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Junior Preview Show
National Meeting & Sale

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WIESE FARMS



NWOC SS LEGACY shown here at 4 years of age & weighing 1800 lbs. We have been using Legacy successfully for 3 years. He has given us moderate size calves with good muscle expression. We will have sons & daughters from him for sale this summer.



Announcing our junior herd sire, Cat Creek Sizemore, pictured here at 14 months. He will be assigned to breed our heifer replacements this January. We purchased "Sizemore" as Lot 62 at the National Sale in September at Murray State College where he was bred and consigned by Carson Farms of Statesville, NC.

Wiese Farms purchased their first Red Polls in 1927 and they have been a part of our lives and our farming and ranching success ever since. Red Polls have many fine qualities to contribute to the beef business.

Our hope for the future of the Association is that more people come to recognize the mothering ability, the docility, the ability to do well under adverse conditions, and the quality of the finished product for the consumer that is inherent in our Red Poll breed.

Wiese Farms encourages all breeders to register their females and bulls kept for breeding, and transfer all they sell. We support Complete Herd Reporting to advance the quality of our herd and the breed, and encourage everyone to send in all carcass information that you are able to obtain.



A nice group of yearling bulls for you to consider out of NWOC SS Legacy with frame sizes from 5.0 to 7.0 and yearling weights from just under 900 pounds to over 1100 pounds on pasture with 10 pounds of grain daily. Have one young bull out of Parkstyle Gibraltar also that would work for an operation looking for high performance bulls to use on mature cows. We would be pleased to send you performance information and pictures on the individual bulls. The bulls will be ready for light to moderate servicing this spring!

Wm. Wiese & Family

Bill and Angie Wiese & Brian and Jill Hiebert

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FOR SALE:

JF PHANTOM #216082

BULL 03/2017

(PIKEVILLE X ALEX)

NATIONAL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

3.05 #/day at weaning

EPD: BW +2.4, WW +16, YW +26, Milk +7



JF SHILO #216330

BULL 05/2017

(JF SONNY X MFF)

3.24 #/day at weaning

EPD: BW +1.9, WW +14, YW +24, Milk +4

HERD SIRES:

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S: P-P Hoosier Prelude GR31 D: Dunroamin Bones Pearl GR23
EPDs: BW 0.0, WW -9, YW -12, M 8

JF Big Bucks

Calved 5/26/12 Reg. #212687
S: JF Sonny Boy D: Doll's "A" Katrina
EPDs: BW 1.3, WW 10, YW 17, M 5

Esquire's Navigator

Calved 9/18/07 Reg. #210052
S: Esquire's Rolex D: Esquire's Dis Mandy
EPDs: BW 3.1, WW 18, YW 27, M 4



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Appreciated**



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by Jeff & Janet Wyatt

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by Jeff & Janet Wyatt



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2018 ARPA Fees

Normal Registrations

Under 12 months of age	\$25
12-24 months of age	\$30
Over 24 months of age	\$40

Complete Herd Report

Annual Cow Enrollment	\$5
Registration of CHR Calf	\$10

(Complete herd must be enrolled at the beginning of the year)

Transfers - all registration types

Within one month of date of sale	\$15
1 to 3 months from date of sale	\$18
Over 3 months from date of sale	\$25

2017-2018

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From the President

As the temperature warms cattle sales typically accelerate. I would like to encourage each of you to consider how the animals you are marketing will impact the herds they are entering, and how those purchases will be viewed one, five, or ten years in the future.

When marketing heifers, are we offering only those animals that would be of high enough quality to reflect positively on our breed? Is she out of lines which consistently produce a calf every twelve months? Does her dam and her sire's dam have good teat shape and udder attachment? Are there matrons in her lineage who have possessed all these qualities and remained in production into their teens? Lastly, has she had a pelvic measurement to ensure she will be able to have a calf unassisted by 24 months of age? In my experience, nothing sours heifer purchasers opinion of a line or breed more than pulling calves and losing either the heifer and/or calf.

Marketing bulls also offers a unique set of challenges. Does the subject animal display masculinity and good volume and depth? Does the scrotum possess adequate volume, with two equal and properly developed testicles, to produce enough semen to settle a herd of females? For 30+ years we have had breeding soundness exams performed on bulls 24-48 hours prior to pickup/delivery. This gives us peace of mind that we are providing a bull that is up to the job, and ensures the customer that the bull is primed and up to the task at hand. I realize these practices can add costs to your enterprise, but it can save money in the long run. Many customers only give you one chance and are more than happy to share unsatisfactory results. Research has shown it's easier to retain a customer than develop a new one.

The Red Poll breed is one of consistency and quality, but if additional selection criteria are applied we can produce an animal that will time and again be an asset to those that choose to utilize them in their herds, be it fullblood Red Polls or Red Poll Plus. Hopefully this finds all well with your families and cattle, and I hope this will be a profitable year for your operations.

Mike Reed, President



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The Red Poll Report!



E-Newsletter

Be sure to keep up to date with our monthly E-Newsletter!

Released at the beginning of each month, it is ARPA's way to keep in communication with you on a monthly basis.

If you are not getting it, contact Kara at americanredpolls@gmail.com with your current email!



April 15
Spring Journal Deadline

Mid May
Spring Journal Released

August 10
Fall Journal Deadline
National Sale Entry Deadline

Mid August
Fall Journal Released
National Sale Catalog Mailed

December 15
Winter Journal Deadline

Mid January
Winter Journal Released

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

June 1 Junior Preview Show Entries Due

June 22-24 Junior Preview Show
Shelbyville, Ohio

August

August 10 Deadline for the Fall Edition &
National Sale Entries Due

August 8 Indiana State Fair Red Poll Show

August 26 Kentucky State Fair Red Poll Show

September

September 1 Fall Red Poll Beef Journal will start
to arrive in mailboxes

October

October 5-7 2018 National Red Poll Meeting &
Sale

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5"	65.00	\$75.00	
4"	\$55.00	\$65.00	
3"	\$45.00	\$55.00	
2"	\$35.00	\$45.00	
1"	\$25.00	\$35.00	

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A Message from the Secretary

Hello my name is Kara Prather. I would like introduce myself to you as your new Executive Secretary . I am an 3rd generation cattle breeder and my family and I currently run about 100 Cow/ Calf operation. We also have a bull lot where we sell for registered and commercial breeding in Nancy, KY. I have shown cattle with my family over the past 30 years. My husband,

Terry, and I have 2 children.

I look forward to meeting ,talking and working with each if you in the future.

Please note the New Address and Office Hours as these have changed.

Kara

74TH NATIONAL RED POLL SALE



October 6 1:30 pm
Connors State College
Warner, Oklahoma

This sale will be broadcast live on the internet.

DVAuction
Broadcasting Real-Time Auctions

Real time bidding & proxy bidding available.



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and the boys are wild!

Mike Reed
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The Junior American Red Poll News Stop



2018 Junior Preview Show to be Held in Shelbyville, Indiana



**ENTRY DEADLINE
JUNE 1**

The American Junior Red Poll Association is proud to announce the 2018 National Junior Preview Show to be hosted by the Spegal Family at the Shelby County Fairgrounds in Shelbyville, IN. The Juniors would like to invite all AJRPA and ARPA members, friends and family to attend. We are planning a fun-filled weekend for the kids. All the juniors will receive a packet with contests and information.

Hotel & Camping Information

Room blocks have been set up at two hotels in Shelbyville, Indiana. Camping is also available.

Holiday Inn

38 W Rampart Rd
Shelbyville, IN 46176
Phone: 317-398-0800.

We have 19 King rooms at \$109.00
and 11 suits at \$119.00.

The block code is SFB.

Rooms & rates held until May 22nd.

Econo Lodge

68 E Rampart St
Shelbyville, IN 46176
Phone: 317-398-0472

We have

25 rooms with 2 double beds
and 5 rooms with king beds
all at \$90.00.

The block code is "spegal farms".

Camping

There are campsites available with
full hook-up
(electricity, water and dump) for
\$20.00 per night on the fairgrounds.
Please contact Greg Spegal at
gregg.l.spegal@gmail.com in
advance for reservations.



Sponsorship Opportunities

You can be a part of this memorable event by being a sponsor at the Junior Preview Show. Your sponsorship will be recognized Sunday morning during the show.

As a part of this memorable event, you can support the juniors through a tax deductible donation. Your sponsorship will be used to provide meals, judge and special prizes for the various contests.

Please send a check to Teresa Jackson, 2131 N Washington Road, Greens Fork, IN 47345 made payable to AMERICAN JUNIOR RED POLL ASSOCIATION by June 1, 2018. Whether \$5.00 or \$500.00, you will be investing in the youth of our organization.

*Juniors: Tap Into Your Creative Side
Enter the Photo Contest!!
4 Categories to Choose From
Entries Due June 10*





The Junior American Red Poll News Stop



Become a Member of the Junior Program

We are looking for young people across the United States to join and be a part of the junior association. The American Junior Red Poll Association is an affiliation of the American Red Poll Association. Any child may join if they own Red Poll cattle or are participating in their family's Red Poll operation.

Dues are a one-time payment of \$25.00 and entitled until the age of 21. Many of our Red Poll breeders have sponsored a junior member. The child must be a member of the AJRPA to be a voting member and participate in activities and show cattle. The calf must be registered in the child's name.

The juniors are looking for a new officer team for the upcoming year. Offices include President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Junior Promoter.

Here is the link to the membership application:

<http://www.americanredpolls.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ARPA-Membership-App.6.pdf>

Essay or Poem Contest

Share your talents with us!!

*See your Junior Packet
for More Information*

Entries Due June 10



ARPA is looking for a junior member, age 16-21, to serve as the National Ambassador (formerly National Queen). This is now open to young men and women who are eligible junior members.

Be sure to go to the website and complete the application!

Diamond Excel Award Program

The American Junior Red Poll Association has developed an award program designed to recognize outstanding individuals and their animals based on Junior show placements throughout the exhibition season. This award will be given to the purebred heifer that earns the most points from placing in approved Junior shows.

These shows can be the Junior Preview Show, the National Junior Show at NAILE, State 4-H, and State FFA shows. A Nomination form must be completed and turned in by June 1 to be eligible for the award along with a \$5 per individual animal nomination fee.

All heifers must carry registration papers with the American Red Poll Association. The animal must also be registered and exhibited in the Junior Member's name.

The exhibitor will then submit their Exhibitor Tally Sheet by November 1. The award will be presented at the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in November immediately following the show.

Nomination forms will be arriving in the Junior Packets, but you may also download the form from the website at www.americanredpolls.com.



The Junior American Red Poll News Stop



2018 NATIONAL JUNIOR PREVIEW SHOW CLASSES

Class 1 - Purebred Heifer

Born on or After September 1, 2016

Class 2 - Purebred Steer

Born on or After January 1, 2017

Class 3 - Cow/Calf

Calf born 1/1/18 to 5/1/18

Class 4 - Bull Calf

Born on or after September 1, 2017

Class 5 - Pair of Females

Owned by the Same Exhibitor

Class 6 - Get of Sire

3 Head

(May be owned by more than 1 Exhibitor)

Class 7 - Showmanship

Divided by Age of Exhibitor

Seniors (16-21)

Juniors (12-15)

Beginner (9-11)

Pee Wee (8 and under)

JUNIOR PREVIEW SHOW Schedule

Friday, June 22

Noon
6:00 p.m.

Cattle may begin arriving at the Shelby County Fairgrounds,
Cookout at the fairgrounds for Junior Members, family, & friends
by the 4-H Cafe

Saturday, June 23

9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
12:45 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Cattle must be on the fairgrounds
Heifer Check-In/Steer Weighed
All Juniors to depart fairgrounds for the Grover Museum
Tour Grover Museum
Indiana Red Poll Meeting at 4-H Cafe
Pizza Party
Junior Meeting
Ice Cream Social Sponsored by the Grover Museum
National Red Poll Association Board Meeting Brinson Hall
Return to Shelby County Fairgrounds
Bovine Obstacle Contest
Banquet for all Junior Members, Families & Friends
Silent Auction

Sunday, June 24

8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Pre-show Festivities at the Arena
JUNIOR PREVIEW SHOW
Show order: Steers—Bulls—Heifers
Showmanship & Showman of Showmen Contest
Note: Any junior may show a calf in showmanship.
**If you do not have a calf, our Red Poll breeders will find a calf so
that you can participate.**

ENTRY DEADLINE - JUNE 1

*Entries must be postmarked by Friday, May 25 due to
Memorial Day to arrive by June 1, 2018. Entries must
be accompanied by an entry fee of \$20 per head.*

CAMPING IS AVAILABLE
\$20 per night with Full Hook-Up
Contact Greg Spegal at
gregg.i.spegal@gmail.com
in advance for reservations!

Packets were mailed
to all Juniors May 1

If you did not get one, please
contact Teresa Jackson at
765-914-1298
or
jackson.bill.teresa@gmail.com

Red Poll Breeders to Participate in a Bull Test

ARPA members in the west and south will be participating in the Connors College Bull Test. The Bull Testing and Sale Facility is located on the campus of Connors State College in Warner, OK.

The Connors State College (CSC) Bull Test was initiated by Agriculture Instructor Robert Hodges in 1961. The bull sale was a victim of the severe crash in the cattle market in the early 1970s and was discontinued in 1974. In 1977, Gary Harding was hired to lead the Agriculture Department and restart the bull testing program. The 1977 test and sale consisted of only 26 bulls. The second test under Harding's guidance included 45 bulls but there was an ice storm the day of the sale and the auctioneer, Col. Holland Jester wrecked

his car on the way to the sale. CSC began conducting two tests and sales annually beginning in 1979. Col. Bruce Brooks of Marietta, OK has sold every sale since.

The Connors State College Bull Test Station meets the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) definition as a central bull test station as a facility where bulls from different herds are assembled to evaluate performance under uniform conditions. Specifically, the CSC Bull Test Station functions to:

- Evaluate bulls for post weaning performance
- Educate seedstock producers and commercial cattlemen about the value and utilization of performance records and

- expected progeny differences (EPDs)
- Provide a source of and market for performance tested bulls
- Provide an opportunity for new breeders to introduce their breeding programs to potential customers

Both Fall and Spring test are 112 days in length. The bulls will be fed a complete growing-finishing ration free choice designed to allow for maximum growth, but not intended to over-finish fast gaining bulls. Course grass hay will also be available to the bulls throughout the test. The bulls will be weighed every 28 days.

***Interested in Being a Sponsor at the National Sale & Meeting?
Sponsors will receive additional advertisement in the
RPBJ as well as at the meeting and sale!
Contact the office for more information!***

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breed quality Red Poll cattle on a grass-
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Oklahoma

Bulls and Heifers For Sale

Visitors and buyers always welcome!

**ARPA
NATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS
HOTEL**



**2701 Military Blvd,
Muskogee, OK
74401
918-910-5060**

**MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION BY
SEPTEMBER 15**

74TH NATIONAL RED POLL SALE



WHEN
October 5-7



WHERE
Connors State College

Warner, Oklahoma

Online Bidding Available Through DV Auctions

HEADQUARTERS • Best Western Muskogee • (918) 910-5060 •
Entry Deadline • August 10 • Send Entries to the ARPA Office •
Entry Forms Available Online at www.americanredpoll.org or
by request • Contact the ARPA Office for Banquest Reservations •

FRIDAY

5:00 PM Board Meeting

**6:30 Complementary Meal
at Sale Facility**

7:00 Cattle Must be Place

7:00 Consignors Meeting

SATURDAY

**8:30 Tour of Bull Feed Out
Program**

10:00 National Meeting

**12:00 Lunch & Viewing of
Cattle**

1:30 National Red Poll Sale

**6:30 National Banquet at
Host Hotel**

SUNDAY

**9:00 AM All Cattle Must be
Loaded Out**

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A RED POLL FAMILY MEMBER IS LOST



William Wellington Hoffine of Lafayette, IN, passed away April 21, 2018.

He was born to Guy and Ruth Hoffine in Fulton County on April 14, 1921. He was a life-long resident of Tippecanoe County and graduated from West Point High School in 1939.

He married Dorothy I. Carlson on March 12, 1947, in Attica, I. She preceded him in death on June 10, 2015. Bill served in the Air Force during World War II from 1942 to 1945, stationed mostly with the Air Transport Command in Alaska. Bill and Dot owned West Side Motors dealing in Crosley's from 1949-1952 in West Lafayette. From 1952-1972, he owned and operated a heating and sheet metal business in Lafayette. For 37 years beginning in 1963, Bill bred and raised Red Poll cattle, showing and selling them throughout the Midwest.

Bill was a lifetime member of the American Red Poll Association and member of the Red Poll Cattle Breeder's Association of Indiana. He was a member of the Indiana Farm Bureau and past member of American Legion Post 11. He attended Brady Lane Church of Christ in Lafayette.

He is survived by four generations of nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife of 68 years, he is preceded in death by his parents, brother Daniel Hoffine, and sisters Emma Thompson, Betty Ash and Charlotte Hoffine.

Memorials may be made to Brady lane Church 2701 Brady Lane Lafayette, IN 47909.

Our thoughts and condolences are with the Hoffine Family.



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SOUTHERN STATES HAS A MEETING AND HOSTS A FIELD DAY

The Southern States Red Poll association had their semi annual meeting on February 3, 2018 at Dales Steak House in Dickson Tennessee.

The first order of business was the election of their officers for the 2018 year. The new officers are:

Faron Daniel, President
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We want to welcome 3 new members to The Southern States Red Poll: Luke Heiskell of Oxford Mississippi, Jay Coke of Glen Mississippi, and Christy Hodge of Holladay Tennessee.

The Southern States also hosted a Field Day Red Poll Farm of Regan Logan in Only, Tennessee on Saturday May 12. More reporting on that to follow.

ATTENTION AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS

Be sure to send in your meeting news and activities to have it published on the Affilitate Association News Page.

We would like our breeders from across the country and across the North American Continent to hear what other groups are doing!!

Red Poll Breeders Have Opportunity to Participate in Feed Lot Program

ARPA is coordinating a planned feedlot program for Red Poll steers. A feedlot has been located that is willing to cooperate. We are striving to gauge the amount of interest there is.

Objectives

- To evaluate Red Poll steers in a commercial feedlot
- To obtain carcass data
- To allow Red Poll breeders the ability to present unbiased facts about Red Polls in a commercial feedlot

Basic Information

- Starting date - October 2018
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....remembering the "Good Old Days"

by Mike Parks

It's been my pleasure to be around the Red Poll breed for over seventy years. Many changes have been witnessed... many others forgotten. But this I know...from my personal experience... is this; The glory years have occurred (so far) twice in my lifetime....from 1945 to 1955 and from 1975 thru the early 1990's.

The first period was explained to me by others. This was the zenith of Red Poll registrations and transfers. Registrations hovered around 5000.... ten times what we have today. This was also a time of true dual purpose cattle breeding. Udder shape and milk production were just as important as pounds of beef produced.

Today, breeders love to talk about the docility of our cows. Have you ever wondered why? First of all, it is a natural, heritable trait. This is true. But, I think it goes deeper... much deeper... than that. As Red Polls gained in popularity, they became a family farm favorite. When you sold milk, you earned a premium based on butterfat (protein) of the product. Red Polls ranked second only to Jerseys in this category. It became a common practice to milk the half of the herd with the best udders, and let the other half of the cows raise two calves. Docility? Genetics, sure...but constant handling by the family made cows into pets. It also made those cows that didn't cooperate into ground beef!

If any one factor contributed to the downfall of our breed, it was probably when the milk buyers started discounting for high butterfat in the milk. Red Polls never produced as many pounds of milk as Holsteins and Guernsey's, thus they became unpopular to milk. By 1975, there

were less than 8 or 10 active dairies in our breed. But, until 1960 or so, no discussion among breeders ever ventured very far from udder quality and quantity.

During this time, shows were very different. Large numbers exhibited were not uncommon. The most popular class? Why...it was for the BEST UDDER displayed in one of two classes; young cows and mature cows. Many times, I'm told, these classes at the major shows had thirty plus head in each class, and took almost three hours to complete. Why? Well, they would bring in a class to be evaluated before a panel of judges (2 or 3 men). The cows were not to have been milked

always, would eventually become the Grand female of the show. Truly, we were a dual purpose breed. By the time (1958) that I started showing, this class had become too time consuming and was switched to a "Best udder" class with the cows shown in "full milk" only. Personally, I never enjoyed this class....but my Dad loved it. Every year, I'd try to talk Dad in to leaving E624 (I've long ago forgotten her name, but I'll remember forever E624) at home... every year he'd enter her anyway. Truthfully, she wasn't a great model of a cow, but she had a beautiful udder. She'd been to the fair so many times that she'd load herself....and spend the rest of the week knocking me around. To this day, I dislike cow classes!

Quality udders were the lifeblood of the Red Poll breeder during this time. Slowly, this began to change. Several herds, like the great McMarshall Farms of Illinois, wanted beef cows, and proceeded to select away from huge udders in females. Cows on pasture didn't need to drag huge udders thru the mud and grass. By the late 70's and early eighties, Red Polls had transitioned

from milking, dual purpose cows to 90% plus beef cows. Recordings and transfers had been cut in half, and the membership declared that we were a beef breed with plenty of milk. Yet, the forties and fifties shall always remain the era of both dairy and beef, where hour long discussions could be found arguing the importance of teat placement, udder attachment, and correct milk vein evaluation.

(These comments above were based on memories and stories told to me. I believe they are factual.)



Dimples Marvel Herd 1958

for 12 hours. (my Dad said this was sometimes much longer.) The cows were in "full milk" stage, and judged by the panel for "Best full udder". Then, after much debate, the owners were instructed to strip the cows....right there in the ring! Milk stools and buckets were brought in....cows ability to milk easily was evaluated...and milk volume was checked.

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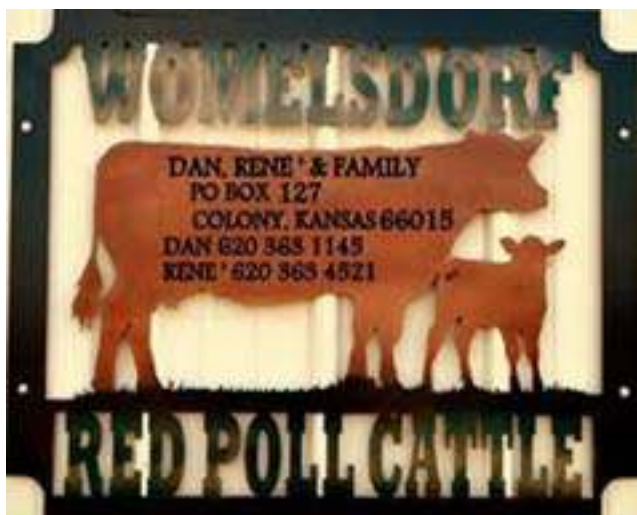
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The ARPA Rule 3 states the requirements for the bull in order to be approved as an AI sire. It is the breeder's responsibility to have all the paperwork in order when submitting a request for approval to the board.

Requirements to be completed before the bull may be approved:

- DNA Test of Bull must be on file at Zoetis
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A Short Note From the Performance Committee

For those ARPA members that have already signed up for 2018. THANK YOU!!!

To ARPA members that have not signed up yet or debating to do so, please sign up to improve the quality of your cattle (large or small herds).

Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs), is the prediction of how future progeny of each animal are expected to perform relative to the progeny of other animals listed in the database. This database is especially important in each individual herd to see what it takes to improve your own cattle for the future.

Most top Commercial and Full blood cattle breeders across America will look at EPDs in purchasing new stock or improving their own. Just choosing an animal based on phenotypes is not a successful way to improve your herd anymore.

Also remember that EPDs are not just the answer for success. It is just one piece of the puzzle to be really successful in acquiring new stock and/or improving the quality of your own cattle herd for the future of the Red Poll breed.

Please consider joining ARPA's Complete Herd Recording (CHR) program whether big or small. Either way you will see the difference in the quality of cattle you are building and the increase revenue in your cattle that you are selling.

If you still aren't convinced (Darrh Bullock from the University of Kentucky states) - "Regardless of the heritability of a trait, the most effective means to make genetic improvements through selection is by using EPDs."

Jeff D. Wilkins, DVM
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