



Texas Braunvieh Association

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TBA President – Randy Allgood

First of all, I would like to offer a sincere thank you from all of the Texas Braunvieh Association members for your support and trust in allowing me the opportunity to represent you as President of your association. I feel that with the current Board of Directors we have a very diverse, well educated and



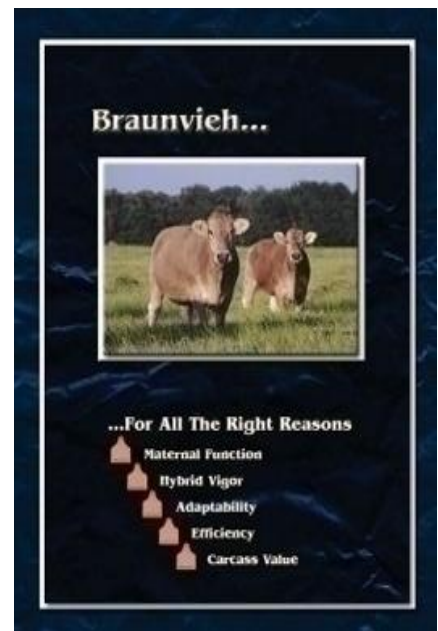
extremely dedicated cross section of the membership at your service. Collectively and individually we are committed to the continued and increased promotion of this extremely underutilized breed. Each month we will publish an email

newsletter and send to all of our members both nationally and Texas. The newsletter will also be emailed to all Texas County Extension Agents and Texas Agri-Science Instructors. If you have additional people you want on the email list, please forward their info to rwallgood@yahoo.com. Each month we will showcase at least one Texas Braunvieh Breeder as well as a Texas Junior Braunvieh member. There will also be a section on current trends or issues that are of concern to the cattle industry. I welcome your comments and input about past articles or any issues that you may feel need to be addressed to the membership. Many of you may or may not know, but we do have a website, www.texasbraunvieh.com. This site is maintained by donations only and is an avenue for you to advertise your cattle for free. I know it is the end of June and this is the June issue, organizing this has taken a little longer than I planned and I still do not have all of the areas covered. If you have any suggestions for future newsletters, please let me know.

Shootin the Bull

Over the past year every time I walk into my local animal health supply store I see flyers and various advertisements for Trich. Through conversations with various professionals as well as cattle breeders, this disease is potentially devastating to many cow/calf producers if testing and best management

practices are not implemented and held to stringent accountability measures. I do not claim to be any type of authority in this area and am providing an article as well as the link to the Texas Animal Health Commission on this disease. Please read and disseminate this information to effectively protect your herd as well as your valued customers. From what I can gather, the best avenue for prevention is testing bulls prior to breeding and making sure any bulls sold, bought, leased or loaned are tested before and after use. Please see the following for a professional analysis of trichomoniasis.



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Starting in 2010, Texas bulls that undergo a change of ownership (except to slaughter) must be either certified as a virgin bull or be tested first for cattle trichomoniasis, a protozoal disease that can cause cows to abort very early in pregnancy. Infected bulls carry the microscopic organism that causes cattle trichomoniasis without any signs and can transmit it to cows during breeding.

"There is no effective treatment for bulls, and once infected, they can continue to spread trichomoniasis when they breed," said Dee Ellis, DVM, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock- and poultry-health regulatory agency. "Infected cows may clear the infection, but only if they are given rest from breeding for 120 to 150 days—an expensive option, as a calf crop will be missed. A vaccine also is available to help in the management of infected cows, but it will not prevent infection."

Texas' ranching, marketing and veterinary industries worked with the TAHC to develop effective regulations to control cattle trichomoniasis. According to Ellis, more than 600 of Texas' veterinarians have been certified to test for the infection.

Ellis said the new regulations will apply to bulls being sold, traded, leased or undergoing any change of ownership (except for slaughter) in Texas. The regulations include three basic steps:

1. Identify the bull. Identification is essential for matching animals with virgin bull certificates or test documents. One form of identification is needed, and it may be an official USDA ear tag, breed registry brand or tattoo, an 840 flap, bangle or an 840 radio frequency identification device. If the bull originated from outside Texas, it may have that state's official cattle trichomoniasis ear tag.

2. Certify virgin bulls. A breeder can certify the bull as a virgin if the bull was raised away from cows after weaning and is 24 months of age or younger. A Texas-origin bull's virgin status may be extended to 30 months if the virgin certificate is signed by the breeder's accredited veterinarian. Virgin bulls are not required to have a cattle trichomoniasis test prior to change of ownership.

3. Test older or non-virgin bulls. Bulls older than 30 months or bulls that were maintained with cows after weaning must have a negative cattle trichomoniasis test within 30 days prior to change of ownership. A certified, accredited veterinarian must collect the sample for testing at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. While awaiting test results, which usually take about a week, the bulls must be kept away from cows. Upon receipt of the negative test results, the bull is ready for change of ownership.

"Breeding bulls that haven't been certified as virgins or tested are considered to be slaughter-only bulls," said Dr. Ellis. "In some cases, however, buyers may want an untested bull, although they may be buying trouble. We have provisions under the regulations for untested bulls to be identified and moved under a TAHC-issued hold order and movement permit. The animal must be isolated from female cattle, and cannot be moved until it is tested within 30 days of purchase at the owner's expense."

Texas accepts two cattle trichomoniasis tests: the real time polymerase chain reaction test or a series of three culture tests. These tests are the national standard. Bulls that test positive may undergo confirmation testing if the owner or accredited veterinarian makes a request within five days of the results.

Because there is no effective treatment for cattle trichomoniasis, infected bulls in Texas must go to slaughter within 30 days of confirmation. The remaining bulls in a herd will be isolated from female cattle until they undergo two consecutive negative RT-PCR tests, each conducted at least seven days apart, or three consecutive negative culture tests, with each of the tests conducted at least seven days apart. When they are confirmed negative for cattle trichomoniasis, the bulls are free to be moved or to be commingled with cows.

"If you are obtaining a breeding bull, make sure the animal has been certified as a virgin or was tested—for your herd's sake," Ellis said. "We will be reviewing the regulations on a yearly basis with an industry working group, to ensure that the rules remain timely and effective."

Texas' cattle trichomoniasis entry requirements for breeding bulls is similar to intrastate regulations, but allows out-of-state bulls to be certified as virgins only until 24 months of age. Exhibition or competition bulls may enter Texas without a trichomoniasis test, but must be kept away from female cattle. The TAHC must be contacted in advance of entry for a waiver of the test requirement to be issued on exhibition bulls.

For more information please go to the TAHC website.

www.tahc.state.tx.us/animal_health/.../TrichBrochure-Mar2009.pdf

Texas Junior Braunvieh Association

Excellence is how I would begin to describe the youth that we are fortunate enough to have on the halter of our cattle. I have been a blessed man in my lifetime to have the opportunities to evaluate cattle at shows all across the country. One thing that remains constant in my travels and regardless of what breeds I sort, are the juniors. The single most important thing we have going for our industry, regardless of the breed are our youth. Who better to be diplomats and lobbyist for the industry. I would like to commend all of our youth on a job well done representing the Braunvieh breed at all levels of competition this past year. A special congratulations to Spencer Denton and Madison Abbott for exhibiting the Grand and Reserve Champion Show Heifers of the year for the entire national association. I would also like to say thank you to the San Antonio Livestock Show for their continued support and being visionaries in the support of scholarship opportunities for Texas Junior exhibitors. Currently three of our Texas Junior Board members have received the \$10,000.00 scholarship from S.A.L.E.. Jessica Johnston, Spencer Denton and most recently Madison Abbott. Congrats to all of you. I sincerely hope that by the time all of our juniors graduate that each one of you have the opportunity to win this prestigious award. The Board of Directors has created a Junior Liaison position to communicate between the TJBBA and the TBA, Jessica Johnston was elected to this position. Madison Abbott will serve as your 2010-2011 TJBBA President. Each month, Madison will have a brief column and we will have a Junior spotlight section. Good luck to all of our TJBBA members this year and keep up the good work.

A message from your TBA-TJBBA Liason

Hello my name is Jessica Johnston I am eighteen years old and currently a student at Texas A&M University. I have been showing Braunvieh cattle for seven years now, along with many other breeds along the way. Through showing Braunvieh's, I have been very successful, and that success is helping pay my way through college, and I hope it will do the same for many of you.

I currently serve as your Junior Liaison, your TJBBA Vice President and also your JBAA President. I am very excited about this upcoming

year; I believe we have a very good officer team and that we will get many things accomplished. I am very active in all of our junior activities and am hoping that this new position will allow me to get more members involved. As your liaison it is my duty to communicate between the junior members and our state board.

I would love to hear your opinion on anything that you would like to see happen, think needs to happen, or anything in general. If you have any questions, comments, concerns feel free to contact me at the following email address:

Jessica.Johnston62@buc.blinn.edu.

I encourage all of you to get involved with the Braunvieh program and share some of your ideas and memories that have made this a great organization

Best Regards,

Jessica Johnston

TJBBA News

2012 Fort Worth Stock Show allows Junior Braunvieh Show.

2011 Scramble Winners can select Braunvieh heifers for 2012 FWSSR.

Showmanship clinic planned for fall , date and location TBA.

Junior Braunvieh Cattle place high in Other Registered Breed Show at Houston.

Newly elected TJBBA officers

Two Texas Juniors own and exhibited the Grand and Reserve Grand Braunvieh Show Heifers of the year for the entire BAA.

Junior's raise over \$1500.00 for TBA and TJBBA from Stotts Farms heifer donation.

TJBBA President's Message



I'd like to start off by introducing myself. I am your new Junior TJBBA President and my name is

Madison Abbott. I have been showing cattle for seven years now and Braunvieh cattle for two years. I have also helped show Jessica Johnston's cattle for all seven years. I am currently a senior Princeton High School and serving as chapter FFA President. I am looking forward to this year with the new TJBBA officer team. The officers and their positions are; Jessica Johnston from Lake Worth as Vice President, Spencer Denton from Bowie as Secretary, Jordan Hicks from Alto as Treasurer, and Sydney Paul from Pearland as Reporter. Though we may be spread out through the state, I have big plans for the team, along with the junior association. This year we hope to be able to put on a showmanship clinic for any juniors willing to learn!

As an association we need to try and work on getting our numbers up for the San Antonio Livestock Show. They give out a \$10,000 scholarship no matter what age! Anyone that plans to pursue a career in an agriculture field would greatly benefit from this and it could help pay for some of your college expenses! Currently, three of the TJBBA officers have received the scholarship. In order to still be considered a breed at S.A.L.E. we need to work on increasing our numbers of exhibited heifers. Members, we would like to hear your opinions on our new plans. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact me at anniegurl08@gmail.com. I will be more than happy to propose new ideas to the association and work on getting them accomplished. Please feel free to forward this news letter and get your friends involved in showing Bruanvieh cattle.

We would love to see more new faces every year at all of the shows and activities!

Best wishes on a great year!

Madison Abbott

TJBBA President



We are trying to start a junior heifer chain in the FFA and 4-H programs – if you are interested in donating a heifer to a youth that may not be able to afford to purchase one, please contact one of the TJBBA or TBA board members for more information. You can make a big difference in a young person's life.

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Junior Spotlight

TJBBA 2010-2011 Queen

Hello, I am Nevada Huffman. I am 15 years old and the daughter of Pam and Newt Huffman of La Grange and most recently Decatur, Texas. I have been showing and breeding Braunvieh and Braunvieh influenced cattle for the past 7 years. While showing through the TJBBA, JBBA,



TJLA and TCCA, I have won many honors and awards. I intend to continue breeding and showing Braunvieh cattle for many years to come. After finishing High School in Decatur, Texas, I plan to study Ag Business at Texas A&M University and then pursue a law degree. Currently, I serve as your TJBBA Queen. I look forward to representing our great breed at the livestock shows this year.

TJBBA 2010-2011 Princess

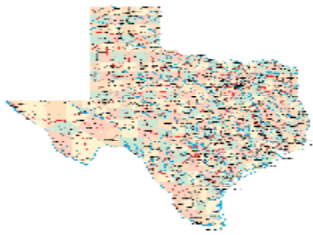
Kelly Salyer is a sixth grader at Faith Christian Academy of Wharton. She is also an active member of the Faith Christian Academy 4-H.



Kelly shows steers in her county show and dairy and Jr Breeding Beef in all of the major shows as well as her county shows. She enjoys showing Braunvieh cattle because of their disposition, bone and muscle structure, and she enjoys being around the other students that show Braunvieh's. She would like to promote the Braunvieh breed to the youth.

On the Road

It has been a busy month to say the least, but it has been a very good month for the Braunvieh breed. The month started out with the Texas State Junior Show in Seguin, at Broken Oak Ranch. What a success! We saw so many new faces there and had the opportunity to fellowship with some old friends as well. My compliments to the BOR family, your facilities and cattle are first class. Please take the



time to drop Larry and Beverly a note of thanks. I know many of our junior members planned on going

to Springfield, MO for the Junior Nationals, we had a good representation from Texas with the quality of cattle, however we only had three exhibitors. Typically, Texas sets the bar for the rest of the states on participation. Next year, we will coordinate and take a trailer or two with your junior cattle to the National Junior Show. With fuel prices and the economy like it is, we all have to look towards being more efficient and combine our resources. Stephanie, Spencer and I spent a day and night with Al and Joan Thorne on the way up to the junior nationals. Wow, what a nice herd of cattle. I am convinced after studying this herd, that

Braunvieh influenced females are the most productive, best milking, docile beef machines available. I really don't think it matters what breed you cross with the Braunvieh, they are improved in all traits. During the Junior nationals and our social hour by the pool, Eric Armintrout was talking about an Angus breeder who was a prospective bull buyer. The Angus breeder asked Eric what the Braunvieh bull could do for his herd that other breeds couldn't. Eric stated "The Braunvieh bull will make you the best halfblood females you will find anywhere". I agree with Eric and after just a few years in the business, I am finding it true in my own herd. Braunvieh crossed back on Maine Anjou influenced cattle make absolutely more productive females than non Braunvieh influenced females. The F-1 cross still maintains that clubby show ring appeal for my program, but now I can leave the babies on the cow till normal weaning and not have to pull them off early due to lack of milk production from the cow. Each month I will try to visit at least one Texas breeder and will showcase that herd in this section. If Hurricane Alex hits South Texas, I will be in that part of the world this week. Don't be surprised if I show up with a camera, pen and paper at your door step.

Market yourself and your cattle daily and as always do what you love!

The Sale Barn

This page will be devoted to Member classifieds.

Remember they are free of charge, send a pic to my email of your sale items, not limited to cattle, but lets keep it agriculture related as I am a one man show for now. Send me a description, contact info, price, etc. And by all means forward this newsletter to any of your email buddies, etc. At the present time, I am only going to send the newsletter by email, no print.

I want the issue out each month by the 20th, so please get me your ads by the 15th of the month.

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WEBSITE

Please take the time to visit our new website.

There is an area there to post photos as well as a classified section. All of the TBA and TJBBA board members contact info is available as well as additional current events.

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Also look for future articles about Braunvieh in the Weekly Livestock Reporter as well as the Gulf Coast Cattleman.