



# EAST TEXAS LOUISIANA BEEFMASTER MARKETING GROUP

## CAN IT REALLY BE DECEMBER???

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of 2016! We hope that all of our friends and fellow Beefmaster Breeders have had a successful and prosperous year. 2016 has been a wet year with most parts of the state receiving ample rainfall. We hope that you got your share this year.

The BBU Convention was back in Branson, Missouri again this year. Nestled in the beautiful Ozark Mountains and home to a variety of entertainment theaters, attractions and good restaurants, it's a great place for a convention.

Some of our ELTBMG Board members attended the convention and represented our Group. Attending were Jerry Ronquille and his wife, Janelle; Elbert Manor and his wife, Nina; and Gary Lindsey and his wife, Rhonda.

Congratulations to one of our members, Cindy Emmons, who was awarded Beefmaster Cattlewoman of the Year at the convention.

Mr. Steve Carpenter of Tecumseh, Oklahoma was elected BBU president at the general membership meeting. Congratulations to Steve.

On a somber note, Haynes Pendergrass, father of Bill Pendergrass, passed away on October 28<sup>th</sup> during the week of the Convention. Our thoughts are with Bill and his family.

The Sale Committee, chaired by Scott Jagers, has met and sent requirements for our upcoming April 2017 Sale to Anthony Mihalski. You should be receiving your consignment forms in the mail soon. If you do not receive one, please contact Anthony or one of our ETLBMG Board Members and we will get one to you.

We also plan to have a pdf version of the consignment forms on our website for downloading and printing.

Our upcoming Sale for next year will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 so please mark your calendars. Your Board Members are already in motion and working to build a good sale for next year. As normal, we plan to have activities for you on Friday afternoon and evening, the day before the Sale. It is always our plan every year to create a fun weekend for all that attend. From the time that we start receiving cattle on Thursday afternoon until the end of the JBBA Heifer Show on Saturday afternoon, we want this to be a weekend of fun and fellowship for all.

Although the Sale is the main event of the weekend, we've always tried to make this "more than just a cattle sale".

**We, of the East Texas-Louisiana  
Beefmaster Marketing Group,  
wish you a very  
Blessed Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.**

<p><b>DOUBLE J FARMS BEEFMASTERS</b> Scott &amp; Ann Jagers Maud, TX 930.280.0556 sajagers@hotmail.com</p>	<p><b>J&amp;L LIVESTOCK</b> Jake &amp; Kimberly Burkhart Houston, TX 832.444.5450 jburkhart@capital-inland.com</p>	<p><b>CADE CREEK RANCH</b> Elbert and Nina Manor 903.388.2900 cadecreekranch@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>GRIFFITH'S RAFTER G BAR BEEFMASTERS</b> Mike &amp; Rachel Griffith 817.917.3691 raftergbar@aol.com</p>	<p><b>TAG LAND &amp; CATTLE</b> Terry &amp; Gerry Chambers Terrell, TX 972.849.4824 tagbeefmstr@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>YOUR AD COULD GO HERE</b> Please call 903.536.2410 for more information</p>

**facebook**

Be sure to "Like" our facebook page. It can be found by searching for East Texas/Louisiana Beefmaster Marketing Group. You will find news, photos and information about the marketing group. Thanks to Emily Griffith for hosting our facebook page.

**www.etlbmg.com**

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.

# CATTLE HEALTH

The purpose of this article is to bring to light some issues regarding lameness in young calves. Chances are, the more seasoned breeder has encountered these issues, whereas the newer breeder may not be as familiar with this subject matter. One issue often encountered with new born calves is contracted tendons (knuckling over), or, even in some cases, the complete opposite – lax tendons where the back of the fetlock is touching the ground. Generally the knuckling over occurs in larger rawboned calves or weaker calves (twins). It may be because of lack of room in the uterus or simply long bones which have grown faster than the tendons. Calves will knuckle over (especially on the front legs) to varying degrees, ranging from slight knuckling to cases where the fetlock joint is bent over at a 90 degree angle. Calves with mildly contracted tendons will walk up on their toes, while moderately affected calves will knuckle-over and walk on the front of their fetlocks. Severely affected calves may refuse to stand or will stand or walk away only on their carpus (front knees). Often with this restriction in mobility, the calve will have trouble standing to nurse which causes nutritional problems. Mildly affected calves and some moderately affected calves are likely to recover if they will stand and exercise. Ranchers can provide assistance by stretching and straightening

the legs multiple times a day to help the calf bear the weight on it legs. Moderately affected calves may need to have splints applied for a few days or more to provide enough support to allow the calf to put weight on the legs to stimulate exercise. A caution point with the use of splints is that they need to be monitored often to make sure that the splints are not rubbing and causing sores to develop. In severe cases in foals, tetracycline antibiotics are given intravenously. The theory is that the antibiotics bind to the calcium, which allows the tendons to become flexible again. Some vets have been reported to have used this procedure on young calves. With any of these methods, you should first consult your vet before applying any of these. One possible cause of contracted tendons in calves is a deficiency in the essential mineral selenium. You can prevent this situation by providing mineral supplements that contain selenium. Consult your feed and nutrition rep in order to determine how much mineral supplement that you require given the specific area that you live in as available minerals in your local forage will vary.

*This article is a compilation of information taken from articles on this subject found in the "Manitoba Co-Operator" and the "Angus Beef Bulletin, The Veterinary Link".*

## ARE YOU READY ?

Have you selected your consignment cattle for our April 15, 2017 Sale? Even though it is December, it isn't too early. Our members who have had the most success selling their cattle at our Sale choose their consignments well in advance to insure they have their cattle as well prepared as possible.

Truth is, we appreciate your consignments and your participation in this Sale whether you consign one lot or multiple lots. Your participation means a lot to us and we want you to be as successful as possible selling your Beefmaster Cattle.

Frankly, the overall success of our (YOUR) Sale depends largely on how well each one of us as individuals present our consignments at the Sale Site.

The following are a few tips that may be useful to you:

- Consign the best cattle that you can.
- Place your consignments on feed 120 days prior to the Sale. If cattle are in good condition, less time may be required; however, less than 90 days could result in cattle having less than desirable condition.

- Get your consignment forms in to Anthony Mihalski in a timely manner and ask for help with the sale catalogue footnotes for your sale lot if you need it.
- Palpation, BSE, TB and brucellosis testing should be done within 30 days of the Sale, or, as stated in the consignment instructions.
- Clip and fit your consignment cattle approximately 2 weeks prior to the Sale. As a minimum, we recommend clipping of the hair on the face and neck area. Many vets will either clip your cattle or refer you to someone who can.
- Sale ear tags sent to you by the Sale Manager should be put in no earlier than 2 weeks prior to the sale.

We want to help you to be as successful as you can be in April. Any of our Board Members will be happy to visit with you regarding your sale cattle. Their contact information can be found on our website [www.etlbgm.com](http://www.etlbgm.com).

### 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RANCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ BBU# \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**ETL Beefmaster Marketing Group, 1794 CR 130, Centerville, TX 75833**

### 2015-16 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The following officers and directors currently representing you at ETLBMG are:

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

Contact information for these, your representatives, is available on the website: [www.etlbgm.com](http://www.etlbgm.com)