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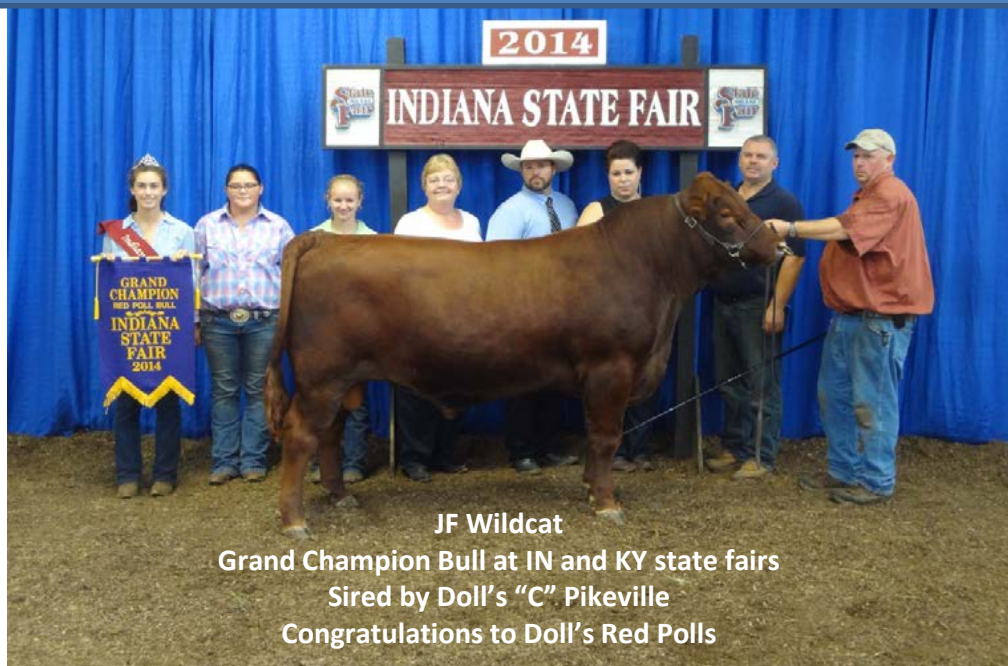
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From the President

It's about that time of the year. I want to encourage everyone to come and participate in the National Meeting and the National Sale. Participate in the election of your Board of Directors. They are the ones who determine the direction of the Association. We need you to come and participate and share your ideas.

Last year's sale was one of the best in many years and we are expecting an even better event this year. Cattle prices around the country are higher than last year and there continues to be a lot of demand for Red Poll cattle. Come participate in the sale and help set a benchmark to compare against out in the country when you make private sales.

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October 1

NAILE Entries Due. More information can be found on the NAILE website at www.livestockexpo.org.

October 17-19

ARPA National Meeting and National Sale

Sedalia, Missouri

More information can be found on page 16.

Schedule

Thursday, October 16:

*Cattle can arrive **after 2PM** but must stay at the trailer*

Friday, October 17:

8:00 a.m. Cattle may enter facility

7:00 p.m. Social at Best Western Hotel

Saturday, October 18:

T.B.D. Board of Directors meeting (mid-morning)

1:00 p.m. National Board Meeting at the hotel

7:00 p.m. National Banquet at Best Western Hotel

Sunday, October 19:

11:00 a.m. National Sale, Missouri State Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER

November 14-21

ARPA National Red Poll Show

North American International Livestock Expo,
Louisville, Kentucky

Schedule

Saturday, November 15: 8:00 a.m. NAILE Junior Show begins

Red Polls will be last in show order

Thursday, November 20: 3:30 p.m. National Red Poll Show

2015

JANUARY

January 15

Ad deadline for Winter Issue of Red Poll Beef Journal

FEBRUARY

February 27-
March 1, 2015

Kentucky Beef Expo Red Poll Show and Sale

Kentucky Fair and Expo Center
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Conversion Efficiency Through Weaning of Nine Breeds of Cattle

By: Thomas G. Jenkins and Calvin L. Ferrell

INTRODUCTION:

Beef cattle production entails the conversion of plant resources not normally considered as part of the food chain for humans into a food resource that partially fulfills human dietary needs. Traditionally, the beef industry has been segregated into production components, each having its own marketing endpoint. The cow/calf component of the industry produces progeny for introduction into the food chain conversion process. Energy and protein requirements of the commercial cowherd should be fulfilled as much as possible through direct harvest of forages by the animals. Within the U.S. a wide range of forage, production environments exist.

Commercial producers have the flexibility to identify breeds or breed crosses to be used as producing females and to identify sire breed or breed crosses to mate with these cows. Previous research at MARC has demonstrated variation among and within breeds for traits affecting weight of calf produced at weaning. Cows representative of breeds with greater genetic potential for growth and lactation yield have been shown to produce calves that are heavier at weaning. Additional research at MARC has documented a positive relationship between genetic potential for production and energy requirement to maintain body weight of the cow. Differences in energy required to sustain the producing female suggest that breeds or breed crosses can be identified that are more effective in the conversion of forage resources into a marketable product. Earlier work conducted at MARC indicated that breed crosses more moderate in growth potential and lactation yield, were more effective in preweaning weight production of calves. The objective of the study was to determine if differences exist among breeds of beef cattle in the efficiency of converting food energy to weight of calf at weaning.

Table 1 - Composition of diets (percent of dry matter)

Ground alfalfa	77.5
Corn	17.5
Corn silage	5.0
Metabolizable energy	1.03 Mcal/lb
Crude Protein	16%

PROCEDURES:

In 1986, 16 pregnant multifarious cows from Angus, Braunvieh, Charolais, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Red Poll, Pinzgauer, and Simmental cows that were 5 yr or older were assigned to the study. Four cows within each breed were assigned to one of four energy availability levels: 130, 170, 210 or 250 Kcal of metabolizable energy (ME) per metabolic body size (wt) during nonlactating periods or during lactation fed at the rate of 170, 210, 240, or 290 Kcal ME/wt .75. Individual animals remained at the assigned levels throughout the test period. Daily feed allotments of individual cows (Table 1) were based on the weight of the cow (measured approximately at the seventh month of gestation) at the time of the cow's assignment to the study. Cows were individually fed and received their daily allotment in a single feeding. Feed refused by the cows over a seven-day period was measured and recorded. Feed consumed by the cow was determined as the difference between the feed provided for a seven-day period minus the feed refusal. In mid-March each year, all pregnant cows were transported to drylots for calving. Male calves were castrated at birth. Birth weights were recorded for all calves. Cow/calf pairs were returned to the test facility approximately 10-14 days after calving. Upon return to the test facility, lactating cows' feed allotments were increased.

Cows were exposed to sires identified within their respective breeds for a 90-day period beginning in mid-June of each year. During the breeding season, cows and calves were separated at approximately 4:00 p.m. daily, the cows were penned by breed, and cows remained in these pens until approximately 7:00 a.m. The 1987 calf crop was weaned in a single group at approximately 200 days. Within the two remaining production years, calves were weaned in two groups with average weaning age and range in age similar to 1987. Following weaning of the calves, daily feed allotments of individual cows were reduced to nonlactation levels.

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NAILE - Louisville, KY

Watch the website for more details.

Weekly feed consumptions for individual cows were summed for the three-year test period. Individual calf records were used to adjust the weaning weights of calves to 200 days weaning age. Records of individual cows were summed. Biological efficiency is defined as the ratio of weight of calf weaned relative to the feed consumed by cows weaning calves. The efficiency ratio is an index of the effectiveness of converting feed resource to a marketable product. As used in the present evaluation, it is a measure of that amount of feed energy that was consumed that is available for use by the cow to produce a product. For cows weaning calves total feed consumption, sum of calf weights weaned, and the ratio of biological efficiency were analyzed to evaluate the effects of breed, level of energy availability and the breed by level of energy availability upon these traits.

RESULTS:

For the traits of interest, the interaction of breed by energy availability was not found to be a significant source of variation. This indicates that the rank among the breeds for these traits would be expected to be the same across all four energy availability levels. Both breed and level of energy availability affected total feed consumption, average weaning weight, total weaning weight for the three-year period, and biological efficiency ratio.

Estimates for the traits of interest by level of energy availability are reported in Table 2. Productivity and total weight weaned for the 3 yr period increased as level of energy available to the cow increased. Over the test period, cows receiving the highest feed level produced 30% more weight at weaning than did cows fed at the lowest intake level but only 8% more than at the other two levels. Input, feed consumed during the 3 yr period, was 78% greater for cows receiving the highest feed level, and 65% and 39% for the intermediate groups relative to the feed consumed by the cows assigned to the low feed level. Although the cows receiving the lowest quantity of feed produced the lowest product yield for the test period, this group of cattle was 27% more effective in converting feed energy consumed to calf weight than the two highest feed available levels and were 7% more efficient than the 170 kcal/wt group.

Table 2 - Effect of level of energy availability upon measures of output and input over three years

	Energy Availability (Kcal/wt ⁷⁵)			
	130	170	210	250
Total feed consumed, (Mcal)	14,391	19,701	23,776	25,739
Three year total weaning wt, lb	873	1,126	1,193	1,237
Efficiency, (lb/Mcal)	.061	.057	.048	.048

Table 3 - Effect of breed upon measures of output and input over three years

	Total feed Consumed (Mcal)	Three year total weaning wt (lb)	Efficiency (lb/Mcal)
Angus	22,435	1,078	.049
Braunvieh	22,624	1,243	.057
Charolais	17,117	926	.055
Gelbvieh	22,036	1,170	.055
Hereford	20,890	985	.048
Limousin	21,786	1,199	.056
Red Poll	20,119	1,130	.058
Pinzgauer	20,186	1,102	.056
Simmental	20,975	1,047	.050

Breeds of cattle previously characterized as having higher genetic potential for growth tended to be of higher rank for this output component. Comparison of weaning weight yield for the 3 yr period among the breeds indicates some re-ranking among the breeds for output (Table 3). Braunvieh had the greatest yield and Hereford the lowest. Input information for the purpose of this report represents feed consumed by cows weaning calves. Charolais as a breed group consumed the least amount of feed and Braunvieh and Angus consumed the most. Among straightbred cows producing calves of the same breed, two separate groups could be identified: Red Poll, Braunvieh, Limousin, Pinzgauer, Charolais, and Gelbvieh were the most effective in converting feed energy resources to a marketable product (Table 3). Hereford, Angus and Simmental breeds were less effective in converting the energy resource to weaning weights. Among all breeds, approximately 16% difference was observed between the most and least efficient breeds.

These results indicate that differences in the effectiveness of the conversion of food energy resources to marketable product may be affected by level of food energy availability and choice of breeds. From a feed energy standpoint, the pro-

ducer needs to be aware of the productivity potential of the forage resources available and the desired level of productivity sought for the cow herd. Harvested energy resources tend in general to have higher cost associated with them. Efforts of the cow/calf producer to improve or maximize total weight weaned through use of supplemental feeding programs or through intentional understocking may result in less than optimum production.

When compared on the basis of pounds of calf weaned per unit of food energy consumed by the producing cow, differences exist among the nine beef breeds evaluated in this study. These breeds have been previously characterized with regard to growth potential and ability for milk production. Using productivity information in conjunction with measures of average production efficiencies for breeds should enable a producer to identify a mating system and the breeds of cattle compatible with the mating system for a defined production environment.

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HOLY COWS?

Not Exactly, But These Farms Raise Meat With Respect

By Ann Hosteller



Photos by John Rowe II

Back in my teen years, when I considered becoming a vegetarian, I lamented the impact of humans on plant and animal life. My wise mother shared Kahlil Gibran's poem, *The Prophet*, with me:

"Would that you could live on the fragrance of the earth, and like an air plant be sustained by the light. But since you must kill to eat, and rob the newly born of its mother's milk to quench your thirst, let it then be an act of worship."

—Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

Farmers who raise pastured meat on small-scale farms might not call their vocation an act of worship, but they have chosen to live close to the life cycle of animals from birth to table. They know that the quality of meat is directly related to the quality of life of the animal and how it is raised.

BLUE HERON FARM

Millersburg, Indiana

Pastured meat, according to Adam Derstine of Blue Heron Farm, is "meat from animals that have spent their lives with access to fresh ground on a regular basis and depend on that ground for nutrition and bedding. It's more than not confining the animals; it's about using pasture to keep them healthy and tasty."

Adam and his wife, Elise, were living in Washington, DC, when they discovered Michael Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma* and fell in love with the idea of farming and raising their own meat. Eventually they moved back to Goshen, Indiana, city of their alma mater, and teamed up with Tom Stinson and Cassandra Byler to form Blue Heron Farm.

Tom and Cassandra, who began farming produce in 2001, now raise sheep, beef and chickens on their home farm in Millersburg. Adam and Elise raise pigs on 13 acres of fallow fields overgrown with oak, apple and cherry trees. Last year Blue Heron decided to experiment with feeding their hogs whey, a by-product of cheese making that is highly nutritious but would otherwise go to waste. The results: delicious.

Last summer I visited the Millersburg farm with my granddaughter. While she clung to me, afraid of the dog and the chickens, Tom and Cassandra's 7-year-old daughter showed us around the farm with the confidence of a child raised outdoors and around animals. This fall both Blue Heron families welcomed new babies, who will likely have the same opportunity.

THE GRASS IS GREENER MEATS AND PRODUCE

Bremen, Indiana

John and Toni Rowe raise pastured meat raised on their 20-acre farm in Bremen, Indiana. Three years ago they embarked on this venture both to offer their family the experience of farm life—John's farming heritage reaches back four generations—and to raise healthier meat for their food. Friends began asking the Rowes to raise animals for them, too. Their Amish neighbors have also taken an interest, recognizing methods that their grandfathers once used.

The Rowes have a passion for heritage breeds, and use the Slow Food movement's Ark of Taste in determining the breeds they raise: Red Wattle hogs, Red Poll cattle, St. Croix and Tunis sheep, Red Bourbon turkeys and Freedom Ranger chickens.

Their business has grown rapidly, according to Toni: They started in March 2011 with about 400 meat chickens, about 40 turkeys, eight pigs, three cows and two calves. In just three seasons, their direct sale of meat grew to nearly 1,000 poultry, two dozen hogs, eight beef and a half dozen lambs for local families' tables.

On the side, Toni has started the "Dirty Hog" soap business, using Red Wattle lard as a base, in an effort to use as much of each animal as possible to create another marketable product.



Clearly, the respect for life is at the heart of the Rows' farming enterprise. In response to my question about the family's relationship to the animals they raise, Toni told me: "At our table, we like to share and re-tell stories we have about the animal we are using for food. It is part of the respect we show toward the animals we raise. It also helps to reinforce to our children that the ultimate goal of our livestock is nutrition provisions for our family."

HEBRON FARMS

Vandalia, Michigan

Brothers Chris and Richard Hebron, with the help of Richard's daughter, were loading a truck for deliveries in Chicago, South Bend, Detroit and Ann Arbor when I drove up the icy road to their farm, with its striking red saltbox house and mustard-yellow shed, which houses their freezers. Richard; his wife, Annette; and their two children live on the farm. Chris and his wife, Michelle, along with their four children, live in South Bend but plan to move to the farm this spring.

The Hebron family began farming in Southern Michigan almost 170 years ago, but Tony Hebron, father of Chris and Richard, purchased the current Hebron farm in 1976. Together they have been raising grass-fed heritage Highland cattle for over 30 years, but began direct marketing the meat about 15 years ago. In addition to Highland Beef Cattle, the Hebrons raise hogs, turkeys, sheep and chickens.

Like the other farmers in this article, they use the Joel Salatin method of moveable pens for pasturing their 5,000 chickens and offer their larger animals a non-GMO grain supplement in the winter. Animals live on the farm year-round and are outdoors almost all of the time.

The Hebrons raise vegetables in the spring and summer, and produce makes up half of their summer CSA business. Their direct marketing includes deliveries to Chicago, South Bend, Ann Arbor and Detroit, and they are a weekly presence at the Purple Porch Coop in South Bend.

A COMMITMENT TO RAISING BETTER MEAT

Raising pastured meat on a family-sized farm takes whole-hearted commitment and daily chores. The animals must be fed and watered every day, their births attended, their health monitored. The meat must be butchered, inspected and marketed. And the enterprise needs to be profitable enough to cover the substantial expenses and leave something more for the farmers to live off of than a freezer full of meat.

Moreover, it takes conviction, passion, creativity, intelligence and a desire to engage in life-long learning.

Blue Heron Farm, Grass is Greener Farm and Hebron Farms are three examples of how the whole community benefits when local farm families are willing to make that effort.

Ann Hostetler lives in Goshen, Indiana where she teaches English and creative writing at Goshen College. She's the author of *Empty Room with Light*, a book of poems, and editor of an anthology, *A Cappella: Mennonite Voices in Poetry*.

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My First Experience Raising Beef

By Hannah Rowe

The hardest part about raising animals is taking them to market. This means loading them on the trailer for the trip to the meat processor. The first beef we took to the processor was practically my baby; his name was Rock-On. Rock-On

was 7 months old when we bought him and his mother. When I walked out in the pasture, Rock-On would come up to me and rub his head against my side to say, "Scratch me".

When it was finally time to take him to the butcher, he would not get on the trailer for my parents. After an hour, I went out to the pasture to see what was taking so long. My parents said they couldn't get him on the trailer and so I looked at him and said, "Rock-On, get on the trailer". That's just what he did! We were all surprised!

When we arrived at the butcher, I cried for a minute and then remembered that we didn't raise him to keep as a pet. A few weeks later, we picked up the packages of beef and cooked some hamburgers and New York strip steaks immediately. At first, I refused to take one bite. Finally, I tried the hamburger to give my opinion whether this grass-fed Red Poll beef tasted good enough to sell to our customers. It was! I didn't feel guilty about eating Rock-On because I kept in perspective that he was raised for meat.

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With more people living in cities than on farms, people are detached from their source of food. They have no connection to the animal that is raised for meat on their dinner table. They have forgotten that an animal's life is sacrificed to provide food. With this in mind, it's easier to understand and care for the animal throughout its life. It reminds me everyday that we have to give the animals the best life possible.

Hannah is a 13-year old home school student who has been raising livestock with her parents for 3 years. She is a member of the German Township 4-H Club in Marshall County, Indiana. In her free time, Hannah plays first base and pitcher on her travel softball team, the Michiana Lady Scrappers.

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CHR Information

These progressive breeders are participants in the Complete Herd Reporting (CHR) program of the American Red Poll Association. These breeders are the backbone of the performance programs and EPD calculations that you see on your registration certificates. If you are interested in all in looking at EPD's, make sure you take a moment to thank these breeders for their pioneering work in collecting performance data on their animals. Requirements for the CHR program include collecting and submitting birth weights and weaning weights on all the animals born in the herd. One of the focuses of many of these breeders is the maintenance of significant contemporary groups. It is important to maintain accurate groups so that comparisons can be made across different genetics that all have the same opportunity to perform. The comparisons can only be made if the weights from all of the animals are collected and submitted. Collecting just the top half of the herd and submitting only that data does not give us a true picture, it takes comparisons across the entire herd, from top to bottom. These producers are committed to collecting and submitting that data and helping to improve the accuracies of all of our EPD's. Keep up the good work guys!

Australian Carcass Results

Red Polls again had outstanding carcass success at the Southern Grass-fed Carcass Competition. This competition is sponsored by Teys Australia and was held at Naracoorte S.A. in November 2013.

A Red Poll carcass from R M Wilson and Son's Oakwood stud Brentwood was judged Reserve Champion carcass. This entry was First in class 4 (261-340 Kgs) from 81 entries of all breeds and crosses. Another entry was fifth in this class.

In class 3 (180-260 Kgs) two more carcasses from Wilson's were placed 2nd and 5th from 49 entries. In a remarkable effort, three of the top seven carcasses from a total of 240 entries were Red Polls.

The two largest LEA carcasses in the whole competition at 102 and 99 square cms were Red Polls.

Many of the carcasses entered were well over 350Kg with the highest being 404 Kg. The Red Poll steers dressed at 263 and 268 Kg and "gave away" some 100Kg and yet still produced this great achievement.

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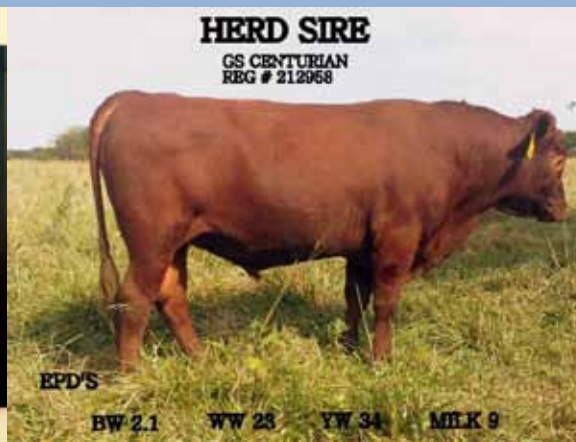
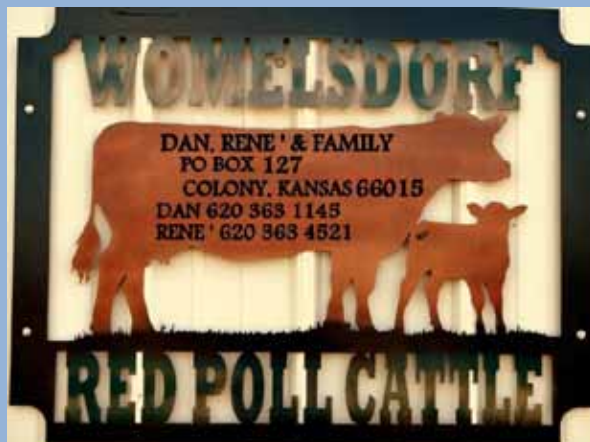
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Upcoming Sire: Kansas Powerhouse is just that, a Power House of pedigree’s going back to the great Wiese and Scott programs from Kansas, also making him an ideal range bull. This young bull is **EXCITING**, being double breed to GS Special Edition, with Lazy “S” Powerhouse (GS Special Edition - WMB Archie MB563) on his sire’s side along with (Parkstyle Alex-GS Special Edition and Shuter’s Flame – MARC MR 26026) on his dam’s side. **WOW what a find!** We have high expectations for this **Balanced EPD Bull!** Watch for him in 2015 he could be a great one!

Females: We have obtained some future greats from DZ Seaton, Jackie Stieber, Don Kelly, Kelly Green, GS Shaffer, and Wiese Farms.

Thanks to you all including James Campbell, NWOC, Po-Boy Farms, Dan Mooneyham and John Droz.



We are interested in **purchasing** your aged cows before you ship them to the *sale barn*--- **Give us a call first.** We would like to purchase 15-20 older cows in the near future to aid in finishing our Red Poll female base. Dan and Rene’ Womelsdorf, Box 127 Colony Kansas 66015 Phone: Dan 620-363-1145 or Rene’ 620-363-4521 **Look for Kansas, WD or RD in future pedigrees!!!**

70th National Red Poll Sale

Sedalia, MO

The 70th National Red Poll Sale in Sedalia, MO will offer some of the top Red Poll genetics in the country. In the "Show Me" state, we are going to prove that our breed is excelling. The national sale will be held at the historic Missouri State Fairgrounds beginning Sunday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. (CST). As we enter historic times in the US Beef industry with record high prices and increased profits, now is a good time to expand your herd as good markets are predicted for the next few years.

The Best Western Hotel (<http://bestwesternmissouri.com/hotels/best-western-state-fair-inn>) will be the official location for most of the events that weekend. It is a busy weekend in Sedalia. Check with the Best Western first at 660-826-6100. Other hotel options: Econo Lodge (660-826-1230), Holiday Inn Express (660-826-4000), Comfort Inn (660-829-5050) and American Inn (660-826-2488).

The national meeting will be Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the Best Western hotel. This is an opportunity to meet the board members. The Board has pledged to advance the future of the Red Poll breed. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Mr. Mike Kasten from the University of Missouri Animal Science Department will speak at the conclusion of the national meeting. Mr. Kasten's presentation will be "Producing Quality Beef" and the importance of good record keeping. He will share how information should be tracked and recorded.

This year's annual Red Poll "family" get together will take place Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western. Please join us for good food and fellowship. Don't forget to bring an item for the ARPA Endowment Fund Auction.

The breeders who are participating in the sale have selected some of their finest stock from well-established herds. The facility has stalls and penning available to handle both haltered and un-haltered animals to encourage breeders to consign animals of all ages. The committee is proud to return to this excellent facility and let us "SHOW YOU" our Midwestern hospitality. Check the ARPA website - www.americanredpolls.com - for current information and updates.

2014 National Red Poll Show

November 14-21, 2014

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The Open Show cattle will need to be in place from November 18th through the 21st.

Entry fees are \$80 per head and are due by October 1st. \$30 should be sent directly to the North American and the other \$50 should be sent to ARPA to help cover ARPA's portion of the premiums.

The National Red Poll Junior Show will also be held on Saturday, November 15th at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Junior Show entries are also due October 1st. Junior Show cattle will need to be in place from November 14th through the end of the show.

Please take the time to support both our National Shows by exhibiting animals. We have been notified by NAILE Management that we are again on probation this year and need to exhibit 50 head to maintain our good status. This is a great opportunity to get our animals out and allow many cattlemen from across the country to see our cattle. We must continue to take advantage of it.

National Sale & National Meeting



Schedule

Thursday, October 16:
Cattle can arrive *after 2PM* but must stay at the trailer

Friday, October 17:
8:00 a.m. Cattle may enter facility
7:00 p.m. Social at Best Western Hotel

Saturday, October 18:
T.B.D. Board of Directors meeting (mid-morning)
1:00 p.m. National Board Meeting at the hotel
7:00 p.m. National Banquet at Best Western Hotel

Sunday, October 19:
11:00 a.m. National Sale, Missouri State Fairgrounds

Western States "M.A.R.C." Nebraska for Their 2014 Meeting



Some of the MARC III Composite cows and calves grazing at the research center.

The Western States Red Poll members descended on Hastings and Clay Center, NE for their 2014 annual field and round-up. Thirty members met for fellowship and a visit to the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (MARC) in Clay Center, NE. Three future Junior Red Poll members were also in attendance: Kara Mammele, Loren Mammele, and Bruce Lueken.

MARC is familiar to Red Poll breeders as a result of its breed comparison studies in the 1970s – 90s where they demonstrated the outstanding maternal and carcass characteristics of Red Poll cattle. The MARC research facility covers 34,000 acres of which 24,000 acres are grassland, 2,600 acres are in corn, 260 acres are in soybeans, and 1,600 acres are in alfalfa. Nineteen hundred acres of the cropland are irrigated. The corn, soybeans, and alfalfa are used in the rations for finishing steers. The research center runs 6,700 head of cows, 2,400 ewes, and farrows 1,000 liters of pigs per year. Much of the research land was used for ammunition production and storage during WW II, and many of the ammunition bunkers still remain standing. The center employs 48 scientists, 29 technicians, 21 center operations and support people, and 100+ people from the University of Nebraska.

Dr. E. John Pollak, Center Director, welcomed the group and gave a presentation on the research missions of the Center. This was followed by a two hour tour of MARC ably guided by Center employees. The Center's research revolves around all areas of meat production. Some general areas include beef production, animal health, meat quality, and food safety. In addition to whole animal studies, scientists employ genetics and genomics to address challenges in these areas. One of the interesting parts of the tour was observing the herd of MARC III Composite cows that have been maintained and studied at the Center for over 30 years. These animals possess ~25% Red Poll genes in their genetic makeup. Progeny from this herd and from three other herds at the center are fed out on site to collect data on feed efficiency, carcass quality, and food safety.

At the breakfast meeting the next morning, the group furthered plans for the national meeting and sale in October. The group next discussed the advantages of visiting locations where beef production is researched. Since such places are located throughout the western states, and possible meeting sites were proposed for next year. Preliminary results were presented on Salmonella resistance gene testing in Red Poll cattle, and were met with positive interest.

Having renewed old friendships and cultivated new ones, the Western States Red Poll members went their various ways looking forward to when we assemble next year.

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Western States members listening to Dr. Pollak's overview of the Meat Animal Research Center operations.



Cattle in front of one of the old WW II ammunition bunkers.



A MARC III Composite bull and some of his offspring.



A MARC tour guide answering questions in the feed efficiency research facility.



The group enjoying dinner at Miss Kitty's Roadhouse.

Texas Red Poll Association Newsletter May 2014

More than 30 Red Poll breeders and guests attended the field day, picnic and annual meeting at the George and Sally Shaffer farm near Pittsburg, TX on May 3, 2014. We enjoyed a dinner of Red Poll beef and all the trimmings.

Following dinner George introduced Karl Falster who told us about "Warriors That Farm" program that offers veterans a chance to "Turn Swords into Plowshares" as they Heal by Working the Land. We were amazed and also appalled to learn that 22 veterans commit suicide a day! You can read more about the program at www.WarriorsThatFarm.com. A question and answer period followed. Karl is a new Red Poll owner who has three Red Poll calves on the ground from GS embryos.

George introduced Steve (Bear) Lane from north east of Paris, Texas. Everyone received a flyer about Natural Organics and Soil Amendments: Watson Ranch Organics. Bear stated that the cost of this program is less than using chemical fertilizer, but leads to more production. For more information go to www.WatsonRanchOrganics.com. A question and answer period followed.

Deniece Brown called the Texas Red Poll Meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mary Brown reported on her participation in "Distinguished Youth of America". She thanked the members for the scholarship that allowed her to attend.

Fred Ernest and Jacob Ernest were elected to the board seats vacated by George Norris, Jr. and Andrew Harrington. A discussion was held concerning the association's web page. Fred Ernest had helped with a web page at work and will work on one for us.

After a discussion, the membership voted to set the dues at \$30 per couple, \$20 one member, and \$5 per junior member.

Sally Shaffer, Reporter

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***Salmonella* Resistance in Cattle and Its Impact on Food Safety**

What Role Can the Red Poll Breed Play?

By Steve Carlson, DVM, PhD, PSR Genetics, LLC

PSR Genetics LLC is a biotech company from western Kansas. The company was started with the goal of identifying cattle that resist bacterial infections, especially those of relevance to food safety- *Salmonella* and *E. coli* O157:H7.

Scientists at PSR Genetics identified the *PSR* gene as a marker of *Salmonella* resistance in cattle. Interestingly, the greatest degree of *Salmonella* resistance was observed in non-black cattle bearing two copies of the *PSR* gene.

Specifically, we found that:

1. Non-black *PSR/PSR* cattle are resistant to doses of *Salmonella* that are lethal to other cattle
2. Non-black *PSR/PSR* cattle are resistant to *Salmonella* colonization of their intestinal tract
3. Non-black *PSR/PSR* cattle do not shed *Salmonella* in their feces
4. Non-black *PSR/PSR* cattle are resistant to lymph node infiltration by *Salmonella*
5. Non-black *PSR/PSR* cattle harbor 90% fewer *E. coli* O157:H7 than cattle of other genetic profiles

IMPORTANCE OF NON-BLACK PSR/PSR CATTLE FOR THE BEEF INDUSTRY

The reduction of *E. coli* O157:H7 in cattle is of obvious importance to the industry.

While *E. coli* O157:H7 and other STECs (Shiga Toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*) have been the scourge of the beef industry for almost 20 years, an emerging trend indicates how important *Salmonella* is to the safety of beef. Recent studies from the Meat Animal Research Center (Clay Center, NE) indicate that up to 30% of cattle lymph nodes contain *Salmonella*. These lymph nodes are difficult to excise at slaughter and are located in regions that become part of the “grind”. Thus, the lymph nodes are a reservoir for *Salmonella* microbes that end up in hamburger. This is underscored by the recent hamburger-associated outbreaks of *Salmonella* in the Northeast, Canada, and at Taco Bell.

Because of these issues with *Salmonella* and lymph nodes, it is anticipated that the Food Safety and Inspection Service will soon begin mandatory testing of *Salmonella* in beef and this pathogen will be designated as an adulterant.

Therefore, it will be highly advantageous to own, raise, and sell non-black *PSR/PSR* cattle in order to curb this problem that the beef packers are not currently able to mitigate. This is a value-added genetic profile that is desired by beef packers, especially considering the additional benefit of the diminished presence of *E. coli* O157:H7 (and other STECs) in non-black *PSR/PSR* cattle.

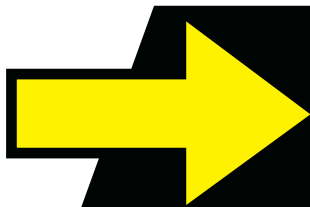
RED POLL CATTLE AND THE PSR/PSR GENETIC PROFILE

The non-black coat color is obviously inherent in Red Poll cattle. Research by PSR Genetics revealed that the *PSR/PSR* genetic profile is very prevalent in the small sample group of Red Poll cattle that were tested to date.

SUMMARY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PSR/PSR RED POLL CATTLE

Given the food safety advantages of *PSR/PSR* genetic profile and the unique attributes of Red Poll cattle, *PSR/PSR* Red Poll cattle have the potential to revolutionize the beef industry. Testing for the *PSR/PSR* genotype is the start of this revolution that will need to be initiated and supported by groups such as ARPA. Visit www.AmericanRedPolls.com to print an order form for genotype analysis.

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Grand Champion Heifer: Shuter's Anna
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Res Grand Champion Heifer: Shuter's Tinkerbell
Jacob and Carly Shuter, Frankton, IN

4-H Show Results



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Grand Champion Heifer
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Reserve Grand Champion Steer
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Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
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State Fair Results

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- Division II Champion:** JF Dandy, Jackson Farms, Greens Fork, IN
- Division III Champion:** DFM Bo, McCall Show Cattle, Shelbyville, KY
- Division III Reserve Champion:** JF Final Drive, Jackson Farms
- Division IV Champion:** JF Wildcat, Dolls Red Poll Cattle, Union, KY



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- Division I Champion:** DFM Qs Princess, McCall Show Cattle, Shelbyville, KY
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- Division II Champion:** MB Laddy's Carol, Colton Miller, Bowling Green, IN
- Division II Reserve Champion:** JF Heather, Kendra Nunan, Madison, IN
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- Division III Reserve Champion:** JF Tessa, Lindsey Jackson, Uniondale, IN
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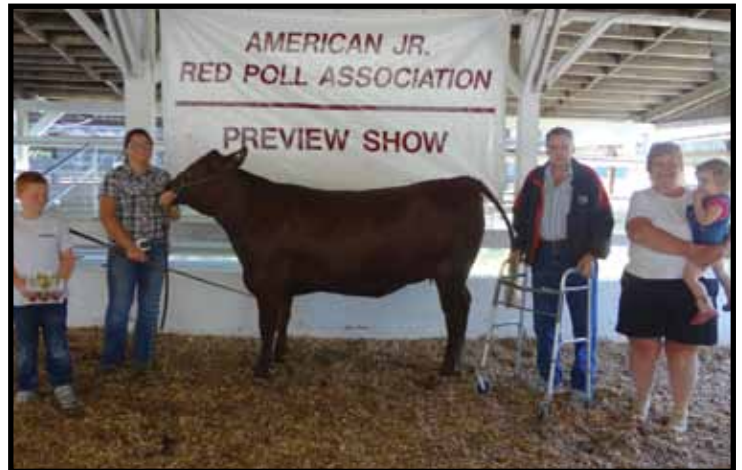
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Grand Champion Bull
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Showmanship Winners

Senior Showmanship

- 1st: Kendra Nunan
- 2nd: Adam Miller
- 3rd: Colton Miller

Junior Showmanship

- 1st: Khrista Edgell
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- 3rd: Cameron Spegal

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Heifer Classes

Division I Champion: Class 4 JF Roxanna, Lindsey Jackson

Class 5 JF Heather, Kendra Nunan

Class 6 MB Laddy's Carol, Colton and Dane Miller

Division II Champion: MB Laddy's Carol, Colton and Dane Miller

Division II Reserve Champion: JF Heather, Kendra Nunan

Class 7 JF Tessa, Lindsey Jackson

Class 8 GLS Duchess, Megan Spegal

Division III Champion: JF Tessa, Lindsey Jackson

Division III Res Champion: MB Sweet Pea, Colton and Dane Miller

Class 9 JF Maddie, Khrista Edgell

Class 10 GLS Little A Meadow, Cameron Spegal

Division IV Champion: JF Maddie, Khrista Edgell

Division Reserve Champion: GLS Little A Meadow, Cameron Spegal

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Herdsmen Award:

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Notes from the Red Poll Queen

For starters I would like to congratulate all of the exhibitors who participated in their local and out of state, State Fairs this summer! Make sure you take the time to say thank you to all of the people who made it possible for you to attend. Without everyone going from state to state showing off the 'red hair' we would not be able to promote and grow. Without growth the breed would never flourish.

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I can't wait to see all you at the National Sale in Sedalia, Missouri and then again at the North American. Juniors don't forget to come prepared with all the raffle tickets you've sold and to wear a black shirt for show day which is on SATURDAY! Through these calves and our faith we will be brought closer together. I challenge you to extend a hand and welcome someone to the breed.



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In Memoriam: Bill Jackson



Billie B. "Bill" Jackson, 66, of Greens Fork, passed away after a courageous fight with Multiple Myeloma on Saturday, July 26, 2014, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Muncie, Indiana on August 29, 1947 to Carl B. and Dorothy Tharp Jackson. He was a 1965 graduate of Monroe Central High School and completed the Purdue University Agriculture Short Course. He married the former Teresa Knight on December 21, 1969.

Bill was a lifelong farmer and had received his National FFA Degree and Indiana Young Farmer of the Year Award. During his career, he worked for Dearing's Case Equipment and later managed the Fountain City Elevator. He had retired from Wayne County Farm Bureau/HarvestLand as the petroleum company manager after 26 years of service. He remained involved on his farm and raising Red Poll cattle until his passing.

Bill had been active with the Nettle Creek Young Farmers and the Harrison Farmers 4-H Club. He served on the Wayne County 4-H Fair Board and had served as 4-H Beef Barn superintendent. He was a member and Vice-President of both the Indiana Red Poll Association and the American Red Poll Association.

Bill will be missed by his wife of 44 years, Teresa; his children, Barbara Soucy and her husband, Chad; and Mac Taylor and his wife, Larissa; grandchildren, Boston Soucy and Terra Soucy; sister, Bonnie Edgell; brothers, Gordon Jackson and his wife, Marie, and Rollin Jackson; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews who enriched his life.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law, Floyd and Nancy Jackson and their son Ben; and a brother-in-law, David Edgell.

Bill's brother-in-law, Eric Knight, and brother, Gordon Jackson, conducted a funeral ceremony at 5:00 pm on Saturday, August 9, at The Farm located at 2131 North Washington Road near Greens Fork. A hog roast and pitch-in dinner memorial celebration followed. In honor of Bill, most of his family and friends dressed farm-appropriate.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Reid Foundation for the Cancer Center, 1100 Reid Parkway, Richmond, IN 47374 or the American Red Poll Junior Association Endowment Fund, PO Box 847, Frankton, IN 46044.

Online condolences may be expressed to Teresa at jackson.bill.teresa@gmail.com.

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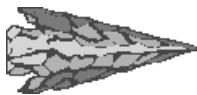
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