeder Calf Board Sale, Hattiesburg, MS
- August 8—Deep South Stocker Conference, Meridian, MS
- September 15—BCIA Fall Bull and Heifer Sale Nomination Deadline
- October 16-18—Cattle Artificial Insemination School, Mississippi State, MS
- November 12—MBCIA Educational Meeting and Supper, Raymond, MS
- November 13—MBCIA Fall Bull and Heifer Sale, Raymond, MS

## Cattlemen's Exchange Feeder Calf Board Sale Results

The sixth annual "Cattlemen's Exchange Producer Sale" was held on April 1, 2014 in Winona, MS. Beef cattle producers from across the state marketed farm-fresh and assembled stocker cattle in 12 lots consisting of 18 truck-loads of cattle.

In this type of auction the cattle are not present at the sale facility. Short video clips of the cattle are posted on the Internet at [msucares.com/livestock/beef/feeder\\_calf.html](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/feeder_calf.html) along with detailed descriptions of cattle type, weight, and management for prospective buyers to view prior to the sale. The same videos are presented during the auction. Arrangements for delivery from the farm of origin to the buyer's location are made after the sale.

This type of marketing option is extremely efficient for all the parties involved. In this specific sale, more than 1,100 head of cattle were sold in thirty minutes. The receipts from the sales approached \$1.5 million and averaged well above market value for the week of the sale. More importantly, the price premiums for recent MS board sales have been even larger when compared to the MS average market when the cattle were loaded out. The results indicate that the eight board sales conducted to date in the state have, for the majority of the cattle sold, outperformed the price the cattle would have fetched if taken to auction at the specified delivery date.

*Board sale was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in Winona, MS. 20 pot-loads of cattle sold, all prices quoted \$ per cwt. All sales sold with a 2 percent shrink and a \$4-5 per cwt slide. Mixed loads quote steer weight first, followed by the heifer weight. Steer price quoted on the mixed loads, heifers \$6 per cwt back.*

### Feeder Steers:

*Bulk Medium and Large 1 and 2:  
8 pot-loads 800-875 lbs 164.50 to 169.90.*

### Feeder Heifers:

*Bulk Medium and Large 1 and 2:  
6 pot-loads 725-770 lbs 157.25 to 162.75;  
2 pot-loads 800 lbs 158.50.*

### Mixed Feeder Steers and Heifers:

*Bulk Medium and Large 1 and 2:  
1 pot-load 775 lbs/750 lbs 165.00;  
1 pot-load 600 lbs/550 lbs 181.50.*

These sales have been successful in bringing together cattle producers and livestock marketers to improve the profitability of both sectors of the beef production chain. In addition, the MBCIA, MSU Extension Service, MS Farm Bureau Federation, and MS Cattlemen's Association have collaborated on these sales. Since 2008, more than 18,500 head of cattle in 293 loads have been marketed in these board sales. Together, the receipts from these sales exceeded \$14.5 million.

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MSUBeefCattle uploaded a video



### Lot 12: 2014 Mississippi Cattlemen's Exchange Feeder Calf Board Sale

Sale scheduled for Tuesday April 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at Winona, MS Stockyard...



The MS/LA Beef and Forage Field Day to be held in Tylertown will feature demonstrations with live cattle

## Mississippi Louisiana Beef and Forage Field Day

Dr. John Blanton, Professor and Head of the Animal and Dairy Science Department at Mississippi State University and Dr. Mike McCormick, Professor, Louisiana State University Ag Center, are two of the featured speakers at this year's Mississippi/Louisiana Beef and Forage Field Day that will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

The field day will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the Livestock Producers Sale Barn on Highway 98 East in Tylertown, Mississippi, and the program will begin at 9 a.m. In addition to Dr. Blanton and Dr. McCormick's presentations on forages, two demonstrations will also be part of the program.

A Breeding and soundness exam (BSE) demonstration on herd bulls presented by Dr. Richard Hopper, Professor of Pathobiology and Population Medicine, MSU College of Veterinary Medicine will show not only how a BSE is done but also the importance of the yearly exam.

Dr. Rhonda Vann Research Professor, Brown Loam Branch Experiment Station will demonstrate how ultrasounds of intramuscular fat, rib eye area, and other factors are incorporated into EPD's for beef cattle.

Participants can also view some of the top performing bulls from the South Mississippi Gain on Forage Bull Test that will conclude on May 2, 2014. Those bulls will be available for sale at private treaty and can be purchased before, during or after the field day. There were 112 bulls from 13 farms, representing 6 breeds of cattle on this year's 172 day test.

A sponsored lunch will be provided, but preregistration is required. To preregister, call the Walthall County Extension Office at (601) 876-4021 or email [crhay@ext.msstate.edu](mailto:crhay@ext.msstate.edu) by Friday, May 9th. Mississippi State University is committed to providing access to all individuals attending the conference. If you have special needs, including accommodations or dietary concerns, please contact the Extension office to make your request known by Friday, May 9th, so that every effort can be made for your need.

For more information on the Mississippi/Louisiana Beef and Forage Field Day or a South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage Private Treaty Sale Listing, contact the Walthall County Extension Director, Richard Hay at (601) 876-4021 or Area Extension Agent Mark Mowdy at Lincoln County Extension Office (601) 835-3460.

## REACH Beef Cattle Operation: Sage Farms



Sage Farms is a forage-based beef cattle operation in Southwest Mississippi. It has been involved in the Research and Education to Advance Conservation and Habitat (REACH) program with the assistance of the Mississippi State University Extension Service and other collaborators.

Sage Farms has implemented a number of best management practices consistent with REACH goals including the addition and use

of water control structures, stream crossings, cover crops, and rotational grazing.

Visit the REACH website to learn more about this conservation education program and participating operations like Sage Farms. Several YouTube videos on the website provide glimpses of what is being accomplished on that cattle operation.

[www.reach.msstate.edu/sage.asp](http://www.reach.msstate.edu/sage.asp)

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*"...The REACH program integrates research and outreach to demonstrate the benefits of conservation on agricultural lands."*

## Mississippi Entry Requirements for Cattle

Cattle producers should stay aware of current rules about cattle moving into the state. Cattle entering Mississippi are subject to entry requirements. The Mississippi Board of Animal Health (MBAH) publishes these entry requirements online at

[www.mbah.state.ms.us/regulations/regulations\\_html/ch12.htm](http://www.mbah.state.ms.us/regulations/regulations_html/ch12.htm)

Entry requirements include health certificate requirements and cattle regulations that specifically address brucellosis, tuberculosis, and trichomoniasis. For example, entry requirements regarding trichomoniasis in cattle are as follows:

1. No bull that has tested positive for Trichomoniasis shall be brought into this state for any purpose whatsoever except to go directly to slaughter and must be on a 1-27 form.

2. No bull may be brought into this state without being accompanied by a negative test for Trichomoniasis except for the following animals:

- a. Exhibition and rodeo bulls that are temporarily in the state only for the purpose of the event and will be leaving the state after the event;
- b. Bulls consigned to go directly to slaughter;
- c. Virgin bulls with accompanying statement.

3. A bull that is brought into this state without being accompanied by a negative test for Trichomoniasis shall not be commingled with any cow unless the bull is tested and found to be negative for Trichomoniasis prior to commingling.

4. All bulls tested for Trichomoniasis, whether in-state or to be brought into this state, shall be identified by one or more of the following means prior to importation:

- a. U.S.D.A. official permanent ID to include but not limited to:

- (1) Brucellosis ear tag;
- (2) official 840 radio frequency identification device (RFID);
- (3) official 840 flap or bangle tag;
- (4) official individual animal breed registry brand;
- (5) official individual animal breed registry tattoo; or
- (6) official state of origin Trichomoniasis tag.

5. Virgin bulls. A virgin bull is a bull less than 24 months of age in which both permanent central incisor teeth in wear are not present and that has never been commingled with breeding females. Virgin bulls, other than exhibition and rodeo bulls, brought into this state shall, in addition to any other required documentation, be accompanied by a certification of virgin status signed by the owner of the bull, or the owner's representative or a duly authorized veterinarian. The certification shall include the bull's individual identification. If the owner seeking to import the virgin bull into this state acquired the bull from a breeder or another owner then a certification of virgin status signed by the breeder and each prior owner of the bull, or their representative must also accompany the bull. (See Trichomoniasis Regulation for full instructions.)

(Amended 2010.)

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §69-15-3.

[www.mbah.state.ms.us/regulations/regulations\\_html/ch12.htm](http://www.mbah.state.ms.us/regulations/regulations_html/ch12.htm)

This website contains entry requirements information for other animal species in addition to the cattle information.

For more information about state animal entry regulations or animal health issues, contact the Mississippi Board of Animal Health at 601-359-1170.

*“...The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is involved in control, eradication, and prevention of the spread of diseases of animals in Mississippi.”*



The MBAH newsletter and Facebook page are linked on the Board's main website at [www.mbah.state.ms.us](http://www.mbah.state.ms.us)

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livestock/beef/mbcia/](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/)

MISSISSIPPI  
**BCIA** Membership Application  
BEEF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) Seedstock:  Commercial:

Cattle breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications and \$5 annual dues or \$100 life-time dues payable to Mississippi BCIA should be mailed to:  
Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association  
Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762

## NBCEC Brown Bagger Online Resources: Improving Efficiency through Genetics

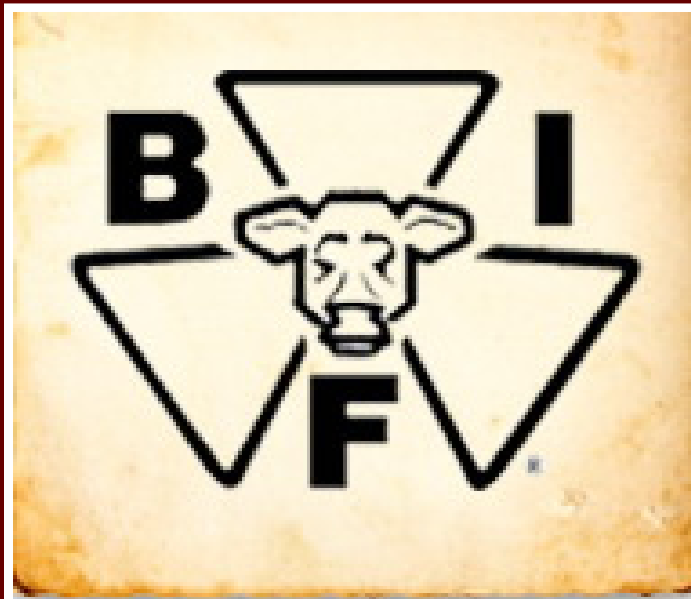
The National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium (NBCEC) hosts annual webinars covering a variety of beef cattle genetics topics. The most recent series addresses improving efficiency through genetics and focuses on direct selection and antagonism management. Presentations archived online include the following topics:

- Improving Feedlot Performance
- Improving Beef Cow Productivity
- Managing Antagonisms
- Feed Efficiency of the Cow

These online resources include links to archived presentations and downloadable slides. This information is accessible at

[www.nbcec.org/professionals/  
brownbag.html](http://www.nbcec.org/professionals/brownbag.html)

National Colorado State University-Cornell University-University of Georgia-Iowa State University  
**Beef Cattle Evaluation**  
Consortium



# Name BIF 2015

## Send in your suggestion and win

In 2015, Mississippi will host the Beef Improvement Federation Annual Convention. Submit your suggestion for the name/theme of this event. If your suggestion is selected, you will win a free registration to BIF 2015.

Send entries to Dr. Brandi Karisch at  
[bkarisch@ads.msstate.edu](mailto:bkarisch@ads.msstate.edu) or 662-325-7465.