



EAST TEXAS LOUISIANA BEEFMASTER MARKETING GROUP

A "NO-BULL" ALTERNATIVE

Retaining and developing bulls to breeding age can be a challenge. Some of us breeders may not have the required facilities, labor and feeding ability to develop bulls. A possible alternative is to take advantage of one of several Bull Development Programs available to you as a breeder. The purpose of this article is to make you aware of these programs and to list some of them that are available. Although each program is structured a little different, most of them will accept bulls at their facility, separate them into some form of contemporary groups, feed them either on forage and/or feed and will include performance testing.

This testing usually involves weighing of the bulls on some regular basis to determine daily gain; BSE testing, at some point, for fertility and scrotal measurement; yearling weights and ultrasound scanning for carcass merits such as ribeye area, IMF, rump fat and rib fat. Another benefit is that some of these programs offer you a way to market your bulls after the completion of the program. Once the development/testing part of the program is completed, you have the option of leaving your bulls with the facility where they are prepared for a Sale in the fall.

Each program will have its own specific entry requirements for bulls which normally include age requirements, minimum weaning period, health requirements to include disease testing and vaccinations, completion of an application and visual inspection of bulls upon arrival. The charges for these programs are usually a per day charge plus the costs of testing, vaccines, meds or vet charges as needed.

All things considered, these programs can look attractive when you consider the fact that you don't have the challenges involved in feeding and caring for your bulls on your ranch and also the benefits that you receive in terms of performance data and marketing options.

Below are some available programs. This article has tried to describe basic features of most of these programs, however, please contact each one for specific information.

1. Live Oak BBA Bull Gain Test. Bob Siddons 512-261-5327. Location of test is Tom Brothers Ranch near Campbellton, TX.
2. Steven F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, TX. Dr. Erin Brown 936-468-6948, or, Chris Koffskey 979-224-8178. (This is a multi-breed program)
3. Central States BBA Bull Test. Davin Vaughn 417-793-1830.
4. Genetic Development Center, 22909 FM 2154, Navasota, TX 77868. www.geneticdevelopmentcenter.com. On the grounds of Sexing Technologies. Phone 979-324-6004. (This is a multi-breed program, but accommodates breed groupings)
5. Beef on Forage Performance Tested Bull Sale held by the Texoma Beefmaster Performance Group. Programs ends with a Bull Sale in Brenham, Texas on the third Saturday in October. Contact Derek Frenzel 254-541-4643 for more information.
6. Texoma Beefmaster Performance Sale held by the Texoma Beefmaster Performance Group. This Sale is usually held the third Saturday in March at the McAlester Oklahoma Stockyards. This program includes both performance tested bulls and also heifers. Contact Derek Frenzel for more information 254-541-4643.
7. Southeastern BBA/Channarock Bull Test and Sale. Receiving location is Channarock Farms, Rockfield, Kentucky. Contact Brian Melloan 270-282-5102 or any of the SEBBA Officers or Board members. This is a new program.
8. Cain Cattle Company, Wiggins, MS. For more information, contact General Manager, Robert Williams at 816-519-1179.

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Please check out our website and let us know what you think. You can find current and past newsletters, contact information for the officers, directors and members. Free advertising space is available for members, too.

ETLBMG Sale Update

Like most consignment sales, our 2016 E.T.L.B.M.G. Sale has had no problem presenting challenges for the Sale Committee. The Sale Committee and the Board strive each year to make what they feel are the most beneficial decisions for the Sale, for the consigners and for the members.

This year, the biggest challenge has been, "what to do with the unusually high number of bull consignments?" Before the consignment letters were even mailed, there were more bulls committed to the sale than anyone could ever remember. This set up two red flags.

1. Would the high number of bulls mean we would be looking at an increase in females consigned? With limited pen space available, this could be a problem.
2. April is not generally considered a time that most ranchers were looking for bulls. Sale prices for the bulls might be lower than desired. Consignors would then be disappointed and the sale average would decrease.

That being said, we have an outstanding group of bulls for your consideration. We thank each of the breeders that consigned bulls to the sale this year. With the growing interest in the ETLBMG Sale, our goal would be that we continue to get your good animals, which will attract more buyers. This is YOUR sale, so...bring your BEST!

East Texas-Louisiana Beefmaster Marketing Group Sale

Saturday, April 16, 12:00pm

Porth Agricultural Arena, Crockett, TX

Lunch will be served at 11:00am

JBBA Show will follow the sale, so plan to stick around and support the Juniors and all the hard work they put into their cattle!!



PRO SERVICE

Come join us Friday, April 15th to learn more about B.B.U. new program, "Pro Service". A representative from B.B.U. will be on hand at the sale barn to go over this new program and answer any of your questions at 4:00pm. I am sure most of you have seen ads for this new program; so come on by and get the information you need to help you and your operation take that next step in improving your cattle herd.

Also, stay around afterwards for the E.T.L.B.M.G. Heifer Futurity, followed by a steak dinner and Fun Auction!

See ya there!!

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	Scott Jagers
Vice-President: Terry Chambers	Jeremy Way	Jerry Ronquille
Ex-Officio: Melton Brock	Elbert Manor	Gary Lindsey
Sec./Treasurer: Mikie Emal		

Contact information for these, your representatives, is available on the website: www.etlbgm.com

2016 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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