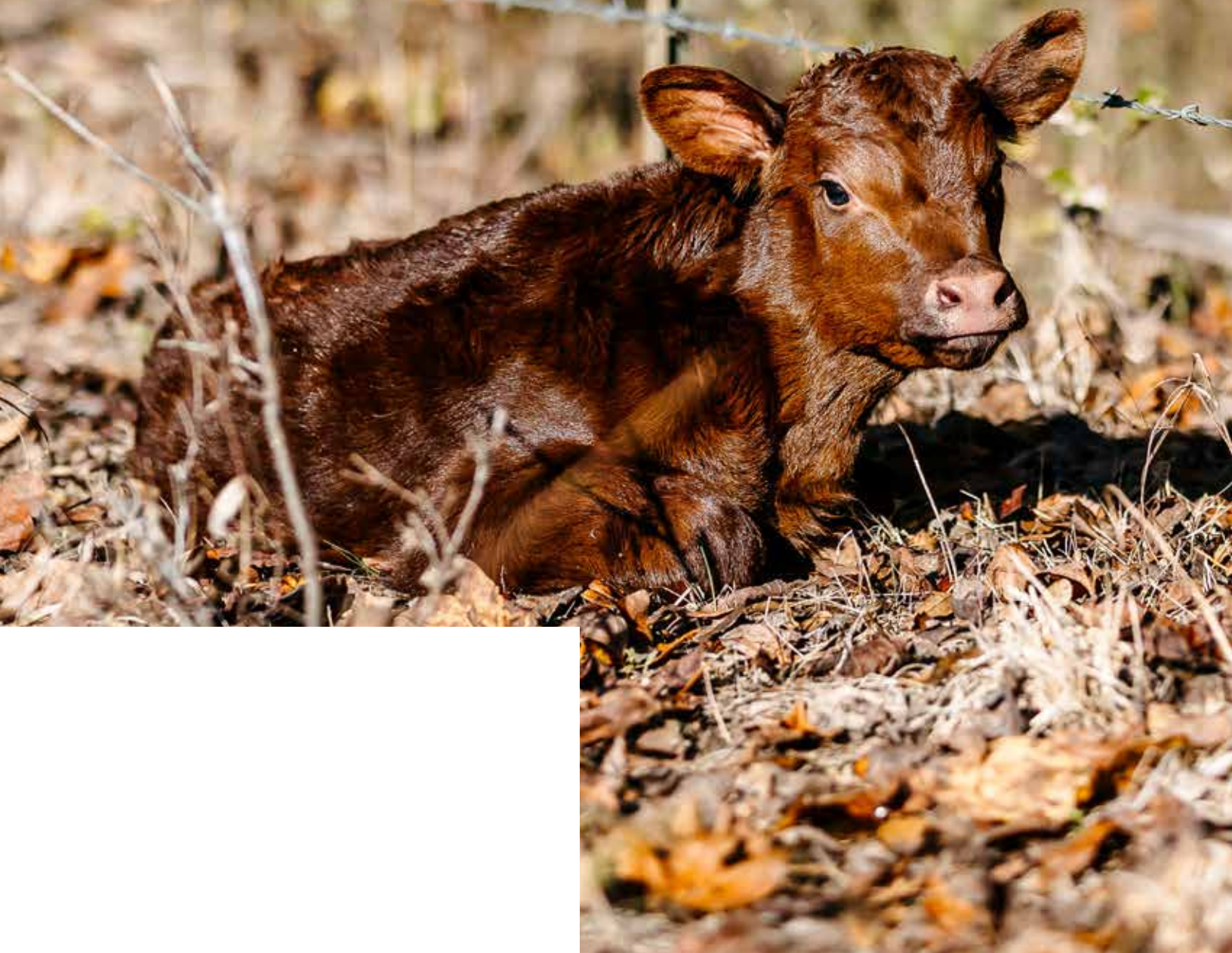


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President's Message

As the grass turns green and we can finally stop feeding hay, I hope all of you survived the winter without too much trauma.

The Kentucky Beef Expo, though low in numbers, was a good show and sale. The prices were competitive and the cattle of nice quality. It's a good time to be a Red Poll breeder.

I would really like to encourage attendance at four yearly events. The National Meeting and Sale in Lexington, Tennessee, the Kentucky Beef Expo in Louisville, the Junior Preview Show in Kankakee, Illinois (our youth need our support and are the breed's future), and the National Red Poll Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Not only can you see quality Red Poll cattle, you can enjoy good fellowship with other folks who appreciate this wonderful breed of cattle.

As I have met more and more Red Poll breeders I have come to realize that there are a number of calves being born that are not being registered. From what I can tell, this number is significantly higher

than the actual number of calves that are being registered. When these breeders are questioned as to why they are not at least registering their heifers, the most common answer is "they don't see the value in having registration papers." As President of ARPA, I think this is a failure on our Registry's part to not properly show the value of registration. I would like to open up communication lines with as many breeders as possible to find out what we can do to change this trend. We all need to be part of saving this special breed. Please contact me, or any of our board members, with ideas and expectations to help bring you, or someone else, back into the fold.

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Four Diamond Red Poll Stud

Submitted By: Doug and Sharon Pitsch

Waikari, New Zealand



Sharon and I met each other in Suffolk England while I was stationed there in the U.S. Air Force. I grew up on a cattle ranch in Eastern Montana and Sharon grew up as a builder's daughter in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk England. I would be based in the same part of England three times in my 26-year Air Force career for a total of 17 years all together. Most of the time spent there we lived near a village called Stanton on the Suffolk/Norfolk border which is where the Red Poll cattle originated. In fact, my daily commute passed a beautiful herd of Red Polls on the Euston Estate. I used to pull over frequently to just watch them on a beautiful Suffolk day. I knew that when we retired and settled down we would have some. I retired in 2018 and we moved here to New Zealand in 2019. We purchased our property in Waikari in 2020 and purchased 6 heifers from Ian Fleming in 2021. We bred them as two-year-olds and had our first calves in Spring 2023. We kept a heifer calf from that year and one from 2025 to add to our herd. I decided to cull two of the original six because of a few different

confirmation issues and I replaced them with two other in-calf cows from another blood line in New Zealand. I have also recently purchased 3 more heifers from another breeder. One yearling and 2 two-year-olds. This brings my breeding cow total up to 11. I also have a yearling bull and a steer to keep him company until the freezer is empty. By then I will have a bull calf from this year to keep him company while he's not working. I plan to AI all of my cows this year. The best six will be getting an amazing bull that I found some straws that have been in storage since the 90's that no other breeders knew about. The others will be getting straws from a few other breeds that I am experimenting with to see how the cross goes. I was so excited to meet some of the fellow Red Poll enthusiasts from the US. We were treated like royalty. Thanks so much to Janelle and Ben Anderson, Jeff Talbot and Bob and Brant Sanders. If you're ever in New Zealand please come see us!



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In 1955, she married James “Jim” McKee, and together they farmed near Washburn for 64 years, raising purebred Red Poll cattle and building a life centered on family, faith, and community. They raised seven daughters and were blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Muriel was deeply involved in her church and community, serving as a teacher, elder, and volunteer in many local organizations. She was known for her generosity, service, and love of knitting and supporting others.

She is remembered for her strong faith, devotion to family, and lifelong commitment to helping others.



Simpson M. Calhoun

Simpson M. Calhoun, 93, of Leavittsburg, Ohio, passed away on March 14, 2026, at home surrounded by his family. Born in 1932 in Philippi, West Virginia, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Germany during the Korean War. He later worked for Grinnell Corp. and General Motors Lordstown as a skilled toolmaker.

He was married to Norma E. Calhoun for 68 years, and together they built a life centered on family, faith, travel, and farming Red Poll cattle. A longtime member of the Morgandale Church of the Nazarene, Simpson was devoted to his faith and especially cherished time with his family.

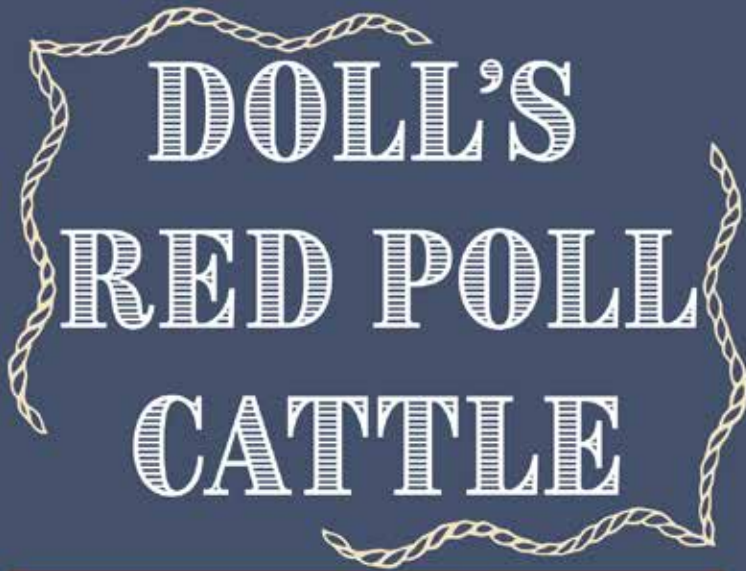
He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and siblings, and is remembered for his dedication, hard work, and deep love for his family and farm life.



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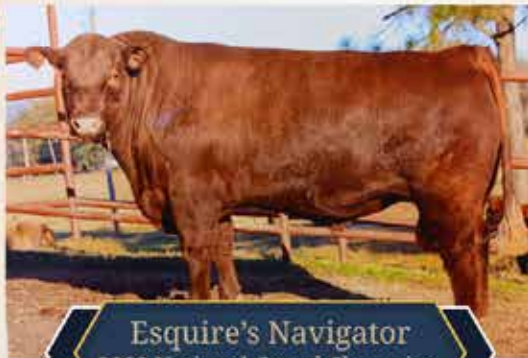
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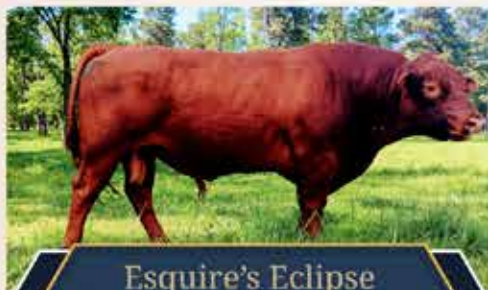


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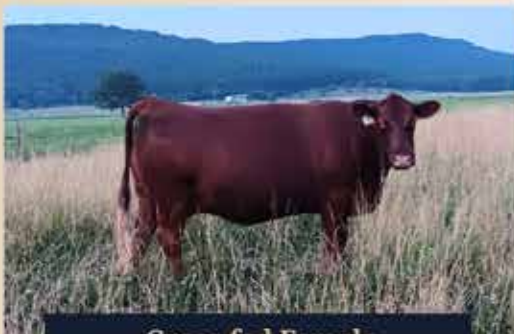
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The Right Kind of Cow: Red Polls and the Reality of Small Farm

Submitted By: Janelle Anderson

In the fall of 2023 I listed some extra hay we had for sale and eventually a fella by the name of Brant Sanders came to purchase it. And then I did what people in my generation do, I looked up who he was on Facebook. Once on his profile I saw the most beautiful, deep red-hided cows.

So I asked him, do you own those Red cows off Mocassin? And secondly, which I am sorry to admit, are they South Polls? While Brant never told me if he rolled his eyes at my message or chuckled, he instead corrected me and said they were Red Polls and sent me the link to the Livestock Conservancy page to read about them.



A history as a dual-purpose breed? Milk and meat, one animal doing both and doing it well? So I dug deeper and came across the latest Red Poll Journal online and read the experience of someone in Tennessee who was milking their full red polls and their jersey/red poll crosses. Was I intrigued? Absolutely.

After meeting many Red Poll breeders since then, the “dual purpose” phrase when brought up, tends to stir up lots of opinions. The biggest: are they really dual purpose anymore? That is a fair question, but it wasn’t the one I found myself asking.

What I kept coming back to was the reality of small farms. The kind of places where a cow needs to be more than impressive on paper. She needs to fit into real life and the goals that are set for her. She needs to be calm and quiet when she is moved to a new pasture everyday, more than likely with a few wild kids helping.

My husband Ben and I host weekend workshops on our farm in southern middle Tennessee, helping people build a foundation in cattle husbandry for both beef and dairy. One of the most valuable things we do together is walk our herd. We stand in the pasture and talk through what we like, what we would change, and why. It’s not about picking cattle apart for the sake of it, but about helping people understand how to evaluate what’s in front of them, so they know who to purchase or who to cull.

At our last workshop, we had two newer additions in the pasture, a bred Red Poll cow and a yearling heifer we had brought home that fall from John Rager and Jeff Doll. When we got to them, the conversation shifted. There was a lot to point out that we liked. Their structure made sense. Their disposition didn’t put anyone on edge. And maybe what stood out most was how little there was to critique.

That doesn’t happen with every animal. And it certainly did not happen with the rest of our beef herd.

By the end of that workshop weekend, two families who had been raising cattle for years, most recently Dexters, asked if we could take them to see more Red Polls. So we loaded up and drove over to visit Brant Sanders. Both families left with a deep impression of Red Poll cattle. There wasn’t a sales pitch or any convincing. Just time spent seeing and understanding, using what they had just learned in our herd to pick out two heifers for their farms in East Tennessee.

That moment has stuck with me, because it highlighted something I think small farms and home-

steads are often underestimated for. They are in a position to choose differently based on different goals than a commercial producer. They are not bound to extremes or pushed to specialize in one direction at the expense of everything else. They get to select for balance.

Red Polls have a history rooted in that kind of balance. Whether or not they are still considered a true dual-purpose breed in the modern sense matters less to me than what they still bring to the table. Their milk production shows up in the health and growth of their calves. Their docility makes daily work more manageable. Their mothering ability takes pressure off the farmer, many who are new to raising cattle. And when it comes time, the beef they produce will surpass their expectations.

There is something there that aligns well with the needs of small farms today.

And maybe even more importantly, there is something there worth keeping.

Breeds like Red Polls do not stay relevant because of their history alone. They continue because people choose them, use them, and find value in what they offer.

Small farms and homesteads have a unique role to play in that. We are not just consumers of livestock trends. We are stewards of what continues and what fades. When we choose animals that fit our land, our management, and our goals, we are shaping more than just our own operations.

We are helping decide which breeds still have a place.

And I have a feeling that if more people had the chance to stand in a pasture and really see Red Polls for themselves, they might come to the same quiet conclusion we did.

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Luke Jones — 4th Generation Red Poll Breeder

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I am a Junior at Milton Union High School in West Milton, Ohio. I am involved in the Marching Band, Symphonic Band-during the solo and ensemble contest this year, I received a superior rating with my solo, High School Musical-this year we are

presenting "Freaky Friday", FTA-Future Teachers of America and member of the Milton Union MVCTC FFA Chapter. My accomplishments in FFA include receiving my Discovery Degree, Greenhand Degree, Chapter Degree and I will be receiving my State Degree this May at the State Convention. I have served as our Chapter Reporter for the past 2 years where I have received a "Gold Rating" on our Reporter book each year. Another FFA accomplishment is that I have served on the Poultry Judging team the past two years-this has definitely been a learning



experience for me. This year I will be running for a state officer position within the state of Ohio. Along with being in FFA, I have been a 10 year 4-H member where I served as our club President in the past. My livestock projects include-Dairy Beef Feeders, Market Dairy Steer, Market Barrows, Market Goats and of course my Red Poll Heifers. After graduation my plan is to attend Oklahoma State University and study Ag Education. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Kankakee, Illinois in June for the Jr Preview Show.





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June 26-28, 2026

Hosted by Barbara Jackson Soucy and Family

All Junior members are eligible to enter the photo contest and the Red Tales Essay Contest. Since we are Legends in the Making, we are asking Junior members to write an essay about a Red Poll legend as the topic of their essay. Essays and photos submitted will be judged and cash awards will be given out!!! They will also be included in future editions of the Red Poll Journal. Email me your photo or essay before May 31st to be entered. Rules will be included in the Jr Show packet and posted on Facebook.

Jr Packet will be available in April. Included will be Schedule, Entry Forms for Show, Essay and Photo Contests, Reservations for Friday and Saturday nights dinners, Diamond Excel Entry Form and National Ambassador application.

I want to thank Andrea Weaver for serving as our National Ambassador for the past several years. She has done a wonderful job. She will be retiring her tiara this year! Anyone interested in becoming the next Ambassador, please let me know and I will make sure you receive an application.

Please contact Becky to become a donor or sponsor to our Juniors.

Contact Information:

Becky Ebersole, Advisor

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Friday:

12:00 p.m. Arrival Begins

5:00 p.m. Legends Chat

6:00 p.m. Legends Cookout

7:00 p.m. Legends Social

Saturday:

10:00 a.m. Check-In

12:00 p.m. Junior Lunch and Meeting

3:00 p.m. ARPA Board of Directors

Meeting

6:00 p.m. Legends Dinner \$25,

Silent Auction, Bags and Bingo

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Cowboy Church and

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Junior Preview Show

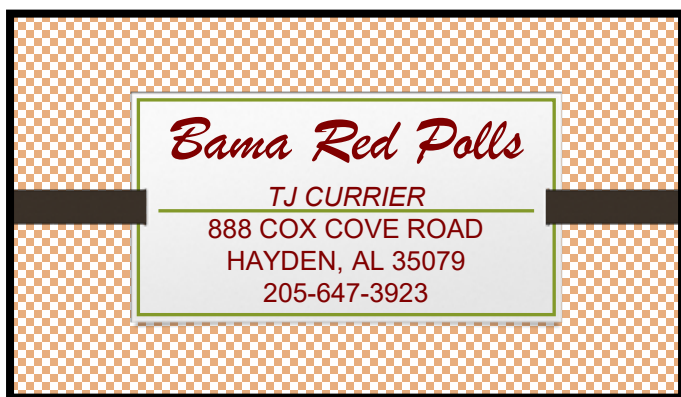
Lunch on the Go After the Show

Due Dates:

Entries: May 15, 2026

Dinner Reservations: May 31, 2026

Camping with water and electric available for \$30 per night



First time purchasers of Red Polls / new Members of ARPA:
Nov 20, 25 – Mar 20, 26

Donnie & Stacy Wilson
Strawberry, AR

Turquoise Ranch
Celeste, TX

David Meeks
Glen, MS

Jacob Paasch (JR)
Richland Center, WI

Gordon Farm
Wildersville, TN

Andrew Cornell (JR)
Richland Center, WI

Dykstra's Homestead
Holladay, TN

Anna Cornell (JR)
Richland Center, WI

Mark Bracken
Huntsville, TX

Welcome to ARPA!



Upcoming Events

June 26-28

Junior- Preview Show
Kankakee, IL, see page 21 for schedule

July 15

Fall Journal submission deadline

August 7

Indiana State Fair Open Red Poll Show, Indianapolis IN
See Calendar of Events at americanredpolls.com for schedule or website below:
<https://www.indianastatefair.com/>

August 29

Kentucky State Fair Open Red Poll Show, Louisville KY
Show 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 29
See Calendar of Events at americanredpolls.com for schedule or website below:
<https://www.kystatefair.org/>

October 22-24

National Meeting and Sale
Lexington, TN, Schedule TBD

November

National Red Poll Show
Louisville, KY, schedule TBD

November 15

Winter Journal submission deadline

March

Kentucky Beef Expo, Schedule TBD

March 15

Spring Journal submission deadline

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How to Contribute to the Red Poll Beef Journal

Deadlines For Submissions and Payments

Winter Journal - November 15, 2025

Spring Journal - March 15, 2026

Fall Journal - July 15, 2026

Advertisements will repeat unless you contact the office with changes

Share Your Story! We're now accepting educational articles and feature articles for the Red Poll Beef Journal. Help us highlight the breed and the people behind it!

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Advertisement Size Price File Size

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Inside back cover - \$300

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