



EAST TEXAS LOUISIANA BEEFMASTER MARKETING GROUP

STRONG SALE IN APRIL!

We had a strong Sale on April 16th in Crockett! 40 lots were sold for an average of \$3,780.00, with commissions kept to a reasonably low level. This marked our 36th Annual Sale and it was well attended. A big THANK YOU to all of our buyers, consigners, members, directors and officers for your participation and efforts in putting together this successful sale.

The high selling lot was a nice polled bred cow that sold for \$7,500. The consigner of this lot was Jimmy Keene, Rosefield Beefmasters, Jena, LA. Mr. Keene was also the recipient of our "John Jones Award". The Grand Champion was a black open heifer consigned by Randy Low of L5 Beefmasters. Sheldon McManus consigned the Reserve Champion Bred Heifer which was a Fusion daughter. Thanks to everyone that participated in the futurity.

Our Friday night meal was catered by Scott Branch and his Family. This delicious meal consisted of steak, potatoes and green beans. Deserts were furnished by the ETLBMG officer's and director's wives. After the meal, we had the, always fun,....Fun Auction! Because he always does such a

great job and is so entertaining, Anthony Mihalski served as our auctioneer. We grossed over \$3,100 to offset sale expenses. Thanks to everyone who donated items for this event. Thanks to Elbert and Nina Manor for organizing the auction. We would also like to thank Terry and Gerry Chambers of TAG Land and Cattle for donating the Grizzly cooler we raffled off, also to help with sale expenses.

On Saturday the ETLBMG had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Erin Brown of Stephen F. Austin University and her "Beef Cattle" class. They were there to observe and learn the workings of our consignment sale as part of their studies. Mr. J.D. Laird presented information to the group on this subject. Thanks to JD for taking time with the group. Thanks also to Dr. Brown and her students for attending our sale.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 15, 2017 and plan to attend our 37th Annual Sale. Remember to come Friday for an evening of activities, fun and fellowship. We are already working on putting together a great sale weekend for you for next year.

ETLBMG Receives JBBA "Helping Hand Award"

On Friday evening, July 22nd, at the JBBA National Convention Awards Banquet, the East Texas/Louisiana Beefmaster Marketing Group was awarded the "Helping Hand Award" by the Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association. This award was presented in appreciation for our support of the Juniors over the years. It was noted that over the last ten years, our Group has awarded over \$24,000 in scholarships to deserving Juniors.

We would like to thank you, the ETLBMG members, who have given so generously over the years by purchasing auction items and donating "add-on" money with the proceeds going to the ETLBMG Scholarship Fund. Thanks also to the JBBA for the award.

ETLBMG Junior Scholarship Winners

At the Awards Banquet during the JBBA National Convention, the ETLBMG was pleased to award THREE scholarships this year totaling \$2,000 to deserving Juniors. Casey Ballard, Junior Coordinator and his Scholarship Committee worked hard to carefully choose these recipients from the applications that they received. The recipients are: Seth Byers, Jordan Hall and Robby Green. Casey Ballard did comment that he would encourage more Juniors to take advantage of these scholarships by applying. An application form can be found on the BBU website under "Juniors". For additional information contact Casey at 979-574- 5372.

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Changes in the VFD Veterinary Feed Directive

The use of medications in feed has been an effective and convenient method to prevent and treat certain disease conditions in groups of livestock. The proper use of feed medications have changed and will need to be under the oversight and order of a veterinarian.

The order is known as a veterinary feed directive (VFD). A VFD is a written statement by a licensed vet in the course of the vet's professional practice that orders the use of a VFD drug in or on an animal feed. This written statement authorizes the client to obtain and use the VFD drug in or on animal feed to treat the client's animals only in accordance with the directions for use approved or indexed by the Food and Drug Administration.

A little background.....In 1996, Congress enacted the Animal Drug Availability Act (ADAA), which established veterinary feed directive drugs, a class of animal drugs dosed in or on animal feeds which require the professional oversight of a licensed veterinarian. A section of this Act, finalized in 2000, provided the regulatory requirements for dispensing and use of veterinary feed directive drugs.

Cattle drugs currently requiring a VFD include Tilmicosin. Cattle drugs which change from over the counter sales to use only by veterinary feed directive in 2017 include: Neomycin, Tylosin, Virginiamycin, and Chlortetracycline.

A good article listing questions and answers taken from a recent webinar on this subject and hosted by Zoetis, Drovers Cattle Network and by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association can be found using the following link: <http://www.cattlennetwork.com/advice-and-tips/cowcalf-producer/here-are-practical-answers-your-vfd-questions>

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References: NDSU Ext Service V1719, Covington 6-18- 15, Drover Cattle Network 6-29- 15.

"Spring Fling" JBBA Heifer Show

Saturday, April 16th , 69 JBBA Exhibitors converged at the Porth Ag Arena in Crockett, Texas to exhibit an impressive 116 heifers in the East Texas/Louisiana Beefmaster Marketing Group "Spring Fling" JBBA Heifer Show. The judge for the show was Mr. Carl Muntean of College Station. Top honors were awarded to the Juniors as follows:

- Calf Champion – Meredith Wrobleski with MMW Spice
- Reserve Calf – Raegan Emmons with EMS Pistol's Crystal
- Junior Champion – Sage McManus with SWB Rose Petals
- Reserve Junior – Reece Wrobleski with SR Sister's Hope
- Senior Champion – Raegan Emmons with EMS Pistol Annie
- Reserve Senior – Emily Paris with EP Bombshell
- Overall Champion – Raegan Emmons with EMS Pistol Annie
- Reserve Overall Champ – Sage McManus with SWB Rose Petals
- Bred and Owned Champion – Meredith Wrobleski with MMW Spice
- Reserved Bred and Owned – Raegan Emmons with EMS Pistol's Crystal

Showmanship class winners were:

- Rhaina Emmons for the Junior Division
- Braylee Mackie for the Intermediate Division
- Emily Paris for the Senior Division.

BIG THANKS to Casey and Amy Ballard for organizing and running this very successful show year after year. We also would like to thank all of the award sponsors. Their donations allowed the juniors to receive nice awards including buckles, plaques, ribbons, top ten awards and prize money. Thanks also to all of you who came out to watch the show and support our Juniors.

2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete and send to Mikie Emal at the address below with check payable to ETLBMG for \$30.00.

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2015-16 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The following new officers and directors were elected this year at the General Membership Meeting on April 15, in conjunction with the annual sale.

President: Mike Griffith	Directors: Jake Burkhart	Chad Horner
Vice-President: Scott Jagers	Jeremy Way	Jerry Ronquille
Ex-Officio: Melton Brock	Elbert Manor	Gary Lindsey
Sec./Treasurer: Mikie Emal		

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