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BEEF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Upcoming events:

- August 27—Cattlemen's College West Point, MS
- August 28—Cattlemen's College, Brookhaven, MS
- August 28—Risk Management Workshop Collins, MS
- September 15—BCIA Fall Bull and Heifer Sale Nomination Deadline
- October 16-18—Cattle Artificial Insemination School, Mississippi State, MS
- October 25—Prairie Research Unit Field Day
- November 12—MBCIA Educational Meeting and Supper, Raymond, MS
- November 13—MBCIA Fall Bull and Heifer Sale, Raymond, MS

MBCIA Seeking Bull and Heifer Sale Nominations

Plans are being made for the 2014 Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association Fall Bull and Heifer Sale. Mississippi BCIA continues to offer high quality beef cattle genetics through its annual BCIA Bull Sales. These bulls have passed breeding soundness exams and met minimum growth, scrotal circumference, and data reporting requirements. The 2014 sale is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 12:00 noon at the Hinds Community College Sales Facility in Raymond, Mississippi. The sale will be preceded with a supper and educational program on the evening of November 12, 2014. All lots will be available for viewing during the evening program.

**Sale nominations are due by:
September 15, 2014.**

Mississippi beef breeders are encouraged to nominate quality bulls and heifers that meet all the requirements for the sale. Rules and Regulations for the BCIA Bull Sale along with a nomination form and other current sale information is posted on the BCIA website at msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/bcia_bullsale.html

Heifer sale information is online at:
msucares.com/livestock/beef/heifer.html

Feeder Calf Board Sale Success

The 6th annual Homeplace Producers Board Sale was held on August 4, 2014 at the Southeast Mississippi Livestock Auction in Hattiesburg, MS. Beef cattle producers from across the state marketed farm-fresh and assembled stocker cattle in 18 truck-load lots. The sale was broadcast live over the Internet by the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

Approximately, 760 head of cattle were represented in 11 loads varying in weight, type, and management. The sale generated approximately **\$1.17 million** in total receipts. The cattle will be loaded at several different Mississippi locations through late October.

This sale was a collaborative effort among producers, livestock marketers, Extension, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association, and the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association. With this type of auction format, cattle are not present at the sale facility. Video clips and descriptions of each load are posted prior to the sale, and broadcast during the sale for prospective buyers. This type of auction offers both the buyer and the seller flexibility in arranging future delivery dates.

These sales have been successful in bringing together cattle producers and livestock marketers to improve the profitability of both sectors of the beef production chain. Since 2008, more than **24,000 head** of cattle in 334 loads have been marketed in these board sales. Together, the receipts from these sales exceeded **\$19.5 million**.

For more information on this sale visit:
msucares.com/livestock/beef/feeder_calf.html

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“...Learn more about the most efficient and practical ways to run a cattle business.”

Class is in Session: Mississippi Cattlemen's College

Mississippi cattlemen and women won't want to miss this year's Mississippi Cattlemen's College, to be held Wednesday, Aug. 27 at Town Creek Farm in West Point and on Thursday, Aug. 28 at Mathis Farm in Brookhaven.

The event, which is sponsored in part by Zoetis, will feature speakers and sessions encompassing a variety of topics important to farm and ranch owners and managers. This year's program features several hands on workshops sure to be of interest to cattle producers across the state, including a grazing and herbicide demo, and a panel of experts on cattle marketing.

Dr. Don Ball, Professor Emeritus at Auburn University, and a recognized expert on southeastern forages will cover the forage session. Dr. Ball has authored two books, *Southern Forages and Practical Forage Concepts*, as well as numerous other articles and publications. He is a former President of the American Forage and Grassland Council.

Also on hand will be Jennifer Houston, the current NCBA Federation Division Vice Chairman to discuss cattle marketing. Jennifer Houston and her husband own and operate a progressive livestock auction market in Sweetwater, TN where they sell approximately 50,000 head of cattle each year. Jennifer also runs a stocker operation, commercial cow-calf herd and feeds cattle in Texas and Kansas.

Also on hand to give an update on NCBA will be current NCBA President Bob McCan. Hailing from Victoria, TX, Mr. McCan oversees the cattle operations, recreational hunting, and wildlife operations from his family's company McFaddin Enterprises, Ltd. in Victoria, Refugio, and Bee counties. The ranches are stocked with Victoria cattle, a commercial cross of 3/4 Hereford and 1/4 Brahman with a uniform Hereford coloring.

The Mississippi Cattlemen's College not only provides producers with an opportunity to learn more about the most efficient and practical ways to run their businesses, it also is an excellent networking opportunity. Attendees have the chance to communicate with fellow producers and speakers about management and animal health practices that can benefit their own operations.

Producers interested in attending the event should register on the Mississippi Cattlemen's website, www.ms cattlemen.org, or contact MCA at 601-354-8951. The event is free to the public, but registration is required for meal planning.

Mississippi Cattlemen's Association has joined with sponsors; Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), National Grazing Lands Coalition, Mississippi State University Extension Service and Zoetis to promote and provide this important seminar series to the cattle industry across the state.



Cattle Market Notes– August 8

By: Dr. John Micheal Riley

Cash Cattle:

Negotiated cash trade fell this week. Late week trade volume was light as a result of the futures market dive. The five-area weighted average steer price for the week ended Friday was \$160.75, down \$2.22 from the previous Friday, and dressed steers averaged \$253.47, down \$4.67. Very few negotiated transactions took place in Texas at \$160 for live cattle. In Kansas limited sales were reported at \$160. Similarly in Nebraska trade was at \$160 and \$250-\$252 for live and dressed, respectively. Western Cornbelt trade was reported at \$157-\$160, live, and \$248-\$252, dressed, but again volume was light.

Feeder steers were lower this week in Mississippi auctions mostly down \$2-\$5, steer calves were \$10-\$15 higher. Feeder heifers were \$6 lower and heifer calves were down \$2-\$5. Cull cows and bulls were steady to \$2 lower. Feeder steers in Oklahoma City's auction were \$2-\$5 higher and calves were \$6-\$10 higher.

Futures:

Fed and feeder futures took a hit this week. Russia announced late Wednesday that they were banning all agricultural products from the United States, Canada, the European Union, and Norway. While the U.S. has not sent large quantities of beef to Russia for several months now, the ban sent livestock prices spiraling downward. When the

impactions for both pork (the more pivotal player) and beef, coupled with the numerous countries involved provided enough sour news to the market. A summary of beef and pork exports to Russia can be found <http://blogs.msucare.com/agecon/2014/08/07/russia-bans-u-s-imports-of-multiple-commodities-implications-for-beef-and-pork/>

Prior to the announcement of the ban, fed and feeder prices were largely holding steady.

Corn prices steadied this week. Most trading was posturing ahead of Tuesday highly anticipated crop report and supply/demand report. This will be the first of the year to include field data. Drought in China was reported late in the week and may provide support.

Beef:

Wholesale choice boxed beef prices continue to set new records, though the pace slowed this week, while Select slipped pushing the spread higher. Choice boxes averaged \$262.26, up \$19. Select boxes ended the week at an average of \$255.75, down \$3.39.

Note: all cattle and beef prices are quoted in dollars per hundredweight and corn prices are quoted in dollars per bushel, unless stated otherwise.

Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

The National Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce produces a weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report for Mississippi.

Of interest to cattle producers, the report indicates the percentages of livestock, hay, and pasture categorized as Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, or Very Poor. The report also notes the percent of warm-season hay harvested and compares it to the same time last year and over the average of the last 5 years.

Mississippi State University Extension Service agents provide county-level observations in a comments section of the report. The report also contains a weekly Mississippi Weather Summary including air temperature and precipitation statistics for 39 automated weather stations at locations throughout the state.

To access this report online go to:
www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Mississippi/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition

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The weekly crop progress and condition report gives percentage estimates of the summer hay harvest

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(Check one) Seedstock: Commercial:

Cattle breed(s): _____

Completed applications and \$5 annual dues or \$100 life-time dues payable to Mississippi BCIA should be mailed to:
 Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association
 Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2012, there were 15,940 farms with beef cattle in Mississippi. Of that group the greatest number of farms reported having between 20-49 head (5,215 farms). <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>

\$704 MILLION

The value of agritourism and on-farm recreational services such as hunting, fishing, hay rides, and farm and winery tours in 2012.



Up 24% since 2007.



August 10- Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

Crop progress for week ending August 10, 2014				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	95	91	97	99
Corn, dent	82	70	91	95
Corn, mature	44	26	27	53
Corn, harvested	2	--	0	11
Cotton, squaring	98	97	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	85	79	78	93
Cotton, open bolls	3	0	0	5
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	77	70	79	77
Peanuts, pegging	91	82	99	100
Rice, headed	78	66	60	84
Rice, mature	11	3	0	14
Sorghum, headed	87	79	92	98
Sorghum, coloring	47	36	47	65
Sorghum, mature	11	4	0	19
Soybeans, blooming	92	84	94	99
Soybeans, setting pods	79	63	69	90
Watermelons, harvested	89	81	100	99

Crop condition for week ending August 10, 2014					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	29	65	5
Corn	0	6	20	44	30
Cotton	0	2	27	56	15
Hay	0	5	30	53	12
Livestock	0	3	21	59	17
Pasture	1	6	24	56	13
Peanuts	0	6	27	56	11
Rice	0	0	14	60	26
Sorghum	0	7	22	50	21
Soybeans	0	4	17	53	26
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	34	48	18

“Hotter and drier weather has allowed baling hay to resume. Hay should be plentiful, but quality has suffered due to all the rain in June and July. Cattle are enduring severe heat stress with heat indices exceeding 100 degrees. Corn is ready to harvest and soybeans look good. Late beans could see increased fungus and insect pressure.” -Richard Hay, Walthall County