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Wiese Farms calve in November and December and will have heifers and bull calves to sell this summer sired by NWOC SS LEGACY and GS BELLRINGER. We wean our late fall calves in June and after pre-conditioning them, we offer them for sale in July. Visit us in May or early June to observe the calves on their dams.

The Hieberts and Wieses look forward to consigning some of their best individuals at the National Red Poll Sale in Sedalia, Missouri, October 19, 2014. Demand for good Red Polls are the best in years and we hope our fellow breeders will consign a large number of their quality animals to the sale to help satisfy some of this demand. We also encourage breeders to consider getting DNA information on their animals through Pfizer Animal Genetics GeneSTAR to use as a tool for genetic improvement in their herd.

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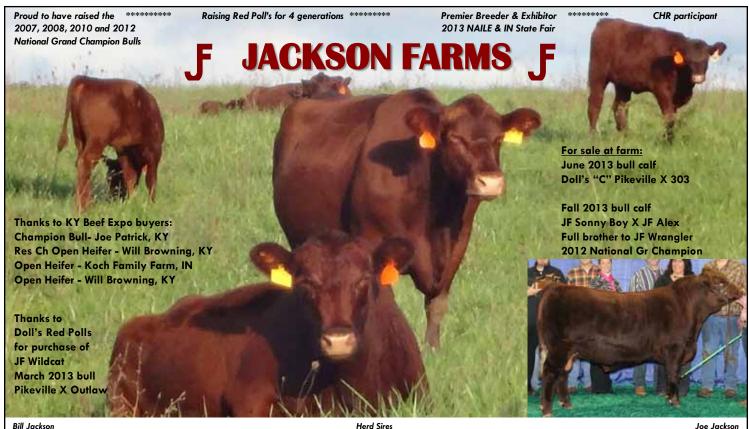
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### From the President

Good News! Your board of directors has hired Dan Schmiesing to handle phone calls and e-mails concerning registered Red Polls for sale. Many inquires are coming in from across the US and from overseas for semen, embryos, and cattle. Hot items are bulls ready for service and cows.

Bad News! Dan is selling from an empty basket. All ARPA members need to get info on the registered animals that you have for sale to Dan at 765-425-4515 or by email at dan@americanredpolls.com. If you have unregistered cattle, they are only worth sale barn price. Dan can't help sell unregistered cattle, so get your cattle registered and CASH IN! To make your cattle worth even more, use the programs offered by your Red Poll Association.

It is never too early to start picking out your entries for the 2014 National Sale being hosted in Sedalia, MO on October 17-19, 2014. Let's have a sale that is large in numbers and high in quality. Again this year there will be pens available for un-haltered cattle, so don't let that stop you from consigning.

There are buyers out there looking for your animals. Contact Dan or bring them to the National Sale.

- John Rager, President



Dan Schmiesing has been contracted to handle inquiries and promotional projects. **Dan will answer incoming calls on 765-425-4515**. For Registration, Transfer, Financial & Magazine questions, **call Brian Shuter at 765-425-8542**.

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**AUGUST** 

July 25-26

Open Red Poll Show at the Indiana State Fair August 6

Red Poll Journal Ad Deadline August 15

August 24 Open Red Poll Show at the Kentucky State Fair

**OCTOBER** 

October 17-19 **ARPA National Meeting and Sale** 

Sedalia, MO. Watch for more information.

Oct 21- Nov 11 **World Red Poll Tour** 

**NOVEMBER** 

November 15-21 ARPA National Red Poll Show

NAILE Junior Show is Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 a.m. The National Red Poll Show is Thursday, Nov. 20 at 3:30 pm. North American International Livestock Expo, Louisville, KY. Watch the website for specific dates and times for

ARPA events.

### Reserve Your Spot

Ad Deadlines August 15 and January 15

Call the Association for more information: 765-425-8542

### **Don't Forget!**

It's never too early to start thinking about your consignments for the National Sale this fall in Sedalia, MO. Take a few minutes this summer to get high quality photos for the catalog and to help with an expanded advertising campaign planned for this event. The sale is October 17-19, 2014.

Deadline to be in the sale catalog is August 15!

### What Can Membership in the American Red Poll Association Do for Me? By: Brian Shuter

According to the Articles of Incorporation of the American Red Poll Association, The object for which this corporation is formed is the promoting of the breeding, importing and improving of Red Poll Cattle; the keeping of records of all breeding and transferring of said cattle of pureblood in America; the proprietorship, publication and copyrighting from time to time of the "American Red Poll Herd Book" and the issuance of proper certificates of the pedigree and ownership of said cattle as registered.

Promoting the breeding and improving of Red Poll Cattle is the first function that is mentioned in the Articles of Incorporation. The Red Poll Beef Journal is one of the more powerful tools that we have to promote the breeding and improving of our cattle. Many of our breeders and members take advantage of this marketing tool and take out advertisements in the magazine. We have multiple sizes and rates available to allow you to select the price point that fits within your budget. These advertising opportunities are available to any members of the Association. If you have not been advertising in the magazine in the past, think seriously about advertising in the future. A one-inch card size ad only costs \$16.25 per issue, a pretty cheap way to get your contact info in front of many potential breeders.

The Association also runs advertisements from time to time in other industry publications. Those advertisements promote the traits of Red Polls to commercial producers and tend to elicit many inquiries from those who read the articles. When those inquiries come in, we share contact info for ARPA members in the area from which the inquiry comes in. If you are not a current member of the Association, it is difficult for us to share your current contact info with potential buyers so it is important for you to keep your membership current.

Recently, long-time breeder and Red Poll advocate, Dan Schmiesing was hired to serve the membership as an inquiry coordinator. Prior to being placed under contract, Dan spent a lot of time helping new and potential breeders research the breed and identify cattle available for purchase in their area. It made sense to have him help our Executive Secretary and fill an important need within this arena. He receives many calls and emails

asking about Red Polls and looking for breeding stock. If you are an ARPA member, Dan will be happy to steer potential buyers in your direction if you take the time to let him know a little bit about your program and what animals you have for sale. He can be reached at 765-425-4515 or dan@americanredpolls. com. I know that he always has people looking for animals, in multiple regions around the country so be sure to let him know what you have available.

The Association also has brochures available for you to use to promote Red Polls in your local area or at local events. The brochure has stock language promoting the benefits and traits of Red Polls and has a place on the back where you can place labels with your specific farm contact information on it. Don't hesitate to have a stack of these powerful promotion tools on your desk to share with potential buyers.

The ARPA website is one of the first places that most potential buyers go to find out information about Red Polls. ARPA has developed an online classified ad listing service where ARPA members can list their animals that are for sale, free of charge. With the increasing interest we have been seeing for Red Poll Animals over the last few years, most animals that are listed on the classified ad listing are sold pretty quickly. The website also includes a searchable database with contact info for all current ARPA members, searchable by name or by state. These quick and easy touch points are only available to ARPA members.

Participating in events such as the National Sale and the National Show are also additional promotional and marketing opportunities that ARPA makes available to its members. The National Sale has become one of the best places to take your animals to get them out in front of many potential buyers and to help set a benchmark for private treaty prices out in the country. We highly encourage you to bring some of your best animals to the sale to promote your program. Last year's sale prices were as high as we have seen in many years. Take advantage of one or both of these programs as well.

A few years ago, the Board of Directors realized how important it is to get new purchasers involved in the breed and to keep them engaged, so they developed a policy that all

first time purchasers of Red Polls, whether bulls or females, would automatically become members of the American Red Poll Association and receive their first year of membership benefits free of charge. Their first year of membership includes receiving the magazine for their first year and have access to registration and transfer processing, that is not available to non-members. Their contact information goes into the online database as well. There has been some confusion with this program. Because our fiscal years run from September 1 through August 31 of the following year, we have set out membership year up on the same time frame, so everyone's membership is set to renew on September 1. We want to try to keep those new purchasers involved and getting the magazine, but don't want to allow our magazine mailing list to balloon to where we are sending out so many magazines to people who are not interested



in the breed anymore that is makes mailing the magazine too expensive. We try to ensure that those new members receive at least three magazines before they are removed from the list if they don't renew their service fees like everyone else.

The ARPA Board of Directors realizes that there is no one program that is perfect for everyone. That is why they continually try to develop new programs and promotional tools for use by ARPA members. We can only help you if you help us however. Become a paid member of the Association if you are not. Advertise in the magazine if you have not been doing so. List animals for sale on the Classified Ad service on the website or contact Dan to let him know what you have available. Participate in the National Sale or National Show if you can. Get involved in the Association. There are hundreds of great people that raise Red Polls or want to raise Red Polls in the future, but you will never get to meet them if you don't get involved. The Association is here to help you, but you must first get involved.

### Re-establishing the SUFFOLK TRINITY in America

### THE SUFFOLK TRINITY:

Small family farms in the Norfolk and Suffolk Counties of Great Britain during the sixteen, seventeen and eighteen hundreds developed three fine breeds of livestock now renown in English agricultural history as the Suffolk Trinity – Suffolk draft horses, Red Poll cattle and Suffolk sheep. All three livestock breeds were exported to the United States primarily in the eighteen hundreds.

### **RED POLL CATTLE:**

Red "muley" cattle, a cross between English Norfolk and Suffolk cattle, were common in colonial Virginia in the early seventeen hundreds. The modern Red Poll breed was developed in the early eighteen hundreds by breeding the same two relatively pure landrace strains. Suffolk Dun cattle were a polled dairy breed well-regarded for producing a plentiful supply of milk that was high in protein and butterfat. Norfolk cattle

were recognized by butchers and connoisseurs throughout the British Isles for easy grass-fed marbling and the highest quality meat. Red Poll cattle were recognized in Great Britain as a separate breed in 1846 and subsequently imported into New York State in 1873. The Livestock Conservancy judges the Red Poll cattle breed as "threatened" because its numbers are declining in Great Britain, North America and globally. With the Holstein milk cow dominance of the dairy industry since the 1960s, Red Poll cattle have been used less and less for milk production except, perhaps, in specialized and small-scale cheese manufacturing. Black Angus and Hereford cattle,



Berriedale Farms' Red Poll Bull Lakota American and Australian Grass-fed Genetics

in the same time frame, achieved dominance over Red Poll cattle in the corn-fed and commercial beef industry. Because Red Poll maternal genetics are distantly related to most other breeds, cross-breeding Red Poll cows with bulls from other breeds benefits the farmer in the short-term with off-spring calves demon-

strating a considerable hybrid vigor. But cross-breeding dilutes the Red Poll breed genetics because the same farmer does not have the incentive to raise pure-bred stock.

By: C. Nelson Hoy

Because Red Poll genetics sprang over 200 years ago from two relatively pure landrace strains and because Red Poll breeders for two centuries since did not

> mix in other bloodlines; Red Poll cattle today throw several characteristics that make their genetics well worth saving, including: a docile temperament (ideal on a small family farm), superior feed efficiency (as measured by the U.S. Meat Agricultural Research Center), renown in Great Britain for producing a well-marbled carcass on native grasses and legumes (the Queen of England owns the largest herd in the world), easy calving with strong maternal traits and an abundant supply of butterfat-rich milk.

### **SUFFOLK DRAFT HORSES:**

One hundred years ago there were millions of draft horses working in the forests, on farms and ranches, and in cities and towns throughout North America. Today there are comparatively few draft horses in harness and even fewer knowledgeable, experienced and skilled draft horsemen.



The Suffolk draft horse is the oldest breed of heavy work horse in the United States and in Great Britain. The breed was originally developed by small family farms in East Anglia region of England during

the seventeen and eighteen hundreds. In those days, Norfolk and Suffolk Counties were relatively isolated by the North Sea on three sides and a huge fenland or marsh on the west side making commerce difficult with other English farms. Suffolk farmers bred these daft horses for heavy farm work with well-muscled shoulders and necks, large hearts and lungs, short legs with thick bones and strong joints, broad and strong backs and hind-quarters. Because these draft horses were used for the most basic and essential of farm work, Suffolk County farmers had few or none to sell and thereby, helped to preserve the

breed without outside influences. Suffolk draft horses stand on average between 16 and 17 hands and weigh in fit condition between 1,700 and 1,900 pounds. The breed is well known for being docile and even-tempered, hugely willing to please and doing so with "heart", a powerful and energetic low-to-the-ground gait, and being work horses of good health and with longevity. Suffolk draft horses are always a beautiful and rich chestnut color.

Berriedale Farms is making a stewardship commitment to the critically threatened Suffolk draft horse. Also known as the Suffolk Punch, this rare breed was bred by small family farms in England for use in heavy farming and forestry work and during war time for hauling field artillery pieces. Suffolk draft horses were never bred for road haulage or for show. At Berriedale Farms these Suffolk draft horses haul 700 pound bales of timothy hay to our Red Poll cattle in the late fall, winter and early spring, drag pastures with a three hundred pound chain harrow that sports 5/8 inch tangs, spread clover and orchard grass seed on the farm's pastures, carry guests and visitors on wagon rides in the spring, summer and fall, and skid firewood and timber from our Appalachian hardwood forests. Other small farms in rural America employ Suffolk draft horses in mowing, raking and baling hay. Berriedale Farms has joined the ranks of at the most a dozen farms in the United States that use Suffolk draft horses

for farm work on a daily basis. And Berriedale is most likely the only farm in the United States that conserves both Red Poll cattle and Suffolk draft horses -- two pillars of the "Suffolk Trinity".



Berriedale Farms' Suffolk Draft Horses Bonnie and Dolly Hauling Timothy Hay to Our Red Poll Herd

### **SUFFOLK SHEEP:**

Suffolk sheep were developed in England during the later 1700s by crossing Southdown rams with Blackface Norfolk Horned ewes. Old-breed Southdown Sheep were relatively large dual purpose sheep with broad loins and thick thighs. Blackface Norfolk Horned sheep were a muscular and hardy breed, adapted to thriving on poor forage in rugged terrain. Small family farms in Norfolk and Suffolk Counties perfected the Suffolk sheep breed primarily for meat production and secondarily for wool. Suffolk sheep were recognized in Great Britain as a separate breed as early as 1810 and introduced into New York State in 1888.

In the British Isles, Suffolk sheep became prized as a fine meat-producing breed. Mature Suffolk rams weigh between 250 and 350 pounds. Mature ewes weigh between 180 and 250 pounds. Suffolk lambs grow rapidly both before and after weaning. In America, research sponsored by the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho and conducted in collaboration with the Department of Animal and Poultry Science of Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia shows that Suffolk rams used in cross-breeding programs produce equal or superior lamb survival rates, lamb feed efficiency, lamb growth rates, lamb muscle mass, and lamb carcass leanness compared with several other breeds. Suffolk ewe genetics are valued for easy lambing, generous milk production, wide pelvic dimensions and hard hoofs. Suffolk lamb meat is finegrained, relatively lean and superbly flavored.

Suffolk sheep produce a mediumgrade wool. A mature Suffolk ewe produces between five and eight pounds of fleece with a yield of 50% and perhaps, 60% plus. The wool fiber is 25 to 33 micrometers in diameter and 51 to 89 millimeters in length. The spinning count is between 48 and 58 hanks per pound. Suffolk wool is primarily used for blankets and quilt stuffing. Skilled fiber artists, however, find that Suffolk sheep, depending upon the animal's age produce a versatile wool that has a moderate amount of lanolin, an excellent crimp, good loft and memory. Applications for graded wool include scarves, shawls,

sweaters, mittens, blankets and quilt stuffing.

### **BERRIEDALE FARMS:**

In the Cowpasture River Valley of Virginia, Berriedale Farms has re-established the historic partnership between Suffolk draft horses and Red Poll cattle. Nelson's and Lizzie's stewardship commitment to work a small family farm with two Suffolk draft horses and to care for its herd of Red Poll cattle with these draft horses was a life-changing decision. It created an opportunity to bond with our grandfathers grandmothers in memory and spirit, and to drive a team of two-in-hand while running a ranch and raising cattle. We plan to raise the ante on our stewardship commitment to heritage breeds of livestock, in the coming year, by bringing Suffolk sheep to Berriedale Farms and the Appalachian Mountains, and thereby, to reestablish the Suffolk Trinity in America.

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### **Preserving Red Poll Genetics at the SVF Foundation**

By: Sarah Bowley, SVF Program Director



In summer of 2012, SVF Foundation announced an initiative to add Red Poll genetics to their extensive library of cryo-preserved embryos and semen from endangered livestock breeds. And now, with nineteen Red Poll bulls represented in their semen bank and six cows currently on-site for embryo collection, they are well on their way to preserving the diverse characteristics of this rare breed.

SVF's ultimate goal is to collect and cryo-preserve 3,000 straws of semen

from at least fifteen to twenty bulls, so that they will be able to represent a variety of genetics—from milking, beef, and dual-purpose blood lines. With the same goal of diversity in mind, they also hope to collect and preserve 200 to 300 embryos from eight to twelve cows of differing backgrounds.

So far for semen collection, SVF has collaborated with breeders and ranchers across the country, including Phil Wyrick of Esquire Land and Cattle Company (Mabelvale, AR), Wayne and Sue Fish of Nine West Oak Canyon (Bartlesville, OK), Jo-Ellen and Michael Greene of Upland Lawn Farm (Thompson, PA), Brian Shuter of Shuter Sunset Farms (Anderson, IN) and Dennis Murray (Bolivar, MO) . They have also worked with Mike Parks—a second generation Red Poll breeder from Indiana, and Vice President of the ARPA Board of Directors. Parks' herd has particularly older bloodlines and good dairy character, making them prime candidates for embryo preservation. Dr. Dan Schmiesing of Mardan Acres, a third generation Red Poll breeder and veterinarian, has lent a hand, too, carefully selecting a donor from his herd of more than forty Red Polls.

SVF estimates it will take three to five years for them to compile an acceptably diverse and extensive collection of Red Poll genetic materials, since certain bulls or bloodlines are not always available for immediate collection.

If you'd like to learn more about SVF Foundation, or if you feel that your Red Poll cattle could help represent the genetic diversity of the breed, contact SVF's Program Director, Sarah Bowley: sarah@svffoundation.org, 401-846-8670



### **Red Polls at Pasture**

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### Reprinted from RED POLL NEWS, July 1944; Volume 8, No 3

WARREN W. McVEY, Farm Director, Purdue University

Our editor has a habit of periodically insisting that we take the time to write a few paragraphs about Red Poll Cattle. The article entitled "Red Polls at Pinney-Purdue" which appeared a couple of years ago continue to bring an occasional inquiry about the breed to the writer's desk. For this reason we have been encourages to present the subject, "Red Polls at Pasture."

Very little has been done in an organized way to develop a system of management for Red Poll Cattle that will make the most complete and most efficient use of pastures and roughages.

A stockman has only to look at a good herd

of these cattle up to their knees

in alfalfa, such as we have pictured at the Pinney-Purdue Farm, to realize its possibilities. We need much more basic information than is now available in order to develop such a program. It can be said, however, that our research workers have made rapid progress within the last few years. Pasture research, soil conservation programs, and nutritional studies have all made their contribution. Much remains to be done. The little boy who asked his mother to explain how a red cow, (she must have been a Red Poll) could eat green grass and give white milk that makes butter yellow, did not get a very convincing answer. Most of us know how to sympathize with the parent.

What is the best pasture program that can be developed on your Farm?

Is there a difference in the feeding value of pasture grown on mineral deficient soils as compared to the same crop grown on a soil rich in minerals?

What is the best method of producing hay that has a protein content?

What is the best method of curing and storing hay to preserve the carotene content of the crop?

Does the kind and quality of the feed fed to cattle have anything to do with such troubles as scours in calves, or mastitis and bangs disease?

What kind of a livestock program can utilize the feed produced on your farm to the best advantage?

Red Poll breeders and farmers should give these questions serious consideration. We have been shown in recent years the importance of soil conservation and erosion control. If we are to maintain or increase the fertility of our farms we must stop the enormous losses of soil and plant food that are washed away each year. A lawyer friend in the great state of Illinois, after spending some time fishing in the silt ladened Sangamon River, sold his farm in his home state. He then went to the Delta country in Mississippi and bought a new property. That was his way of solving the erosion problem. Most of us find that it will be necessary to work out some other solution. One of the most effective methods is to keep the more rolling portions of the farm in pasture or hay crops most of the time.

There is a new opportunity in livestock production. The shift in farming practices toward greater use of pasture and hay is bringing about this change. Red Poll Cattle should fit admirably into the picture. At the Pinney-Purdue Farm we are maintaining at the present time a herd of 68 head of these cattle. This consists of 35 females of breeding age, 24 calves, six steers and heifers in the fattening lot, and three herd bulls.

The general plan of management calls for the milking of about half of the cows and raising calves with the other half, putting two calves with a cow. As far as possible we have these cows drop their calves in the fall of the year. By spring the heifer calves that are kept for breeding purposes are ready to go to pasture. The steer calves and heifers that are to be fattened for market are kept on dry feed and are sold when they are fifteen to eighteen months if age. With only milk and home grown feeds these animals will weigh over 1000 pounds and net \$150.00 per head or more at present prices. We consider this a very satisfactory return.

By keeping them on milk and a full feed of grain, as soon as they are old enough to start taking it, we find that the calves develop rapidly. Occasionally a calf will make a gain of one hundred pounds in a month and seventy-five pound gains are not uncommon. Heifers that are well grown can be bred at an earlier age than those that are developed more slowly. Calves that are growthy and not of the extremely blocky type when fed in this manner, produce very good carcasses. If these same animal were frown on limited feed and then fattened as older cattle they would be more rangy in type and probably not so smooth in fleshing.

There is a great deal of variation in the type and milk production of Red Polls. This is probably the reason for the lack of uniformity of type found in some herds. This is something that should claim the attention of all our breeders. The Pinney-Purdue herd is no exception. Our aim is, however, toward a more uniform herd. We hope to keep the Pinney-Purdue herd on a strictly dual-purpose standard. At the present time we are satisfied with a cow that will produced 7000 pounds of milk and 300 pounds of fat in a 10 months lactation period. Our aim, however, is a herd that will not have some cows falling far below this standard and others going considerably above it. Along with this milk production we expect to breed as much thickness and beef qualities as possible, not forgetting weight according to age. The milk from the cows on the

milk line is all weighed separately each milking and a butterfat test made each month in order to get an accurate record of the milk and butterfat production.

The pasture program has not been fully developed and will be varied from year to year depending on the fields available for early spring and fall use. Winter wheat and rye are also used for a short time in early spring. This shortens the winter feeding period by two or three weeks and never fails in increase the milk flow. Later in the season rotation pastures of clover or mixtures of alfalfa, red clover, alside clover, and timothy are used. If supplemental pasture is needed for the dry months of August and September a small field of Sudan grass is used. This provides for at least a seven months pasture season.

On the Miller Purdue Farm, where I. M. Miller bred Red Polls for so many years, our pasture experimental work has given some very encouraging results. Blue grass pasture was fertilized in 1939 and again in 1942 with 350 pounds per acre of 0-20-10 fertilizer. During the grazing season the cattle rotated between three pastures each two weeks. After five years of such treatment. This blue grass and white clover pasture was so improved that last year two-year-old steers grazed on it and gained 454 during a six months pasture season, this is an average gain of 2.5 pounds per steer per day. If that gain is valued at present prices it gives as large a return for pasture as is made from most grain crops. Certainly it was made

with much less expense and much less labor. It only required 1.25 acres of this pasture to carry each steer. There is no reason to think this grass would not give equally valuable returns if it were grazed by milk cows.

During the winter feeding period, corn, silage, legume, and mixed hay are used for roughage. Except for cows in heavy milk production and fattening animals very little grain is needed if good quality roughage is produced. If storage space is at a premium we use a hay chopper, although the hay must be uniformly a little dryer than for the usual method of storage. As soon as materials are available, hay drying equipment will be installed in at least one barn. This is a new development which should be observed by farmers. It would seem to have many advantages.

In my opinion Red Poll breeders who develop a system of handling cattle that make use of the entire pasture season by supplying high quality forage through a succession of well-nourished crops, and then learns how to preserve these good feeds effectively for winter use will have made a great contribution to the improvement of their herds, and the advancement of the breed. Some people think that, except in the fattening pen, grain can be entirely eliminated. Many farmers, as mentioned before, will be interested in cattle to utilize their increased amounts of pasture and roughage. Medium milk and butter fat rather than extremely high production would seem to meet these requirements best.



### **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.
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- 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.
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- 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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# Birth Worksheet and Registration Application

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### 2014 Kentucky Beef Expo Show Results

March 2014 Louisville, KY



**Champion Bull**Jackson Farms – Greens Fork, IN



**Reserve Champion Bull**AK Cattle Company – Simpsonville, KY



Champion Open Female Miller Family Farm – Finchville, KY



**Reserve Champion Open Female**Jackson Farms – Greens Fork, IN



**Champion Cow** Young's Red Polls – Simpsonville, KY



**Reserve Champion Cow** Young's Red Polls – Simpsonville, KY

### 2014 Kentucky Beef Expo Sale Results



Champion Bred Female Mike Reed – Park City, KY

Sale Managed by: Kentucky Red Poll Association – Simpsonville, KY

**Lots Gross Average** 18 \$33,625 \$1,868

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Champion Bull	Lot: # 3
Price: \$2,200	Consigned by Jackson Farms
	Purchased by Joe Patrick
Res Champion Bull	Lot: # 2
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<b>Champion Female</b>	Lot: # 18
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### 2013 National Red Poll Sale Summary

Lot	Amount	Sex Consignor		Buyer	
1	\$2,100.00	Cow - Calf pair	Esquire Land & Cattle	Hillside Farms & Cattle LLC	
3	\$1,200.00	Bull	Good Life Ranch	Arrow Rock Farm	
4	\$2,200.00	Bull	Jackson Farms	Anthony Coldiron	
5	\$5,200.00	Bull	Jackson Farms	Carson Farm	
7	\$2,100.00	Bred Heifer	Jackson Farms	Shuter Sunset Farms	
8	\$1,900.00	Open Heifer	Doll's Red Polls	Shuter Sunset Farms	
9	\$1,500.00	Open Heifer	Doll's Red Polls	George Burch	
10	\$1,700.00	Open Heifer	Doll's Red Polls	Ravenswood Farms	
11	\$2,200.00	Bull	Hill Top Farms	Larry Creech	
12	\$1,600.00	Open Heifer	Hill Top Farms	David Coldiron	
13x	\$1,200.00	Open Heifer	Hill Top Farms	Arrow Rock Farm	
15	\$2,600.00	Bred Heifer	Shuter Sunset Farms	Mardan Acres	
16	\$2,300.00	Cow - Calf pair	Shuter Sunset Farms	Mattingly Farms	
18	\$525.00	Embryos	Shuter Sunset Farms	Mardan Acres	
19	\$2,550.00	Bull	Wiese Farms	Black Velvet Ranch	
20	\$1,750.00	Open Heifer	Wiese Farms	Good Life Ranch	
21	\$2,000.00	Bred Cow	Wiese Farms	Good Life Ranch	
22	\$1,400.00	Open Heifer	Wiese Farms	Donald Fast	
23	\$1,600.00	Open Heifer	Nine West Oak Canyon	George Burch	
24	\$1,950.00	Open Heifer	Nine West Oak Canyon	Donald Fast	
25	\$1,900.00	Bred Heifer	Nine West Oak Canyon	Ravenswood Farms	
26	\$1,200.00	Open Heifer	G&S Red Polls	Greathouse Ranch	
27	\$2,350.00	Bred Heifer	G&S Red Polls	Greathouse Ranch	
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	Open Heifer	\$1,580.00			
	Cow/Calf Pair	\$2,200.00			
	Bred Heifer	\$2,237.50			
	Bull	\$2,670.00			

2013 National Red Poll Sale Summary Missouri State Fairgrounds Springfield, Missouri

The Winter 2014 issue of the Red Poll Magazine contained an error in the sales summary and we would like to apologize for the misprint.

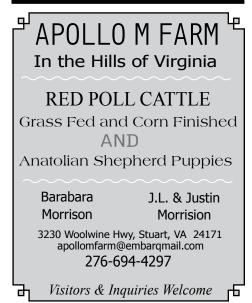
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June 13-15 Madison, IN

Madison is a really neat place to visit, rich in history and "Hometown Culture." We would love for everyone to come see us and support the Juniors! We look forward to seeing everyone this summer at the preview show in June!

> Watch ARPA Facebook page for updates!



### **HOTEL OPTIONS**

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We have officially reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Madison, Indiana for the Preview Show June 13-15. Reservations must be made by May 13 in order to get our group rate. If you want the group rate, you will need to call the front desk at 812-265-1111 and tell them you are with the American Red Poll Association. You may also book online, but you will not get the group rate.

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### **Schedule of Events**

Friday June 13 9:00 a.m. - Cattle may begin arriving (Lunch on your own) 6:30 p.m. -Cookout at Fairgrounds
\*\*Desserts from Indiana Red Poll Association Members\*\*

Saturday June 14

9:00 a.m. – Steer weigh-in 10:00 a.m. – Heifer Check-in

12:30 p.m. – Lunch (Pizza provided for Juniors) Adult lunch on own

1:00 p.m. – Junior Meeting/Indiana Summer Meeting 2:30 p.m. – Junior Workshop

3:00 p.m. – Junior games 6:30 p.m. – Banquet at North United Methodist Church \*\*\*Silent Auction Item Donations Needed!\*\*\*

Sunday June 15 9:00 a.m. – Show Time Everyone packed up and moved out by 2:00 p.m.

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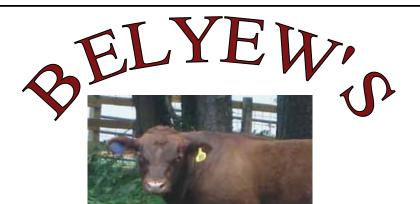


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