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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Meeting/ Banquet/ Jr & National Show



You and all those interested in the American Red Poll Association are invited and encouraged to participate in our annual meeting Saturday, November 10, at 1:30 pm at the North American International Livestock Exposition and stay for the evening banquet at the Red Poll headquarters at the Breckenridge Inn. The Junior Show is Sunday, November 11 and the National Open

Show is Tuesday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. See this Journal (page 6) and the web page for details.

The national membership meeting is a wrap up of the past year's business. You can find out what ARPA is doing on your behalf and what its finances look like. The Board and Executive Secretary will try to answer all questions. More importantly is the member's opportunity to help shape the direction for the future of ARPA. Any topic germane to our organization will be heard.

As important as the business meeting is, one of the best reasons to attend these events is the friendship and acquaintances that are developed within our "family." If you are a new member, join in and start your own special friendships. If you are a long time breeder, renew old acquaintances and welcome new members.

This past year, ARPA has branched out in new directions. Ask Teresa Jackson how many members we have on Facebook. We have established a working relationship with ALBC with the goal of helping each other in areas of common interest. Ask Jo Ellen Greene or Jeff Wilkins about this. Ask Jeff about his seminar and field days with veterans interested in cattle. We have just begun a relationship with the SVF Foundation. Ask Jo Ellen where this is heading.

Do you have a unique idea that will promote Red Polls? Bring it to the meeting and see what other people think about it. There is no idea that is too far out. The old saying is "if you keep doing the things you have always done, you will get the results you always have." We have a breed with many unique qualities that most cattlemen (let alone the general public) are not aware of. We struggle to find new ways, new avenues to get the word out. There are more, we need fresh new ideas. Bring yourselves and your ideas to your National Meeting and Banquet.

- Dan Schmiesing, *President*

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# ARPA National Red Poll Meeting and Banquet

The ARPA National Red Poll Meeting and Banquet will be held Saturday, November 10, 2012 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, KY. The national headquarters will once again be located at Breckinridge Inn, Louisville, just six miles east of the Kentucky Expo. The national meeting will be at the NAILE meeting room on the fairgrounds.

Breckinridge Inn is a picture of Southern charm and a model of Southern hospitality. The hotel offers a gentle environment with all the amenities that can keep a single traveler to a whole family relaxed or enjoying in anticipation.

ARPA has a block of 30 double/double bedrooms set aside for our members and guests for Thursday-Sunday, November 8-11. In order to reserve the room, you must call the inn directly at 502-456-5050. Reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 5, 2012 in order to receive the group rate at \$62.00 plus tax. If you plan to attend the National Show on Tuesday, Nov. 13, the same rate will apply.

The evening buffet will be Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom and patio area of the Breckinridge Inn. The meal will include two choices of meats (Kay remembered we had to have beef), salad bar, drinks and desserts. The meal is \$24.95 per person which includes the buffet, tax, banquet room, and staff. There will be a cash bar.

Please send reservation payment/firm reservations to Teresa Jackson by Friday, October 12, 2012.

Breckinridge Inn rooms are tastefully styled and elegantly decorated. Each guest room is the model of a perfect Southern home complete with a coffee maker, iron, ironing board, hair dryer, and cable television. The hotel offers a variety of services and amenities that can make each stay more pleasant and memorable than the last. These include complimentary transportation to and from the airport, continental breakfast, laundry and dry cleaning services, free parking, outdoor junior Olympic size pool, heated indoor pool, whirlpool, fitness room, massage treatments, onsite lounge and barber.

The hotel sits in the quiet suburbs but is near popular attractions such as the Farmington Historic Home and the Kentucky Expo Center just off I-254. There are several restaurants, groceries, and shops just a few minutes away.

Saturday morning, prior to the ARPA National Meeting at the KY Expo at 1:30 p.m., there will be opportunities for site seeing and lunch. A trip to one of the many sites in Louisville is being planned.



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**SCHEDULE OVERVIEW**

**ARPA Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, Nov. 10 at 1:30  
**AJRP Meeting**  
Saturday, Nov. 10 at 3:30  
**Banquet**  
Saturday, Nov. 10 at 1:30  
**National Junior Show**  
Sunday, Nov. 11 (afternoon)  
**National Open Show**  
Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 3:00  
**National Sale has been canceled.**



## ARPJA at NAILE

**Be sure to stop by the  
AJRPA booth at NAILE**

We will display photo and poster contest entries in the AJRPA booth at the NAILE. Judging will take place during the Junior weekend by penny votes. All money collected will go to AJRPA.

AJRPA meeting will be on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in West Hall at the NAILE. Please plan to attend. New Bylaws and Articles of Junior Association will be ready for approval by the membership present. New officers will be elected for the upcoming year. Also on the agenda will be money making projects and selection of a new logo. Logo entries are still being accepted. See any AJRPA member to purchase raffle tickets for a 32" Flat Screen TV to be drawn at the NAILE. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. A big thank you to Lori Scott and Family donating the TV in memory of Steve Scott.



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**We at R&R Farms would like to say "Thank you!" to all of the wonderful people who have helped make our first year as Red Poll breeders so enjoyable!**

**We've made many new friends and with the help of those friends, we now have the start of a great herd of Red Poll cattle. We look forward to the future and are proud to be a small part of the Red Poll breed.**

# Reconstruction Our Range

By: Dick & Barb Rodgers

Raising moderate framed Red Poll cattle may not seem ideal in today's market for the cow-calf operator. The final goal is the total pounds of the calf between birth in the spring and fall sales. Here in Davenport, Washington we usually achieve that aim and respond to what the buyer demands. However, knowing the pounds of a calf is crucial. It has forced us to deal with some earlier calving conditions, weather anomalies and fair profit margins.

When frustration sets in, Dick and I have joked about having a chronic



condition called "cows". We, like most in the farm/ranch business, are the only industry that does not set our price based on costs. Trying to keep our cows profitable includes applying viable research to our small operation.

Moving to Davenport, Washington, during the last drought, we left behind a sub-irrigated pasture for scabland (high desert) ground for the range. The drought affected our large framed cattle fertility and they struggled to raise those heavy calves. Thus, we concluded that as one once said, "Bigger is not always better." It is possible to run two small framed cows on the same ground as one large one. If no drought, we found we could keep double the animals.

We began using the pregnancy tests used by dairies. We know all the cows we keep are bred. The cost is just a few dollars and a little blood on a card. When small efficient first calf heifers bring in a 400-pound calf, we can run two medium framed animals rather than one large framed cow. Now we have 800 pounds to sell.

Our big framed cows could not consistently raise a calf equal to those smaller more efficient ones. Taking efficiency to the next level, we use GeneSTAR from Pfizer Animal Health. This is an affordable genetic testing using blood on a card or hair to test for feed efficiency in addition to other important traits. We select bulls based on those

genetic tests to improve our small herd. Our sires have tested in the top 1%-2% for feed efficiency against all breeds.



It is nice to see beef management specialists writing about "When Less Means More" Dr. Rolf, Oklahoma State University. The goal should start with selecting what is profitable for the environment. In order to be sustainable this includes utilizing the land, applying rotation, resting and re-seeding and weeding control.

What remains to be seen is if we can get a premium for raising cattle that will finish on grass. As the demand for grain and the prices rise, we started selecting for grass finishing traits, tenderness genes, and marbling.

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## NATIONAL SALE NEWS

*Please Note*

There will not be a National Sale at the 2012 NAILE

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# Guidelines for Developing and Testing Bulls On Farm

Adapted from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Proper bull selection is the most rapid way to genetically change a herd of cattle. Selection of bulls based on expected progeny differences (EPDS) can double genetic progress compared to selection of bulls based on within-herd ratios or individual performance. However, to select young bulls based on EPDS, individual measurements must be taken and recorded with the appropriate beef breed association. Also, proper nutrition and herd health management during development can help bulls reach their genetic potentials and ensure long and productive lives.

Many producers have used central bull tests to develop herd sire prospects. Most central test stations have limited each producer to testing one bull per year because of space limitations and to allow as many producers to participate as possible. However, testing only one bull per producer per year eliminates estimation of yearling weight EPDS, including individual performance for bulls in central tests, because bulls are in a contemporary group size of one. Thus, to produce bulls with yearling weight EPDs including individual performance, producers should develop and test bulls on-farm.

With each live calf produced on-farm, the value of that calf as a parent comes into question. If the calf is superior to its parents, the calf becomes a candidate as a replacement animal. Not all bull calves should be considered herd sire prospects. At weaning, bull calves should be evaluated for soundness, adequate muscling and growth, and testicular development. Any bulls with unsoundness, especially feet and legs, should be removed as herd sire prospects. Bull calves with inadequate muscling and growth should also be eliminated. Bulls with testicular abnormalities, such as having only one testicle, testicles not descended into the scrotum, or abnormally small testicles, should also be eliminated as herd sire prospects. Inferior soundness, muscling, growth, or testicular development will decrease the productive life of a bull in a herd. These traits can also be passed on to offspring.

## Nutritional Management For Bull Development

A good feeding program is essential for growth and development of future herd sires. Failure to supply proper nutrition during the growth and development stage of a bull can result in permanent damage to the bull's digestive tract. This may render the bull useless as a herd sire or shorten his productive life from many years down to several months. A sound feeding program in developing bulls will aid a producer in establishing and maintaining a reputation as a reliable breeder.

## Starting Calves on Mixed Feeds

The most stressful time in a bull's life is at weaning and during the following 3 to 4

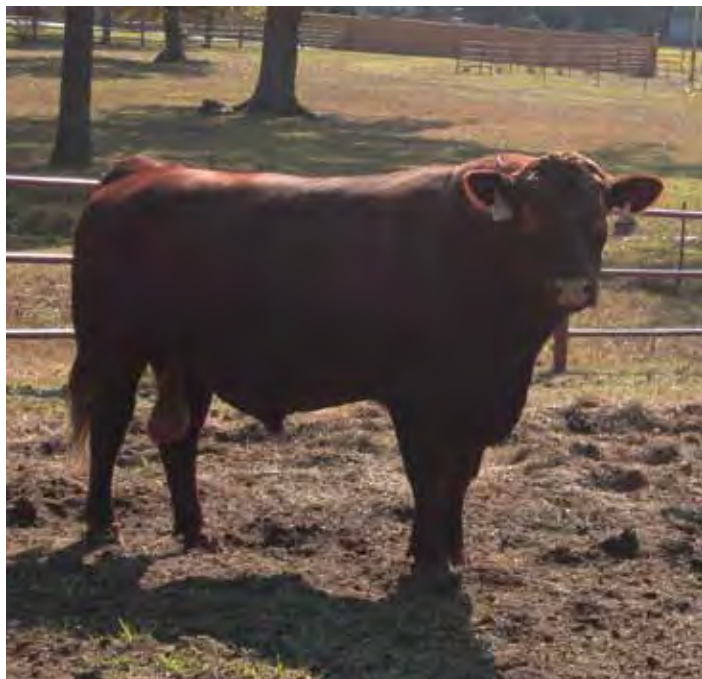
weeks. Weaning stress can aggravate existing nutritional deficiencies. Many weaned calves do not know how to eat mixed feeds and must be taught to eat a mixed ration gradually. Starting calves gradually on mixed feeds will help them maintain weight at weaning and diminish the likelihood of their getting sick.

Hay is the first feed of choice when calves are weaned. High quality legume or grass hay should be fed to the calves. Good hay should be about 9 percent protein, 50 percent TDN, relatively low in acid detergent fiber, and mold free. Hay alone does not provide the energy and protein necessary to maintain adequate growth in bulls. Bulls must be supplemented with grain (energy) and a natural protein source such as cottonseed, cottonseed meal, or soybean meal.

Because weaned cattle eat sporadically, bloat, acidosis, and sudden death can occur when cattle are fed a mixed ration if proper precautions are not taken. Never provide weaned cattle a high energy mixed feed free choice. Start with a small amount of feed and gradually increase the amount fed.

The following are steps for getting bulls on feed:

- Creep feed calves the last 2 months prior to weaning. Calves which have been creep fed are easier to get on feed after weaning because they already know how to eat from a feed bunk.
- Get bulls on limited feed as quickly and safely as possible. Wean calves into an area where they can be observed closely for at least 4 weeks. Check at least twice a day to see if they are consuming their feed. Failure to come up for feed is often an early sign of sickness.
- Have circular weaning pens if possible. After weaning, calves will walk the fence. Place feed bunks and water troughs perpendicular to the fence to entice cattle to eat because they are forced to walk around the water troughs and feed bunks.





- Place hay in the feed bunks rather than free choice in hay rings. This will encourage calves to eat out of feed bunks. Do not place round bales of hay in the center of the weaning pen.
- Provide Bovatec or Rumensin in the feed following manufacturer's recommended amount per head per day. Bovatec or Rumensin will help to control feedlot bloat.
- Vitamins are inexpensive. Formulate mixed feed to supply vitamin A (at 2000 IUs), D (at 125 milligrams), and E (at 20 milligrams) per pound of feed.
- Formulate feed to contain at least 20 percent fiber, 12 percent protein, and 62 to 69 percent TDN. Fiber can be provided by hay or cottonseed hulls. Peanut hull pellets are not a good source of fiber for young cattle. The protein source should be all natural protein such as cottonseed meal or soybean meal and should contain no non-protein nitrogen, such as urea.
- Calcium, phosphorus, salt, and trace minerals can be provided free choice or mixed into the ration. If minerals are to be fed in the mixed ration, the ration should contain a minimum of 0.45 percent calcium, 0.35 percent phosphorus, 0.35 percent trace mineral salt, and 1.0 percent potassium.
- To start calves eating feed, sprinkle a mixed feed over hay in feed bunks. This will entice calves to consume some grain to get hay. Start feeding a mixed feed 2 to 3 days after weaning at the rate of 2 pounds per animal.
- Increase mixed feed 0.75 pound per day. Calves should consume about 1.5 pounds of feed per 100 pounds of body weight in 10 to 12 days.
- Keep only fresh feed available. Do not feed more than calves will clean up. Reduce the amount of hay as the mixed feed is increased.

### **Pre-Weaning Health Program for Bull Development**

Bulls which are to remain on the farm for a postweaning performance test should undergo a pre-weaning health program (See Table 5). Weaned calves remaining on-farm are at risk for several

types of disease, the most common being respiratory disease, or "shipping fever pneumonia." A pre-weaning health program will insure that these potentially valuable animals are prepared for the stress of weaning and that their subsequent performance during the test is not affected by health problems.

The health program for a bull calf includes vaccinations and dewormings. Never implant a bull calf to be used for breeding. Implants can cause serious infertility problems and will not significantly increase the bull calf's gain performance while on test.

In all cases, consult with your herd veterinarian to construct a program which best fits your herd. Every herd is different. Some herds and some locations may require additional health management procedures. Your veterinarian can also recommend particular products to use.

### **Contemporary Groups**

Performance measurements and procedures are dependent upon the correct formation of contemporary groups. A contemporary group is defined as a group of animals that is from the same herd, sex, and birth season and that is similarly managed. Contemporary groups account for management and environmental differences among groups of animals. This allows for determination of genetic differences among individuals once contemporary groups are properly formed. The producer is the only one who knows the proper designation of contemporary groups.

Contemporary groups are largest at birth and generally become smaller at weaning and yearling ages due to death loss and sale of cattle. Most beef breed associations use 3-month intervals to define initial birth contemporary groups within herds and sexes. These are December to February, March to May, June to August, and September to November. These definitions encourage distinct calving seasons.

For cattle to remain in one contemporary group at weaning, cattle must be 160 to 250 days of age and must be measured on the same day. Similarly at yearling, cattle must be 330 to 430 days of age and must be measured on the same day so that contemporary groups will not

be split. No other cattle can be added to weaning or yearling contemporary groups because prior management and environmental differences cannot be properly accounted for and, thus, genetic differences will be incorrectly estimated. However, initial birth contemporary groups can be split at weaning and/or yearling when inferior bull calves are removed from the herd or are castrated. Steer calves are not considered to be the same sex as bull calves.

### **Summary**

There are many advantages to growing and developing herd bull prospects on-farm rather than consigning them to a central test station. However, proper nutrition and health programs are essential to successfully raising bulls on-farm. Testing and developing bulls puts tremendous stress on their digestive tracts. Improper nutrition or health practices can reduce a bull's productive and reproductive life significantly.

To accurately detect genetic differences between yearling bulls, contemporary groups need to be tested and developed together. Information should be submitted to the appropriate beef breed association for yearling weight EPD estimates to include individual performance. Selecting young bulls on EPDs can be a better indicator of what the animal will do as a sire than other available information, such as weights or ratios.

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# Contemporary Grouping for Beef Cattle Genetic Evaluation

Every weight or measurement of an animal is an observation of its phenotype. However, not all of an animal's phenotypic superiority or inferiority for a trait is caused by genetics; part is due to environmental circumstances. A calf's superiority or inferiority for weaning weight, for example, is dependent not only upon its genetic potential for growth but also upon the environment that it experienced, including the herd, year, and season in which it was born, its weaning age, its access to nutrition, and the milk yield of its dam.

Proper genetic evaluation of beef cattle is complex. However, the basic initial premise is simple. Individual animals are evaluated based upon how well they performed in comparison to herd mates raised under comparable environmental conditions. In other words, how well did each animal perform within its contemporary

group? Contemporary grouping in beef cattle genetic evaluations is an attempt to account for environmental effects so that remaining differences among animals more closely reflect heritable differences among them. A contemporary group is defined as a group of cattle that are of the same breed composition and sex, are similar in age, and have been raised under the same management conditions. More simply put, a contemporary group is a group of animals that have had an equal opportunity to perform.

Breed registries generally define rules for effective contemporary grouping according to breed composition, herd, sex, season, and the age range between the oldest and youngest calf within the group. After proper consideration

of these factors, producers must still account for other management and environmental effects. For example, parts of the herd exposed to different levels of nutrition should be assigned to distinct contemporary groups, as should calves whose performance has been compromised by ill health or injury.

In theory, contemporary grouping is easy, but the application of contemporary grouping in real life can present many challenging decisions. A common error in building contemporary groups

decrease in size. As calves get older, contemporary groups often will decrease in size due to culling, injury, sickness, death, or assignment of calves to different sub-groups that reflect different management treatments. Contemporary groups cannot be recombined once animals have been defined to be members of separate groups.

Reporting data from all eligible animals is an important aspect of contemporary grouping

that deserves special attention. Breeders may be tempted to economize by recording and registering only the better performing calves within their herd. They might also worry that recording data on poorer performing calves will reflect

unfavorably on their herd. Both

of these conclusions are incorrect. Unless inventory and performance data are submitted on every calf born in a herd, subsequent genetic evaluations will be based on less information and consequently will be less accurate than would otherwise have been possible.

Even worse, genetic evaluations may be biased. If only calves with good performance are reported, they may not get the credit they truly deserve. Suppose, for example, that a contemporary group of 10 bull calves had adjusted weaning weights as shown in the following table. Average weaning weight is 625 pounds. The lightest calf is 101 lb. below the group average (ratio of 84), while the heaviest calf is 117 lb. above the average (ratio of 119). Calf number 6 is 14 pounds above group average (ratio of 102). It is important to remember that National



occurs when

breeders do not assign enough groups to accommodate calves that have received unequal treatment. Just as damaging, some breeders create too many contemporary groups. Assignments should be as simple as possible while still accounting for major differences in management. A useful method to aid in contemporary grouping is to assign distinct contemporary group codes to animals that are exceptions to regular management practices. For example, calves that received preferential treatment (cattle being fitted for show, for example) should be placed within their own contemporary group.

It is important to note that contemporary groups never increase in size after the calving season is over. A contemporary group may, however,



Cattle Evaluation programs focus on the deviation (or difference) of calf weights from the contemporary group average rather than each calf's adjusted weight.

Suppose now that the producer had reported only highest ranking 50% of calves for weaning weight. That group average would have been 675 lb. Within this new, highly selected contemporary group, the heaviest calf would have a deviation of only +67 lb and a ratio of only 110. Calf 6, close to average performance in the original contemporary group, would have a deviation of -36 pounds and a ratio of 84. When data are submitted only on selected calves, subsequent selection, culling, and merchandising decisions will be flawed.

The livestock producer or herd manager is the only person that knows exactly how calves have been managed. It is their responsibility to ensure that contemporary groupings accurately reflect that knowledge.

### **A Guide to Contemporary Grouping**

1. Use group codes on registration application or performance data submission forms to assign calves to contemporary groups.
2. Use group codes to put a sick or injured calf into a single animal contemporary group if the illness or injury affected the calf's performance.
3. Take weaning weights and measurements on all calves on the same day (when a majority of the calves are between 160 and 250 days of age), including as many calves in each contemporary group as legitimately possible.
4. Weigh all animals in a group before separating them, especially before separating show calves or test station bulls.
5. If the age spread of calves is greater than 90 days, choose two or more weigh dates, using as few as possible.
6. Have progeny from two or more sires in each contemporary group (although not

### **Weaning Weight Contemporary Example**

Calf ID	Adj. Weight	All Calves Reported		Top Half Reported	
		Deviation	Ratio	Deviation	Ratio
1	524	-101	84		
2	562	-63	90		
3	578	-47	93		
4	605	-20	97		
5	606	-19	97		
6	639	14	102	-36	95
7	643	18	103	-32	95
8	655	30	105	-20	97
9	694	69	111	19	103
10	742	117	119	67	110
Average Deviation and Ratio		0	100	0	100
Average Weight			625		675

necessary when using the animal model for genetic evaluation).

7. When calves are within an appropriate age range for each trait, record yearling weight, height, scrotal circumference, pelvic area, and ultrasound measurements on the same day.

8. If carcass data are to be collected on cull bulls, heifers, or steers, report weaning weights on all animals. These data allow selection of replacement females and bulls to be accounted for in genetic evaluations and help prevent bias in the predictions.

9. Do not weigh each calf individually as it reaches 205 days of age. Rather weigh each calf individually when calves in a group average approximately 205 days of age.

10. Do not include calves receiving special treatment (show, bull test, and sale animals) in the same group with those that did not receive an equal opportunity to perform.

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# Choosing Red Poll

By: Lin Johnson

After traveling 750 miles from Hastings in south central Nebraska, we met Phil and BJ Wyrick at their cattle operation headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas. My husband, Jake, made several previous contacts over the phone with Phil to arrange seeing his Red Poll cattle with the possibility of buying some Red Poll pairs.

But why drive that distance? Isn't Nebraska known as the Beef State? For us, the answer is simple. We want to increase fertility in our Angus Simmental cowherd.

Having followed years of studies and reports on various breeds of beef cattle conducted by the USDA's Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center NE (MARC), it was clear to Jake that Red Poll definitely has a place in the beef industry. In addition to excellent fertility traits, Red Poll offers a moderate frame size.

Dr. Tom Jenkins now a retired MARC Research Animal Scientist, was highly involved with the Red Poll studies in the 1980's and 90's and said, "Even if they were thin, cows with any percentage of Red Poll seemed to have a higher percentage of pregnancies."

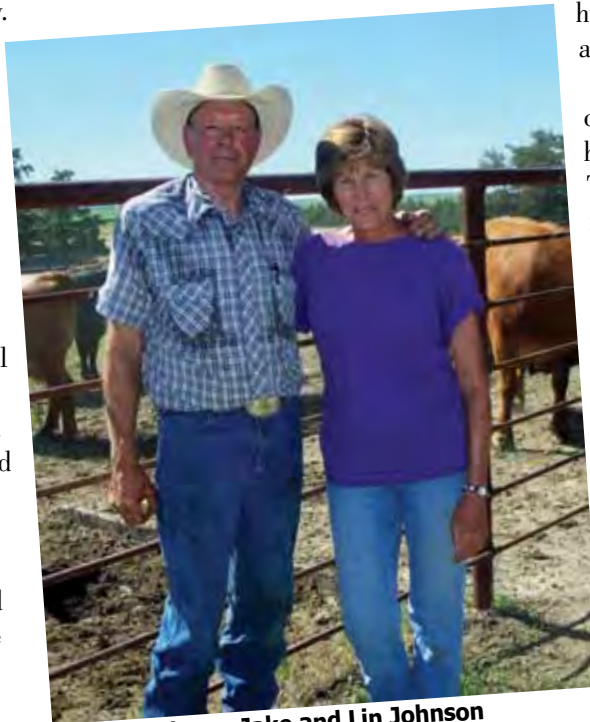
Jake had been forming ideas for several years on adding a 3rd or 4th breed to our cowherd to increase hybrid vigor, without giving up the high gains in the feedlot and carcass traits we've been achieving with our calves through retained ownership in local feed yards.

On the other hand, I was quite satisfied with our cows and believed we could lose some feedlot and carcass traits we had worked for nearly 40 years to attain by adding additional breeds to the mix.

Our cows calve in April and May from AI sires and clean-up bulls. The calves are preconditioned and then sent to the feed yard in October. They are ready for slaughter at approximately 400 days of age with an average weight of 1350 lbs. We generally sell on a grid, so we can take advantage of any premiums out there. Depending on the severity of the winter, our cows graze cornstalks from October to March and except for protein, we feed them very little hay.



Even while Jake was making plans for us to travel to Little Rock, I was still dragging my feet and I believed no amount of studies or arm-twisting would change my mind on using another breed. However, the first look I had at the Wyrick Red Poll cattle made me want to see more of Phil and BJ's cattle.



**Pictured above: Jake and Lin Johnson**

The quality of their cows with calves at side made me very excited and I was already thinking these cattle might have a lot to offer. Before the afternoon was over, we had our Red Poll pairs picked out and sorted, all made easy by Phil and his crew.

Our cowherd goals are still much the same as they've always been, but we believe the Red Poll will make our goals easier to achieve. The percentage Red

Polls we purchased from the Wyrick's will be AI'd in June to South Devon to increase longevity in our cowherd and feed efficiency in both the feed yard and cowherd. The resulting offspring of this cross will be mated to Simmental Angus, which will give us a 4 breed composite. Of course we will reap the benefits of hybrid vigor from the 4-way cross and we anticipate a uniform, attractive calf crop.

With this composite, we expect our cowherd to have improved fertility with high efficiency and added longevity. The calves will continue to perform well in the feed yard with improved feed conversion while earning top dollars at the packing plant. Down the road a few generations, we're excited to see how the Red Poll is helping us achieve our goals.

As cattle producers, we would like to encourage other producers to follow their calves through the complete cycle of feeding and slaughter whenever possible. Whether you sell your calves at weaning or yearling, or retain ownership through slaughter yourself, it is very important to know how your calves have done. If you are satisfied with their weaning weights, did they also gain well at the feed yard? What is their feed conversion and efficiency? Did they grade at the packing plant? Did the calves from some sires grade better than other sires you used? After all, this knowledge will help you know if your cows made a profit for the feeder that bought your calves and in the end produce a desirable and consistent product for the consumer.



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Quantity	Description	Rate	Subtotal
	Membership (Non Assessable) in ARPA	\$ 35.00	
	Annual Service Fee (From Sept. 1 - August 31)	\$ 35.00	
	Junior Membership (Enclose completed application)	\$ 25.00	
	<b>Complete Herd Reporting Fees</b>		
	Annual Cow Enrollment (billed January 1st each year )	\$ 10.00	
	Reinstatement of Lapsed Enrollment	\$ 25.00	
	CHR Registration	\$ 10.00	
	Entering birth, weaning, & yearling weights	N/C	
	Issue preprinted birth worksheet	N/C	
	Issue preprinted weaning worksheet	N/C	
	Issue preprinted yearling worksheets	N/C	
	Individual herd EPD reports	N/C	
	<b>Non Complete Herd Reporting Fees</b>		
	Registration under 12 months of age	\$ 25.00	
	Registration 12 months to 24 months of age	\$ 30.00	
	Registration over 2 years of age	\$ 40.00	
	<b>Transfer Fees</b>		
	Transfer (within 1 month after date of sale)	\$ 15.00	
	Transfer (between 1 and 3 months after date of sale)	\$ 18.00	
	Transfer (over 3 months after date of sale)	\$ 25.00	
	<b>Other Fees</b>		
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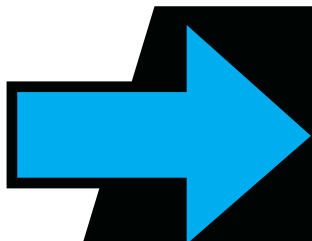
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# Application for Entry Instructions

American Red Poll Association performance registry system combines breeder and owner information with cattle pedigree and performance data. To enter cattle in the system, use the simple Birth Worksheet and Registration Application. American Red Poll Association will then produce a Herd Summary Report which summarizes the data submitted and also provides a means of reporting additional data. At your request American Red Poll Association will generate Registration Certificates.

When completing the form, give careful attention to the items described below. Where information is the same for each animal just fill in the information for the first animal and draw a line down the page to indicate the information is the same for all animals or enter (S) for same.

1. ET – If calf is a result of Embryo Transfer, enter “Yes.” If the calf is not a result of Embryo Transfer, leave blank or enter “No.”
2. Dam’s Registration Number -For animal already registered with ARPA, list the registration number and the Dam’s tattoo.
3. Com Dam Tag – used to identify commercial recipients if the calf is a result of ET.
4. Disposal – Enter the disposal code for the Dam if she is removed from the herd after calving.
5. Sire’s Registration Number -For animal already registered with ARPA, list registration number.
6. AI – if the calf is the result of an AI breeding, enter “Yes.” If it is the result of a natural breeding, leave blank or enter “No.”
7. AI Date or Start of Natural Service – enter the date that the dam was serviced for AI or the beginning date of the breeding season if the dam was pasture exposed.
8. RE Tattoo and LE Tattoo – enter the tattoos for the calf you are registering.
9. Com Calf Tag – Ear tag number used to help identify the calf.
10. Date of Birth -Enter the number of the month, day and year born. MO/DA/YR (00/00/00).
11. Sex – B for Bull, S for Steer, H for Heifer.
12. Number Born – 1 for single birth, 2 for twins, 3 for triplets.
13. CE – Calving ease on a 1 to 5 score.
14. Birth Weight - List actual birth weight in pounds, calf should be weighed within 24 hours of birth. If no birth weight is provided assumed weight of 80 pounds for bulls/steer and 75 pounds for heifers will used for calculations.
15. Birth Group – use to identify management groups or contemporary groups that are all managed together. All calves that are managed similarly should have the same numeric group code, 1 for the first group, and 2, 3, 4 etc for subsequent contemporary groups.
16. Color – 1 for red, 0 for all others.
17. HPS – If animal is polled, enter “P” or leave blank. If the animal is Horned, enter “H.” If the animal is Scurred, enter “S.”
18. Fate – If the calf dies or is removed from the herd for some reason, enter the disposal code for the corresponding reason for removal from the herd.
19. Name of calf – Enter the registered name that you would like to use for the animal. The name is limited to the first 30 characters.
20. Signature – Please sign the form, affirming that the information contained in the application is correct.



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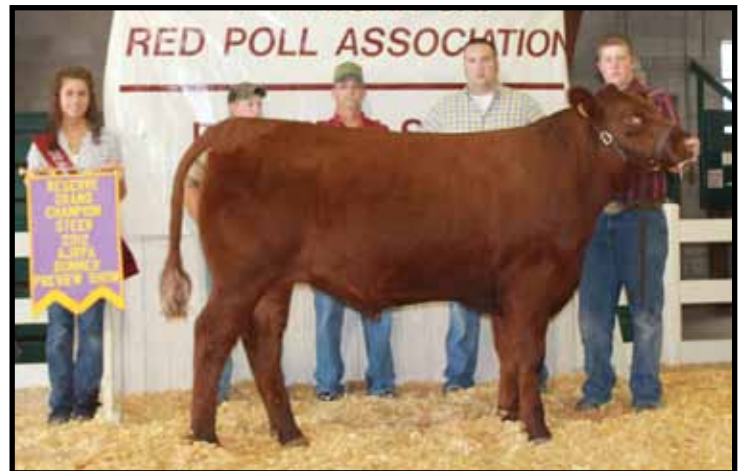
Grand Champion Heifer (Division III Champion)  
Shuter's Melissa - Garrett Lowes



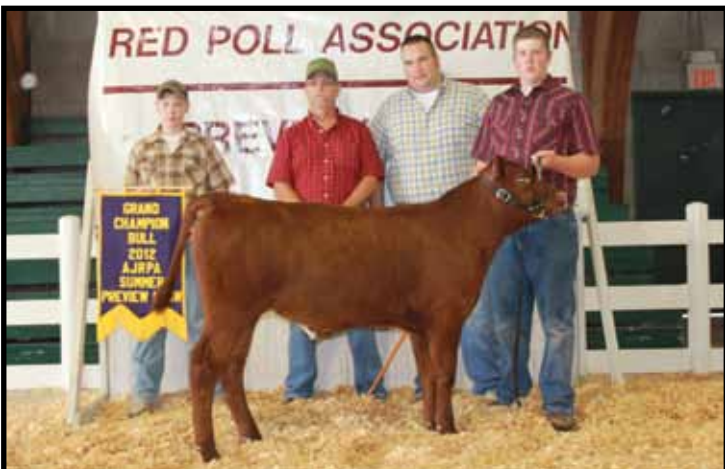
Reserve Champion Heifer (Division III Res Champion)  
Shuter's Sassy - Dane Miller



Grand Champion Steer  
J.F. Dozer - Kendra Nunan



Reserve Champion Steer  
Shuter's 131 - Colton Miller



Grand Champion Bull  
RMF Red Bull - Colton Miller



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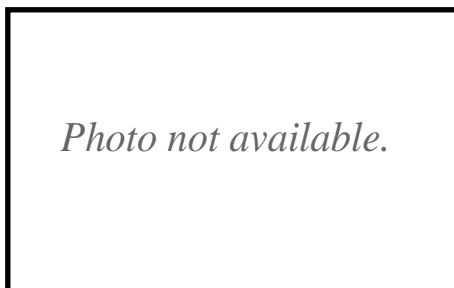


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Division I Champion  
G.S. Beauty - Megan Spegal



Division I Reserve Champion  
G.S. Trinity - Cameron Spegal



Division II Champion  
JF Red Velvet - Khrista Edgell



Division II Reserve Champion  
Doll's "C" Bella - Sophia Chaplin



Division IV Champion  
JF Lacey - Skyler Jackson



Division IV Reserve Champion  
JF Margie - Megan Jackson

## EXHIBITORS

Bailey Aldridge, Fountaintown, IN  
Cameron Spegal, Fairland, IN  
Colton Miller, Bowling Green, IN  
Dane Miller, Bowling Green, IN  
Garrett Lowes, Anderson, IN  
Kendra Nunan, Madison, IN  
Khrista Edgell, Ligonier, IN  
L.J. Roederer, Columbus, IN  
Lauren Hughes, Anderson, IN  
Lyndsey Jackson, Uniondale, IN  
Megan Jackson, Uniondale, IN  
Megan Spegal, Fairland, IN  
Skyler Jackson, Uniondale, IN  
Sophia Chaplin, Anderson, IN  
Tyocia Ziegler, Hope, IN



## Preview Show Showmanship Winners

### Senior Showmanship

Winner: Kendra Nunan  
Reserve: Megan Jackson

### Beginner Showmanship

Winner: Lauren Hughes  
Reserve: Sophia Chaplin

### Junior Showmanship

Winner: Garrett Lowes  
Reserve: Dane Miller

### Pee Wee Showmanship

Jacob Shuter  
Carly Shuter  
Chandler Lowes



## State Fair Results



### Indiana State Fair Open Show

Champion Calf Female – Jackson Farms  
Reserve Champion Calf Female – Megan Spegal  
Champion Junior Female – Garrett Lowes  
Reserve Champion Junior Female – Dane Miller  
Champion Senior Female – Skyler Jackson  
Reserve Champion Senior Female – Megan Jackson  
Grand Champion Female – Garrett Lowes  
Reserve Grand Champion Female – Dane Miller  
Champion Calf Bull – Colton Miller  
Champion Junior Bull – Jackson Farms  
Champion Senior Bull – Jackson Farms  
Grand Champion Bull – Jackson Farms  
Reserve Grand Champion Bull – Jackson Farms  
Bull and Female, Bred & Owned – Jackson Farms  
Reserve Grand Champion Bull – Jackson Farms  
Pair of Bulls – Jackson Farms  
Pair of Females – Jackson Farms  
Get-of-Sire – Megan Spegal  
Premier Breeder – Jackson Farms  
Premier Exhibitor – Jackson Farms

### Indiana State Fair 4-H Show

Champion Heifer – Garrett Lowes  
Reserve Champion Heifer – Dane Miller  
Champion Market Steer – Alex Nunan  
Reserve Champion Market Steer – Alisha Ford  
Junior Showmanship Champion – Khrista Edgell  
Junior Showmanship Res Champion – Cameron Spegal  
Intermediate Showmanship Champion – Dane Miller  
Senior Showmanship Champion – Colton Miller  
Senior Showmanship Res Champion – Megan Spegal



### Kentucky State Fair Open Show

Div I Champion Female – Jackson Farms  
Div I Reserve Champion Female – Jerry Hogue  
Div II Champion Female – Jessica McCall  
Div II Reserve Champion Female – Jackson Farms  
Div III Champion Female – Adam Miller  
Div III Reserve Champion Female – Spegal Family  
Div IV Champion Female – Skyler Jackson  
Div IV Res Champion Female – Matthew Young  
Grand Champion Female – Jessica McCall  
Reserve Champion Female – Skyler Jackson  
Champion Cow /Calf – Matthew Young  
Reserve Champion Cow /Calf – Jeffrey McCall  
Div I Champion Bull – Jeffrey McCall  
Div II Champion Bull – Matthew Young  
Div III Champion Bull – Jackson Farms  
Div III Reserve Champion Bull – Jessica McCall  
Grand Champion Bull – Jackson Farms  
Reserve Champion Bull – Jeffrey McCall  
Pair of Females – Jackson Farms  
Best Two Head – Jackson Farms  
Get-of-Sire – Jeffrey McCall







## In Memoriam: George Norris

George Norris Jr., 71, passed away Sunday, July 15, 2012 at Brenham Nursing and Rehab Center in Brenham, Texas. Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of William Penn, with Pastor Jeffrey King officiating. Burial will take place in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Oaks Chapel.

Born in Alvin, Texas on Feb. 14, 1941 to George C. Norris Sr. and Marion Ruth Tanner Norris, he was baptized as a child into the Christian faith. As an adult, he was later confirmed into the Lutheran faith

at St. John's Lutheran Church of Cypress by Rev. Ronald Damero.

George was married to Lathel (Lee) Emshoff on Nov. 30, 1969 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church by Rev. Paul Hartfield. He worked in the structural steel business during his early career, and was employed at Longwood Elastomers, Inc. for the past 26 years.

George loved raising and showing registered Red Poll cattle, exhibiting Red Polls for 52 years. This enabled him to be honored by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for his many years of participation. The American Red Poll Association also honored George for 50 years in the Red Poll business. He was the current president of the Texas Red Poll Association, where he was a board member and held many offices over the years. A love of working with area youth prompted him to annually donate a Red Poll heifer to an area 4-H member, based on essays written and submitted to George by youths from the area.

Survivors include his wife, Lathel Emshoff Norris of Somerville; daughter and son-in-law, Kristy and Scott Fessenden of Leesburg, Fla.; grandsons Fox and Phoenix Fessenden, of Leesburg, Fla.; sister, Diane Miller of Lumberton; brother and sister-in-law Les and Marguerite Smith of Houston; mother-in-law, Johanna Emshoff and brother-in-law Daniel Emshoff, both of Brenham; brother-in-law Dr. William Murphy of Gainesville, Fla.; niece, Suzanne Odorn and husband James, of Kuntz; nephews Dr. Kevin King of Frisco, Matt and Karen King of Olive Branch, Miss., as well as numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, George Sr. and Marion Ruth Tanner Smith his sister, Barbara Murphy, father-in-law Herbert Emshoff, and a brother-in-law, Gordon Emshoff.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Memorials may be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church of William Penn, or to the American Cancer Society. To post a tribute to the family, visit [www.memorialoakschapel.com](http://www.memorialoakschapel.com).

## George Norris Memorial

Written by Mary Brown

*I have known Mr. George all of my life. When I was six-months-old mom started taking me to cattle shows. As soon as I could walk, I was going up and down the aisles at the shows. I would visit all the display booths. Mr. George and Ms. Lee would stop and talk with me.*

*As the years went by, Mr. George stopped showing. In March Mr. George and Ms. Lee came to watch me show. I did not know how much pain he was in until mom told me later. The fact that he came to see me was the greatest prize of all.*

*In May we had the Red Poll meeting. If I had known that two months later we would be saying goodbye to him, I would have hugged him and not let go. I know we all miss him greatly. I also know he will be waiting for us in Heaven with a big hug for us.*

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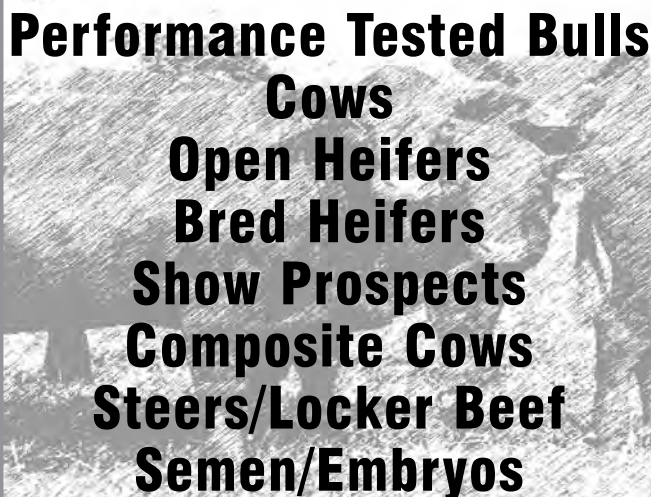
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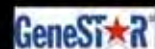
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1122	PROMISE	78	439	96	46 - 96 - 99	CULL
1123	PROMISE	70	465	102	86 - 86 - 89	CULL
1124	PROMISE	73	554	107	34 - 74 - 88	REPLACEMENT
1125	ZORBA	83	543	105	19 - 89 - 69	CULL

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DNA

Performance

Type

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