

TEXAS SIMMENTAL/SIMBRAH NEWS

TSSA members set to meet

The annual convention of the Texas Simmental/Simbrah Association will be Aug. 11-13th at the Marriott Hotel in downtown San Antonio. All members and enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings.

Agenda:

Saturday, August 12th

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. General membership Meeting

TSSA update

Speakers

TJSSA Officers presentation

Lunch

Speakers

Committee breakouts

5:30 p.m. - Cocktail reception

6:30 p.m. - Dinner, awards and auction

Educational speakers include: Purina-Dr. Chance Farmer; ADM-Tony Ballinger; Merck-Dr. Jacque Fuselier; ASA-Luke Bowen; and Stock Show Pros – Jon Gevelinger

Event registration: \$75 per person (max of \$150 per family) This includes lunch and dinner.

RSVP now by emailing casey@southernjewelcattle.com with headcount as soon as possible. This is very important for food and facilities planning. Checks can be sent to TSSA by August 1st or pay at event.

Hotel reservations: TSSA Room Block Marriott Plaza San Antonio for \$129.00 Reservation Line (800)228-9290. Link is also on website. Room Block rate ends July 14th.

Special thanks to event sponsors: Purina, Merck, ADM, Stock Show Pros

If you would like to sponsor event and have vendor table, contact Casey Buzzard.

Updates: TSSA Board Meetings schedule will be posted on Facebook. Agenda updates will be posted on website and Facebook. You may join TSSA now or at event for 50% discount on 2017 dues.

TJSSA Holds 45th State Futurity

The Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association (TJSSA) held their 45th

State Futurity June 8-11, 2017 at the Brazos County Expo Center in Bryan,

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2017-2018 TJSSA Board of Directors. L-R Seated: Payton Meuth, Floresville; Claire Godwin, Round Rock; Andrew Cano, Edcouch; Megan Rogers, Lockhart; Colton Franks, Emory. L-R Standing: Tyler Denny, Edinburg; Elise Hesselstine, Orange Grove; Mikaela Talley, Floresville; Calley McGinley, Burton; Teegan Mackey, Giddings; Jacob Friedrich, Zabickville.



2017 TJSSA Friend of the Year. L-R: The Berry Family, David, Katy and Julie Berry, Canton, and award presenter Kaleb Fontenot (right).



Overall top 10 Juniors: (left to right sitting, 1st-5th) Miranda Skaggs, Robert Stavinoha, Bradley Meuth, Daniel Taylor, Ryleigh Whitaker, (left to right standing, 6th-10th): Carlos Guerra, Lorelai Hill, Ashli Perry, Jake Willias and Kaydence Orth. Victor Guerra (back row left), event sponsor, is pictured with the overall winners.



2017-2018 Queen and Sweetheart. L-R: Megan Rogers, Lockhart; Payton Meuth, Floresville; Amelia Stavinoha, Eagle Lake; Mia Barba, Rosharon; Georgia Dunn-Couhig, Floresville. Rogers and Meuth are outgoing royalty and Stavinoha and Barba will represent the organization in the coming year. Dunn-Couhig coordinated the election.



Overall top 10 Intermediates (left to right sitting, 1st-5th): Amelia Stavinoha, Payton Meuth, Teegan Mackey, Claire Godwin, Logan Perry, (left to right standing 6th-10th): Katy Berry, Colton Franks, Blaine Gibson, Regan Merryfield, Hayden Bradshaw. Dr Lucas and Norma Hinojosa (back row left) and Ty Warren (back row right), event sponsors, joined the overall winners for the photo.



2017 Scholarship Winners. L-R Seated: Elise Hesselstine, Orange Grove; Ashlyn Hesselstine, Orange Grove; Carlye Rodenbeck, Brenham; Paige Hovey, Boerne; Amelia Stavinoha, Eagle Lake; Mikaela Talley, Floresville; Payton Meuth, Floresville. Standing L-R: Jim Ethridge, Franklin; Betty Freasier, Floresville; Dylan Hempel, Victoria; Erin Lusk, Colmesneil; Tyler Jenkins, Orange; Colton Franks, Emory; Claire Godwin, Round Rock; Kaitlynn Miller, Alleyton; Joel Mackey, Giddings; Nancy Tom, Campbellton; Victor Guerra, Linn.



Overall top 5 seniors (left to right, 1st -5th) Joel Mackey, Josh Evans, Tanner Howey, Jenna Hein, Erin Lusk.

Fall Focus set for Sept. 17-20

American Simmental Association (ASA) members are encouraged to attend the Fall Focus 2017 event in Bismarck, North

Dakota. The multi-day event includes speakers, programs, as well as ASA meetings. For additional information visit www.simmental.org.

The event is free, but registration is required and can be done from the association's website.

A guide for heifer development

By Dr. Justin Rhinehart

In our nutritional development, we can have steady growth, fast early

growth then plateau, slow early growth and fast late growth.

We can develop heifers to a lower target weight and still get good pregnancy weights.

If we have range development vs feedlot development of heifers, we see higher pregnancy rates in the range developed heifers. The range developed heifers also stay in the herd longer.

One month before breeding season, reproductive tract scores heifers and cull heifers that have not reached sexual maturity. Estrus synchronization is also a great tool for jump starting heifers using the progesterone in a CIDR.

With a limited approach to heifer development,

using estrus synchronization is very important. It will aid those heifers to be successful.

To have a great cross breeding scenario, it is easiest to buy cross-bred heifers and breed them to a terminal approach. From a systems perspective, this is an optimal approach. We can learn from crop or other livestock production in terms of utilizing hybrid vigor.

- Breed early in the first breeding season
- Minimize calving difficulties
- Wean acceptable calves
- Breed early in the second breeding season
- Optimize profit
- Improve genetics

2017 Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association Futurity

Date: June 8-11, 2017

Location: Bryan-College Station, Texas

Judge: Cheramie Viator, Tomball, TX

Simbrah Show

Calf Champion

"Smith CRC Branded Image," sired by NF Smith Sargeant, exhibited by Mackenzie Groce, Snook, TX.

Reserve Calf Champion

"6G Rapunzel 5E2," sired by LMC Gold Medal 5Z/75, exhibited by Amelia Stavinoha, Eagle Lake, TX.

Grand Champion and Junior Champion

"Hagan Joy 50D," sired by Hagan

Shamoo 32X, exhibited by Miranda Skaggs, Bryan, TX.

Reserve Junior Champion (no photo)

"LMC SSC Yolanda 5D/83," sired by LN LMC 12th Man Y238, exhibited by Madison Culpepper, Gonzales, TX.

Reserve Grand Champion and Senior Champion

"RFI Smith Faith," sired by Smith Specialist, exhibited by Jane Hunt, Orange Grove, TX.

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Reserve Senior Champion

“LMC Lucky Charm 5C/184,” sired by LMC Gold Medal 5Z/75, exhibited by Carlos X. Guerra III, Linn, TX.

Bred and Owned Champion

“JACO Homemade Vanilla,” sired by Hagans Ante Up 51S, exhibited by Andrew Cano, Edcouch, TX.

Reserve Bred and Owned Champion

“Jewels Pride,” sired by FB Resurrection 851T, exhibited by Dylan Hempel, Victoria, TX.

Cow/Calf Champion

“JLF Felicity C551,” sired by J7N Whisker River W02, exhibited by Megan Rogers, Lockhart, TX.

Reserve Cow/Calf Champion

“Smith SWFS Matador,” sired by Smith Satisfies, exhibited by Blaine Gibson, Paradise, TX.

Grand Champion Percentage Simbrah Heifer

“Smith Farms Fantastic,”



Miranda Skaggs exhibited the grand champion Simbrah heifer at the TJSSA Futurity.



Jane Hunt exhibited the reserve grand champion Simbrah heifer at the TJSSA Futurity.



Joel Mackey exhibited the grand champion percentage Simbrah heifer at the TJSSA Futurity.



Bailey Warren exhibited the grand champion Simmental heifer at the TJSSA Futurity.



Lane Hagan exhibited the reserve grand champion Simmental heifer at the TJSSA Futurity.



Breck Shipman exhibited the grand champion percentage Simmental heifer at the TJSSA Futurity.

sired by Smith William N Black, exhibited by Joel Mackey, Giddings, TX.

Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Simbrah Heifer

“CTCF Mary Jane’s Beauty,” sired by LLSF Pays To Believe ZU194, exhibited by Madison Culpepper, Gonzales, TX.

Simmental Show

Reserve Grand Champion and Calf Champion

“HL Ms Optimizer D101,” sired by HPF Optimizer A512, exhibited by Lane

Hagan, Yoakum, TX.
Reserve Calf Champion
“CMFM Shawnee 721D,” sired by FBFS Wheel Man 649W, exhibited by Jayci Phillips, Teague, TX.

Grand Champion and Junior Champion

“SWSN Looking Up,” sired by Mr CCF Vision, exhibited by Bailey Warren, College Station, TX.

Reserve Junior Champion

“CMFM Perfection 511D,” sired by HPF Quantum Leap Z952, exhibited by Colton Franks, Emory, TX.

Senior Champion
“HOF Ebonys Joy 5392C” sired by Mr TR Hammer 308A ET, exhibited by Madison Metzler, Burleson, TX.

Reserve Senior Champion

“CMFM Gota Love Me

C307,” sired by SVF/NJC Built Right N48, exhibited by Jayci Phillips, Teague, TX.

Bred and Owned Champion

“CMFM Lola D905,” sired by HPF/SVF Duracell

T52, exhibited by Tanner Howey, Rockwall, TX.

Reserve Bred and Owned Champion

“HOC Diva D322,” sired by W/C HOCHCC Red

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CALENDAR

August 7-9th-Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, College Station, Texas
 August 11-13th-TSSA Convention, San Antonio, Texas
 August 25-26-Circle M Farms Dispersal Phase 2, Grand Saline, Texas
 August 26-29-LMC GenePLUS Online Sale
 September 16-Heart of Texas Simmental/Simbrah Association Online Sale
 September 17-20-ASA Fall Focus, Bismarck, North Dakota
 September 23-24-Simbrah Synergy X Sale and Showcase, Giddings, Texas
 October 7-30th Annual LMC Jr. Round Up & Futurity, Linn, Texas
 October 28-7P Ranch Annual Production and Bull Sale, Tyler, Texas.

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The agencies have also begun deliberations and outreach on the second step rulemaking involving a re-evaluation and revi-

sion of the definition of "waters of the United States" in accordance with the Executive Order.

"The Army, together with the Corps of Engineers, is committed to working closely with and

supporting the EPA on these rulemakings. As we go through the rulemaking process, we will continue to make the implementation of the Clean Water Act Section 404 regulatory program as transparent as possible for the regulated public," said Douglas Lamont, senior official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

For the pre-publication Federal Register Notice and additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>.

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Texas. Futurity activities included contests to prepare participants for the National Classic, cattle show, director elections, queen/sweetheart contest, and the awarding of \$19,000 in scholarships. It was a record-breaking year with 143 youth competing in the events and 193 head of cattle shown.

The TJSSA Board of Directors conducted officer elections, electing Payton Meuth, Floresville, president; Amelia Stavin-

oha, Eagle Lake, vice president; Claire Godwin, Round Rock, secretary; Wyatt Jackson, Blum, treasurer; Andrew Cano, Edcouch, reporter; Megan Rogers, Lockhart, historian; and Colton Franks, Emory, parliamentarian. Directors are Brody Hill, Edinburg; Cole Mau, Columbus; Zach Mills, DeKalb; Jacob Friedrich, Zabickville; Teegan Mackey, Giddings; Elise Hessel-tine, Orange Grove; Calley McGinley, Burton; Mikaela Talley, Floresville; and Tyler Denny, Edinburg.

Amelia Stavinoha was

selected TJSSA Queen and Mia Barba, Rosharon, was selected TJSSA Sweetheart.

Colton Franks received the Lytle Tom Memorial Scholarship; Amelia Stavinoha received the Victor A. Guerra Memorial Scholarship; Tyler Jenkins, Orange received the Pine Ridge Ranch Scholarship; Mikaela Talley received the James L. Freasier Memorial Scholarship and Payton Meuth was the recipient of the Smith Farms Scholarship. Receiving TJSSA Education Trust scholarships were Paige Hovey, Boerne; Joel Mackey, Giddings; Brody Hill; Claire Godwin; Carlye Rodenbeck, Brenham; Ashlyn Hessel-tine, Orange Grove; Elise Hessel-tine; Kaitlynn Miller, Alleyton; Erin Lusk, Colmesneil; and Dylan Hempel, Victoria.

Hidden Oaks Cattle, The Berry Family of Canton was selected TJSSA Friend of the Year.

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Answer 33B, exhibited by Katy Berry, Canton, TX.

Simmental Cow/Calf Champion

"WAGR Chanel 5073C," sired by MR HOC Broker, exhibited by Brecken Shipman, Grandview, TX.

Simmental Reserve Cow/Calf Champion

"HOC Cosette C218," sired by RGRS SRG Two Step 20Z ET, exh by Katy Berry, Canton, TX.

Grand Champion Simmental Percentage Heifer

"TKCC Demi 6D," sired by MR TR Hammer 308A ET, exhibited by Brecken Shipman, Grandview, TX.

Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Percentage Heifer

"CMFM Firefly 139C," sired by Circle M Tejas, exhibited by Tanner Howey, Rockwall, TX.

Percentage Cow/Calf Champion

"LazyHBarForeverLady1 46C," sired by SVF Steel Force S701, exhibited by Brionna Warren, College Station, TX.

Percentage Reserve Cow/Calf Champion

"JBC Cassie 01C," sired by FBFS Wheel Man 649W, exhibited By Carlee Burks, Bangs, TX.
