

TEXAS SIMMENTAL/SIMBRAH NEWS

International titles awarded in Houston

Simmental and Simbrah breeders from several states competed for the international titles during the Houston Livestock Show. Matt Claeys from Indiana drew the task of evaluating the entries.

Simmental

The grand champion female honor went to CMFM Perfection 299D, a daughter of HPF Quantam Leap, owned by Allie Jordan. She was the junior champion in the drive. The reserve grand female title went to SJCC Emerald E032, a Mr. HOC Broker daughter owned by Southern Jewel Cattle Co. and she was the heifer calf champion.

The grand champion bull honor went home with WLTR Two Steps, owned by Sublette Cattle Co. The bull was sired by RGRS SRG Two Step 20Z and was the senior champion. RRF Pays To Love, owned by California's Red River Farms, was the reserve grand bull and was the bull calf champion. He was sired by LLSF Pays To Believe.

Three Farms exhibited the reserve heifer calf a daughter of Mr. HOC Broker. Peach Creek Ranch exhibited the intermediate champion female, a daughter of RGRS SRG Two Step 20Z and the reserve intermediate champion female was exhibited by Mallorie Hohlt and is also a daughter of Mr. HOC Broker. Outback Ranch exhibited the reserve in this

division and the female is a daughter of Mr. CCF Vision. Michael Moffitt saw his entry, a WLE Swagger daughter, take the senior champion honor.

Outback returned to the winner's circle for the reserve bull calf honor, winning with a son of Mr TR Hammer 308A. WR Cattle Co won the junior champion honor with a

LLSF Wheelman son.

Simbrah

The grand champion female earned her title after winning the calf division. Smith Special Effect, a daughter of Smith Rhett, was the winner for owner, Hayden Hackett. RND Cattle took the reserve grand champion honor with MS TG Valley Rose, a

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Allie Jordan exhibited the International Grand Champion Simmental Female.



Southern Jewel Cattle Co. exhibited the International Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Female.



Sublette Cattle Co. exhibited the International Grand Champion Simmental Bull.



Red River Farms exhibited the International Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Bull.



Hayden Hackett exhibited the International Grand Champion Simbrah Female.



RND Cattle exhibited the International Reserve Grand Champion Simbrah Female.



Graceann Mullins exhibited the International Grand Champion Simbrah Bull.



Smith Genetics and Reavis Farms exhibited the International Reserve Grand Champion Simbrah Bull.

Fields Cattle Co. honored during Houston

Fields Cattle Co., Mt. Pleasant, Texas, was recognized during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's™ Simbrah Show with the 2017 Simbrah Champion of the World, also known as Miss World and Miss North America titles for their female TKK FCC Rosie. This female was the 2017 International Champion and then went on to compete in the world judging.

The contest is conducted by Simbrahbreeder.net under the direction of P.J. Budler. Females from several countries were evaluated by the international judging panel of Carlos Ojea Rullan, Argentina; Heinrich Bruwer, South Africa; Glenn Trout, Australia and Mark McClintock, U.S.

The female, TK/FCC Rosie, a daughter of LMC KPBR Evolution was a many time champion prior to these international titles.

She won the gold, Mexico won silver and Costa Rica the bronze in the Miss North America contest and for Miss World, she won gold, Namibia was silver and Mexico took bronze.

"We as a family were very honored to receive such a prestigious award. While it is a family win, dad (Tim Fields) is really the one who deserves all of the credit. It was his vision to become involved in the Simbrah breed initially and

it was his vision that planned the mating that created Rosie. He was the one who saw her true potential as a calf and is the man who put in the day-to-day prep and maintenance of the cow. It was a sincere proud moment for him each time she was in the winner's circle and she is proving to be one of his and our all-time favorites for sure," described Katy Fields.



Fields Cattle Co. was honored during Houston Simbrah events as their female, TK/FCC Rosie was named Miss World and Miss North America. Pictured (l to r) Webb, Ryder, Dulcie, Tim, Karen and Katy Fields and P.J. Budler, coordinator of the world judging.

Juniors, mark your calendars

Junior Simbrah exhibitors, mark your calendars for the summer shows. The Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Futurity will be held June 7-10 in Bryan-College Station, Texas, while the American Junior

Simbrah Roundup will be June 20-23 in Crescent, Texas. The American Junior Simmental Association (AJSA) South Central Region Classic will be June 13-16 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, while the AJSA

National Classic will be July 2-7 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Please check the respective websites for entry deadlines and ownership date requirements.

Smith Genetics to hold annual camp

Smith Genetics, Giddings, Texas will once again hold their annual cow camp, May 19-20 at the ranch. The two-day camp will be a Sullivan's Stock Show U event for the fit-

ting, grooming and showmanship portions. The camp will also cover material and be interactive for the educational contests featured at the Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah

Association Futurity, American Junior Simbrah Roundup and American Junior Simmental Association's Regional Classics. To learn more and sign up, visit smithgenetics.com.



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CALENDAR

- May 19-Buzzard Hollow Ranch's Designer Classic Sale, Granbury, Texas
- May 19-20-Smith Genetics Cow Camp, Giddings, Texas
- June 7-10-TJSSA Futurity, Bryan, Texas
- June 13-16-AJSA South Central Regional Classic, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- June 20-23-American Junior Simbrah Roundup, Crescent, Texas
- June 23-26-LMC GenePLUSXIII Online Sale
- July 2-7-AJSA National Classic, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Aug. 6-8-TAM Beef Cattle Short Course, College Station, Texas
- Aug. 25-28-LMC GenePLUX XXIV Online Sale
- Sept. 15-Heart of Texas Simmental/Simbrah Association Sale, Granbury, Texas
- Sept. 21-23-Simbrah Synergy XI, Giddings, Texas
- Sept. 24-28-World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation Congress, Fort Worth, Texas

Always preg check your cows

By Dr. Les Anderson, beef extension specialist

If you have not incorporated the management practice of preg checking in the past, please do so this year. When it comes time to cull cows from your herd,

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daughter of RGV True Grit Y103. She was the junior champion division winner.

Graceann Mullins took the grand champion bull title with LMC 6G Golden Boy, a son of LMC Justice 5Y/127. He was the junior champion division winner. Smith Genetics and Reavis Farms took the calf and reserve grand champion bull title with Smith RFI Go To 708E, a Smith CRC Lubbock son.

The reserve heifer calf champion was Smith RFI Double Takes, sired by Smith Satisfies for owners Smith Genetics and Reavis Farms. The intermediate champion female was Smith Redi To Win, a Smith Nu Approach daughter owned by Zach Mills. Jake Williams exhibited the reserve intermediate champion, LMC BBS Kelly 5D/191, a daughter of LMC 6G Red Roc 5Y/203. The reserve junior champion female was 7N Kira's Kim, a Smith Satisfies daughter exhibited by Jadan Butler. Hayden Hackett took the senior champion honor with Smith McCrary Look at Me, a daughter of McCrary Smith Inspired. Kyleen Hewitt took the reserve senior banner with JLF Star Spangled Lady, a JLN Gentleman Jack A38 daughter.

The reserve bull calf champion was LMC MT Transformer 5E/32, a son of LMC BBS Manziel 5B/2 exhibited by La Muneca Cattle Co. The intermediate division bull was HMO Dank D9, a son of HMO PRR Waylon Z4, exhibited by Peach Creek Ranch. The reserve intermediate was JSJW Let's Roll, a son of ZZ Mr Fire Z340, exhibited by Jake Williams. The reserve junior champion was Smith Gaston 272D, a son of RFI Real Deal and exhibited by Brandi Bell. Melanie Evans took the senior division with her sons of Hagans Ante Up.

Smith Genetics exhibited the Best Three Head.

pregnancy status is one of the first criteria that will determine whether a cow stays in the country or goes to town.

According to the results of a survey conducted by the National Animal Health Monitoring System, fewer than 20 percent of beef cow calf producers used pregnancy testing or palpation in their herd. However, the benefits of

this practice are fairly simple to realize. First of all, pregnancy diagnosis allows producers to identify "open" or nonpregnant cows. Compare the roughly \$5 per head cost of a pregnancy exam with the \$100-200 per head cost of hay alone to feed an open cow through the winter (if you can find hay for \$30 per roll). It's easy to see that pregnancy testing quickly

pays for itself.

Pregnancy diagnosis is a quick and simple procedure. Three practical methods for pregnancy diagnosis can be used in beef cattle: 1) rectal palpation and 2) transrectal ultrasonography 3) blood sampling. Rectal palpation is most common and is an accurate form of pregnancy diagnosis that can be performed after day 45 of pregnancy.

Many veterinarians are proficient at rectal palpation, and this procedure requires little time in the squeeze chute. Transrectal ultrasonography, commonly referred to as ultrasound, can be used to detect pregnancy as early as 28 days with a high degree of accuracy. This method can be employed just as quickly as rectal palpation when done by a skilled technician and may provide additional information that cannot be determined by rectal palpation. Using transrectal ultrasonography, the technician is actually "looking"

at the fetus and can determine the viability of the fetus and the incidence of twins. It is also possible to determine the sex of the fetus between days 60 and 90 of pregnancy.

The blood test method to determine pregnancy is simple and accurate. First, a blood sampling kit needs to be ordered from the company. A quick google search will help you find the closest lab. Usually, the cost is about \$1.50-2.00 per cow for the kit. All the tubes should be labeled according to the instruc-

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Sympathies extended to DuJardin Family..

Eileen Kay DuJardin, 60, of Bremond, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on March 14, 2018. She was born October 5, 1957, in Elmhurst, Illinois, to Isabelle and Victor DuJardin, Jr. She grew up in Bloomingdale, Illinois and loved horses as a child, but it was during her time spent in Illinois as a young

woman that she first developed a love for cattle ranching which would eventually become her lifelong passion. DuJardin and her former husband, Larry Trimble, who survives her, moved to central Texas in 1994, where they continued to raise cattle and run a ranch for many years. It was also in Texas that she

began a successful career in real estate. DuJardin was working for Legacy Lands & Ranches at the time of her death. She was loved and admired by everyone she ever met, hardworking and devoted to her ranch and the animals she cared for so lovingly. She mentored many younger aspiring ranchers and also volunteered for a local animal shelter.

She was preceded in death by her father, Victor DuJardin; and cousins, Karen Clemenson, Neal Clemenson and Mark Clemenson. She is survived by her mother, Isabelle DuJardin of Waco; brother, Scott DuJardin and wife, Anita, of Napa, California; and other family members and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at Abraham Hall in Bremond, Texas on April 14, 2018, from noon to 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in her memory to the American Junior Simmental Association, One Genetics Way, Bozeman, Montana 59718 or via email lkesler@simmgene.com.

Preg. check...

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tions in the kit. The most difficult part of this process for most producers will be obtaining the blood sample. Cows must be at least 30 days pregnant and 90 days from calving for the test to work. Also, producer's who have no experience taking a blood sample will need to schedule this test with their local veterinarian. Once the sample is obtained, the samples are packaged and sent to a laboratory for analysis. The cost for the test is \$2.50-3.00 per cow. So the total cost per cow will be the cost of the kit, plus the test cost, plus the cost of mailing and any costs associated with

obtaining the sample if you cannot do it yourself. Likely the cost per cow will be about \$5 per cow for most producers.

The results are normally obtained with 2-3 days and the accuracy of the test is very high. If the test calls the cow open, then the producer is 99+% sure the cow is open. When the test determines a cow pregnant, you can be 93-95% sure they are pregnant. This test will not determine stage of pregnancy (i.e. 90 days versus 120 days).

Schedule to get pregnancy diagnosed in your cows. Few management tools are available that will save you more money.

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