



GEORGIA • HEREFORD • ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MAY 2006

GHA SPOTLIGHT:

2006 Georgia Hereford Association Field Day and Junior Show



By Randy Roberts

As most of you know, the 2006 Georgia Hereford Association Annual Field Day and Junior Show are going to be held at the Wiregrass Arena in Nicholls, Georgia. A group of Southeast Georgia Hereford Breeders are working together to make this field day one that everyone will enjoy and remember. The field day and junior show will be held Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th. We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to come and be a part of the Field Day activities and watch or participate in the Junior Show. Those working on the field day are: Chris Anderson, Barry Deas, Adam Henderson, Richard Henderson, Amanda, Jodie, and Carroll Roberts, Elaine and Steve Roberts, Charlene, Karen, and Hannah Roberts, and Dianne Strickland, and all the dedicated members of the Georgia Pollettes. To each of these people, I say now, a special "Thank You!"

2006 Field Day Schedule

Friday:

Junior Cattle Check-In: 12 PM to 3 PM
Showmanship: 5 PM
Steak Cookout: 7 PM
Speech Contest: 8 PM
Barnyard Olympics: 8 PM

Saturday:

Registration: 8 AM
Judging Contest: 8 AM to 12 PM
"Old Timers" Showmanship: 8:15 AM
Junior Heifer Show: 8:30 AM
Pollette's Silent Auction: 8 AM to 1 PM
Lunch: 12 PM

I am sure that as you look for Nicholls on the map two questions will come to mind. Number one being: "Where in the

world is Nicholls, Georgia?" Number two: "Why is the field day and show being held in Nicholls, Georgia?"

The answer to question number one is that Georgia Highway 32 runs east and west through the heart of Southeast Georgia and right through Nicholls. It is 14 miles from Douglas and 10 miles from Alma. Regardless of which way you come into Nicholls, just turn south at the only red light and go south for 1.5 miles to the Wiregrass Arena on the right. Now, if you need another clue about where Nicholls is, Douglas is 42 miles east of and slightly north of Tifton.

If you are coming down I-75, come to the Ga. Hwy. 32/Sycamore, GA exit and head east. Stay on Hwy. 32 right on through Douglas and follow the signs to get on Hwy. 32 East toward Nicholls.

If you are coming down US 441, let me know and we can send you directions about how you can avoid downtown Douglas to get on Hwy. 32 East.

If you will be coming south on US 1, come to Alma, GA and head west on Hwy. 32.

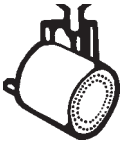
If you would like a detailed map, please contact Randy Roberts at (912) 384-1402 (office number); (912) 384-4349 (home number); or (912) 389-0672 (cell phone). This map will direct you to Nicholls to the Wiregrass Arena and also how to get to Douglas to the Hampton Inn or the Jameson Inn.

The second question can best be answered by simply saying that as a Hereford breeder and enthusiastic supporter, I wanted to see the field day and junior show be held in South Georgia. I thought that by having the field day down south that we might get some of our South Georgia Hereford breeders more involved in our association. I also thought that by having it down south that some of our junior members from South Georgia might have a better chance to come and compete in the junior show and the other activities associated with the Field Day.

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Front view of the Wiregrass Arena at the South Georgia Youth Park in Nicholls, Georgia.



GHA Spotlight ...

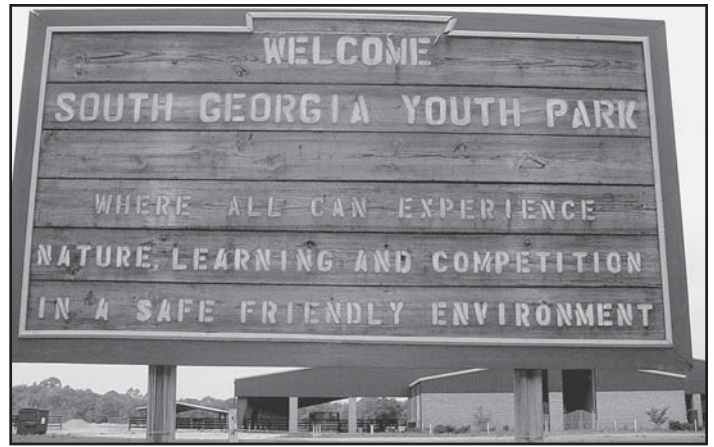
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I have been a County Extension Agent for the last 30-years, working primarily with youth livestock projects and adult livestock production. Having spent that much time with young people and their animals, I am truly convinced that we as an association need to do everything that we can to promote and support our juniors. We have to remember that our junior exhibitors and members of today will more than likely be our Hereford breeders and leaders of tomorrow. Hopefully some of these juniors we are providing support to will become leaders on the state and national levels.

But now let me tell you about the Wiregrass Arena. It is the center piece of the South Georgia Youth Park. It is a 200-foot by 300-foot clear span covered arena. The arena has excellent office and concession facilities and restrooms. Adjacent to the arena where the cattle will be housed is a 30-foot by 60-foot wash facility that is built on the order of the ones at the Georgia Agri Center in Perry. We have the tie spaces and water pressure to easily wash 15 head of cattle at one time. At each support along the north and south sides of the main building we have faucets for water. And on each support we have electricity available. You may want to bring fans, but there is generally a comfortable breeze blowing through the building even on the warmest of days.

Because we utilize portable panels, we can set up for and host hog shows, meat goat shows, team roping competitions, horse shows, rodeos, and cattle shows. In fact, the Wiregrass Arena is home to the Wiregrass Winter Classic Steer and Heifer Show. This show has grown in two years to become the third largest 4-H and FFA steer and heifer show in Georgia. In December of 2005, we had nearly 300 entries from Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Since we use portable panels, we can even clear everything out and host arts and crafts shows and concerts.

This 58-acre park is owned by the City of Nicholls. Its development came about through a grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The park and its facilities are managed by a Georgia non-profit corporation known as the South Georgia Youth Park, Incorporated. It has always been the goal of the board of directors that this park provide a facility and an environment where the youth and the adults of Southeastern Georgia can come together to participate in youth and adult



livestock and educational activities. It also has proven to be an excellent facility for concerts and arts and crafts festivals. As the secretary-treasurer of the board, I am actively involved in development and management of the park.

To give you a brief history about how this park and the covered arena came to be in Nicholls, let me back up to the early 90's. The Coffee County Extension Office was approached by a local horse enthusiast that asked us to invite Dr. Gary Heusner, our Extension Horse Specialist, to come down and visit with a group of citizens interested in developing a new arena facility. Dr. Heusner came and listened to their comments and answered their questions. They then asked him what he thought about their idea. He responded by telling them to only let their dreams be their limiting factor.

The park found a home when the City of Nicholls came forward and offered 38-acres on which to develop the facility. An additional 16 acres of land was added later. The majority of funding has come through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, but the in-kind assistance of the City of Nicholls and the Coffee County Commissioners has proven to be invaluable.

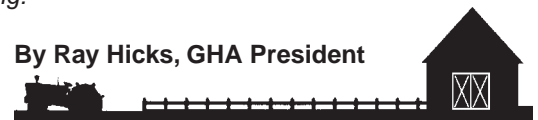
Two motels in Douglas have been contacted about rooms for the Field Day. The Hampton Inn and the Jameson Inn have rooms available. The Hampton Inn is holding a block of rooms and can be contacted at 912-383-7550. When you call the Hampton, ask for the Georgia Hereford Association block of rooms and give them the confirmation number: 82287241. At the Jameson, just ask for the Georgia Hereford Association room rate. They are holding no room, just offering a special rate.



Side view of Wiregrass Arena building.

Greetings from the Barn Lot

By Ray Hicks, GHA President



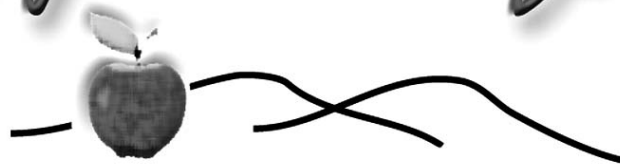
It seems that we just visited the other day and now Bill Sims is asking for another letter. Your association has been very active this spring. A great sale was held at the Georgia Beef Expo in Perry this April. The annual meeting and banquet was well attended and good food and fellowship was had by all. Congratulations to three new inductees to the Georgia Hereford Hall of Fame: Mitch Worsham, Howard Sheppard and Robert Swearingen.

Look for your delegate ballot from the American Hereford

Association and get it turned back in. If you need help, contact one of your officers.

The grass is greening up from a little rain and hopefully the Lord will bless us with some more. Hope to see you at one of the many member production sales this spring or the Junior Field Day at Nichols in June. Remember that this is membership directory year and we will be auctioning off the pages at Field Day. If you cannot attend, please send bids for pages that you desire. See you in the barn lot.

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DIXIELAND DELIGHT

XXIII



Lot 23A



Lot 55



Lot 5B



Lot 1



Lot 20

**23RD CONSECUTIVE
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show heifer prospects, spring pairs,
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embryos and more!

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starting at 2 p.m. There will be a country social
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adjoins the farm. For more information,
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Lot 21



Lot 14C



Lot 14A



Lot 29A



Lot 8



Lot 3C



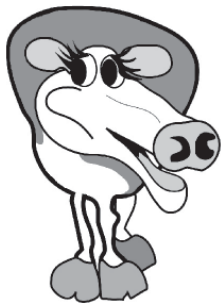
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**Make it a Polled Hereford
weekend and attend the
MEAD PROGRAM SALE,
Volume VI, Midville, Ga.,
on May 29th, 2006**



2006 JUNIOR FIELD DAY



Hosted by South Georgia Hereford Breeders
Wiregrass Arena • Nichols, Georgia

June 16-17, 2006

Please complete this page and return by **JUNE 1, 2006** to:
Debbie Hicks • 660 Seaburn-Vickery Rd. • Statesboro, GA 30461 • Phone (912) 865-5593

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

PLEASE CHECK THE CONTEST YOU WISH TO ENTER:

- Poster Contest
- Speech Contest
- Photography Contest
- Livestock Judging
- Beef Quiz
- Junior Show

JUNIOR SHOW ENTRY INFORMATION (for each entry):

1. Entry Name _____ Birthdate _____ AHA Reg. # _____ B/O: Y N
 Heifer, Owned or B/O Cow/Calf Pair Bred & Owned Bulls Steer

2. Entry Name _____ Birthdate _____ AHA Reg. # _____ B/O: Y N
 Heifer, Owned or B/O Cow/Calf Pair Bred & Owned Bulls Steer

3. Entry Name _____ Birthdate _____ AHA Reg. # _____ B/O: Y N
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 Heifer, Owned or B/O Cow/Calf Pair Bred & Owned Bulls Steer

7. Entry Name _____ Birthdate _____ AHA Reg. # _____ B/O: Y N
 Heifer, Owned or B/O Cow/Calf Pair Bred & Owned Bulls Steer

EACH EXHIBITOR IS REQUIRED TO BUY A T-SHIRT FOR SHOWMANSHIP.

Please let Debbie Hicks know by **June 1** if you want a T-shirt. You may order as many as you wish at \$10 each.
Mark quantity of each size desired, and enclose your check for the T-shirts made out to: GJHA.

___ XXL ___ XL ___ LG ___ MED ___ SM ___ CH LG ___ CH MED ___ CH SM



SPRING BANQUET



Carey Knowles, Southern humorist, was our guest speaker at the annual banquet.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Jimmy Worsham (accepting on behalf of Mitchell "Mitch" Worsham), Robert Swearingen, Jr., and Howard Sheppard. These men were nominated because of their long time service and dedication to the Georgia Hereford Association and the Hereford breed. Their names will appear on the Georgia Hereford Association plaque located at the fair grounds in Perry, Georgia.



GEORGIA HEREFORD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Front Row, L-R: Tommy Mead, Frank Thomas, Seth Ridley, Randy Roberts, Bill Sims. Back Row L-R: Sam Zemurray, Ray Hicks, Bobby Brantley, Billy Martin, Taylor Neighbors. Whitney Hunt and Ricky Yarbrough were not present.

MINUTES

Annual Membership Meeting, Georgia Hereford Association

APRIL 7, 2006 • PERRY, GEORGIA

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M. by President Ray Hicks with over 30 people present. The invocation was given by Randy Roberts.

Hicks welcomed the members and visitors and presented the agenda. A motion (Sherman Leonard/Bill Sims) was passed to adopt the agenda as presented.

Minutes of the 2005 annual meeting were published in the May issue of the GHA Newsletter. Hearing no corrections or additions, a motion (Pete Bailes/Bobby Brantley) was passed to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as published.

The financial report for the period April 8, 2005 through April 7, 2006, was distributed. A balance in checking on April 8, 2005 was \$3,380.80; income for the period was \$30,972.32 and expenditures were \$30,315.22, leaving a balance in checking on April 7, 2006 of \$4,037.90. There was \$15,200.00 in CD's; 6,601.94 in Junior Passbook Saving account and \$544.54 in Junior Scholarship Passbook Saving account. A motion (Steve Roberts/ Bobby Brantley) was passed to approve the financial report as presented.

President Hicks ask Thomas to review the procedure for the election of directors. Thomas stated that seven members in good standing had submitted in writing their name to be a candidate in response to the letter mailed to all Georgia members of the Association. He stated that five members would be chosen; four receiving the most votes will serve three year terms and the one receiving the fifth most votes will fill the one year remaining on Chris Anderson's term. Ballots were mailed to all eligible members of the association with the names of Donald Griffin, Ray Hicks, Jonny Harris, Taylor Neighbors, Seth Ridley, Ricky Yarbrough, Sam Zemurray. Sixty per cent of the ballots were returned. If other nominations are made from the floor, ballots of those present can retrieve their ballot and change their vote if desired. Hicks opened the floor for additional nominations. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion (Sherman Leonard/Pete Bailes) was passed to close the nominations. Hicks ask if any member present had not voted and wished to vote. Those votes were cast. Hicks ask Bill Sims, Diann Strickland and Bill McClrath to retire to another room and count the ballots.

Hicks gave the President's report which consisted of a review of the activities of the Association for the year. As Junior advisor, Hicks also gave a report of the Junior's activities for the year. The report included the sale in April, 2005, Hereford 101 in Athens in May, Field Day in June at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, Southeastern Regional Junior Show in later June in Raleigh, N.C., the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity and the National Junior Hereford Exposition in Milwaukee, Ws., in July. The State Junior Livestock Show was held in February.

Field Day 2006, will be held in Coffee County at Nichols in the new livestock arena on June 16 and 17. Randy Roberts and other Hereford Breeders in the area will host the event.

The communication committee reported on the signs available for sale to breeders. Pricing and other information about the signs can be obtained from Bobby Brantley or Colorwheel in Sandersville, GA. Billy Martin reported on the advertising in the Georgia Cattleman's Magazine. He urged breeders to take advantage of the special rates available through the Association and keep the breed name before the commercial breeders.

The sale committee reported the sale on April 8, had a good set of cattle consigned. They apologized for errors and omissions. They pleaded with consignors to be prompt in getting complete information to the committee. The committee has to do too much calling and pleading for the information, then the schedule for getting the catalog printed and mailed is delayed.

Results of the election for directors were: serving three year terms; Ray Hicks, Taylor

Neighbors, Seth Ridley and Sam Zemurray and serving the one year remaining on Chris Anderson's term; Ricky Yarbrough.

There was no old or new business.

Hicks announced the Hall of Fame induction at the banquet at 7:00 this evening. Howard Sheppard, Robert Swearingen, Jr. and Mitchell "Mitch" Worsham are the inductees. Billy Martin encouraged members to consign good Hereford bulls to the test stations this Summer and/or Fall. We need to show that Herefords can perform as good as other breeds.

Hicks announced that a new directory will be published this Fall and pages for advertising will be sold at Field Day. If you can't be present, call a director or some one who will be there to cast your bid.

There being no other business, a motion (Sherman Leonard/ Taylor Neighbors) was passed to adjourn.

— Frank H. Thomas, Secretary

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT GEORGIA HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

APRIL 8, 2005 TO APRIL 7, 2006

Balance in checking Account April 8, 2005 \$ 3,380.80

INCOME:

Membership dues \$ 4,375.00
(included juniors & poll-ettes)

Newsletter Ads 5,497.00
GCA Ads 6,097.50
Interest 462.80
Memorials 1,285.00
Donations – Hall of Fame Plaque 650.00
Spring Banquet 1,260.00
Hereford 101 Registrations 565.00
Signs and Tags 505.00

Specifically for Juniors:

Heifer raffle 4,260.00
T-Shirts 833.00
Pure Bred Steer Show 1,065.00
Donations 3,269.00
Checks Not Cashd 110.00

Reimburse From:

Junior Scholarship Saving Account 150.00
Junior Belt Buckle Donors 250.00
Ray Hicks for awards 22.47
Sale Account for Catalog Postage 315.55

TOTAL INCOME \$30,972.32

EXPENSES:

Newsletter \$ 5,838.03
Advertising 9,876.00

GCA Magazine 7,283.00
Booths GCA & Sunbelt 2,318.00
Ga. Jr. Livestock Catalog 275.00

Operational Expense 1,076.52

Office Supplies 181.22
Board Meeting 148.50
Tax Return Preparation 300.00
Postage 416.80
Secretary Of State 30.00
Member Services 2,567.76
Plaques 78.11
Spring Banquet 1,160.25
Ga. National Fairgrounds 475.00
Hall of Fame Name Plaques 390.00
UGA for Hereford 101 Food 449.40
Registration Refund for H 101 15.00

Junior Expenses 10,956.91

Show Premiums 5,290.00
Ribbons, Plaques, Trophies 1,705.83
Judges 325.00
Junior Pizza Party 72.17
Postage 152.52
T-Shirts 87.74
Colorwheel for tags 397.50
Fuel for travel to Junior Nat'l 2,014.65
Sponsor 3 Showmanship awards 150.00
Travel to Pride Conference 261.50
Georgia Junior Beef Futurity 250.00
Queen Expense to Junior Nat'l 250.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$30,315.22

BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT APRIL 7, 2006 \$ 4,037.90

Citizens Bank of Washington County (2CD's) \$12,000.00

Wheeler County State Bank (CD) 3,200.00

Funds in Junior Passbook Savings WCSB (as of 3-31-06) 6,601.94

Funds in Junior Scholarship Passbook Saving WCSB (as of 3-31-06) 544.54

MEMBERSHIPS: GHA – 105, JUNIORS – 88, POLL-ETTES – 61

MINUTES

Board of Directors, Georgia Hereford Association

APRIL 7, 2006 • PERRY, GEORGIA

Board Members: Present; Bobby Brantley, Ray Hicks, Billy Martin, Tommy Mead, Taylor Neighbors, Seth Ridley, Randy Roberts, Bill Sims, Frank Thomas, Ricky Yarbrough, Sam Zemurray. Absent: Whitey Hunt.

President Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. He congratulated the new Board members and welcomed them to Board. He also thanked them for agreeing to serve.

Hicks opened the floor for nomination of officers. He called for nominations of President. Sims moved and Brantley seconded a motion that the current officers be elected to serve another year. The motion passed. Thomas announced that he would continue to serve through June as secretary/treasurer to complete the fiscal year. He would see that the tax return was filled but a new secretary and treasurer would need to begin at that time. He would be available to help with the transition to make it as smooth as possible. He does not plan to serve on the Board past his current term.

Yarbrough informed the Board that it was time to renew the server for our web site. It cost just under \$170.00 for two years. After discussion, a motion (Brantley/Mead) was passed to continue the web page and approve the payment.

Martin ask if we should continue with the Association advertising in the Georgia Cattleman's Magazine. After discussion, a motion (Brantley/ Mead) was passed to continue.

Recognition of the breeder consigning the top indexing Hereford bull to the Ga. Bull test stations was discussed. A two year period occurred when no Hereford bulls were consigned to the test, hence the practice of giving a plaque to the breeder of the top bull was discontinued and not started again. A motion (Martin/Neighbors) was passed to give the breeder of the top indexing Hereford bull a plaque PROVIDED three different Hereford breeders consigned Hereford bulls to the test.

Hicks stated he had bought a TV DVD player for \$113.00 to be used by the Association. A motion (Mead/Sims) was passed to approve the reimbursement.

Martin suggested that members be encouraged to solicit membership from those to whom they sell registered animals.

Hicks stated this is the year for a new directory to be published. He appointed Sims, Zemurray and Ridley to be responsible for this. Directory ads are to be sold at Field Day.

A motion (Yarbrough/Martin) was passed to adjourn.

Member Web Pages and E-mail Addresses



Members of the Georgia Hereford Association who have web pages and/or e-mail and wish to have site addresses published in the newsletter should send information (name, farm/ranch, web page address, e-mail address) to Ricky Yarbrough at: cherry_ridge@cattle-today.com

We would like to create an e-mail tree so that when important announcements need to be made you will receive an e-mail.

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Working Together...



Dear GHA Members,

This is an opportunity for members of the Georgia Hereford Association to advertise what cattle they have for sale free of charge. We will be running this ad again in June 2006. Get your ads ready. Also, a reminder that the GEORGIA CATTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE has been working with GHA to provide a discounted cost for advertising. Please contact Bill Martin at home (770) 886-6849, cell (404) 376-6414.

Working together makes our association and our Hereford breed stronger. Encourage other Hereford breeders to join the Georgia Hereford Association.

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ADVERTISING RATES



	1 Issue	4 Issues Contract
1 PAGE	\$180	\$150
1/2 PAGE	96	80
1/4 PAGE	60	50
COLUMN INCH	15	12
COLOR 1 PAGE	350	

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

February 1 • May 1 • August 1 • November 1

Newsletter mailed approximately three weeks after deadline.



Membership Information

Membership in the Georgia Hereford Association is on an annual basis, July 1 through June 30 each year. New members who join after March 31 each year will be credited with a full year's membership plus the remaining time in the current year.

Benefits in GHA membership include: (1) the opportunity to consign cattle to association consignment sales; (2) receiving information about shows and field days sponsored by GHA; (3) receiving a quarterly newsletter updating activity of GHA and its members; (4) having your Polled Hereford operation listed in the GHA biennial directory at no additional cost; (5) entering cattle in GHA shows; and (6) supporting an organized effort to promote Polled Hereford

cattle. In addition, you will be able to make new friends and learn what others are doing by attending the various activities such as sales, shows and field day.

GHA is a registered non-profit Georgia Corporation. A copy of the by-laws is available to anyone interested in joining the association. The association has been active since 1968.

Two affiliated groups of GHA are the Georgia Poll-ettes (the ladies support group) and the Georgia Junior Polled Hereford group.

To Join, complete the form below checking the category in which you desire membership.

GEORGIA HEREFORD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Telephone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Farm Name (if appropriate) _____

Address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Types of Membership: (Please check desired membership.)

Registered Breeder \$35.00

Commercial Breeder \$20.00

Poll-ettes (Ladies Support Group) \$10.00

Junior Membership (Up to Age 21) \$ 5.00

Give birthdate of Junior _____

SEND COMPLETED FORM WITH REMITTANCE TO:

GHA

ROUTE 1, BOX 40 • ALAMO, GA 30411

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 18, 2006 Tifton HERD Sale
Irwinville, GA
- May 6, 2006 JWR Binding the Best IV
Dallas, GA
- May 27, 2006 Tennessee River Music Inc.
Ft. Payne, AL
- May 29, 2006 Mead Cattle Enterprises
Midville, GA
- June 3, 2006 Thompson Polled Herefords
Sale – Hot Springs, AR
- June 16-17, 2006 Georgia Hereford Field Day
Nicholls, GA
- October 30, 2006 Hill-Vue Farm Sale
Blairsville, GA

Mark Your Calendars for May Online Hereford 101

The next online Hereford 101 will be May 18 at 7 p.m. CDT. Dan Moser, Kansas State University animal scientist, will join Jack Ward, AHA chief operating officer and director of breed improvement, to discuss the age of dam adjustments, parameters and correlations. Make plans to log on to *LiveAuctions.tv* for this informative webcast.



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GHA Member Web Page and E-Mail Address



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Georgia Hereford Association
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Recycle Nutrients by Turning Cows into Manure Spreaders

By Wayne Tankersley

These days, we hear a lot about recycling. As good stewards, people are encouraged to recycle. So we do. Plastic, oil, wood, paper, rubber and metal are all things we recycle. Agriculture has not been exempt from this renewed recycling emphasis. Because of environmental concerns, recycling animal waste is given a great deal of attention. One normally thinks of animal waste recycling as a large confinement farm issue. However, this is no longer true. The recent hefty increase in fertilizer prices has farmers, large and small, looking at ways to lower this major production expense.

One key factor in the renewed focus on nutrient recycling has been the development and use of persistent white clovers like ***Patriot** and ***Durana** in pastures. These clovers “manufacture” enough nitrogen to support themselves with enough left over to feed other nitrogen hungry pasture grasses as well.

While some fertilizer nutrients are exported each time a calf or cull cow leaves the farm, the vast majority remain on the farm. Research indicates 75-85% of the nitrogen, 70-80% of the phosphorus and about 90% of the potassium applied and consumed by livestock is excreted right back on the land.

Unfortunately, livestock don’t understand the

concept of evenly distributing their excrement and this becomes a challenge for farmers trying to take advantage of free fertilizer. There are several simple management techniques that can be employed to insure better manure distribution and thus more uniformity in nutrient recycling.

First, think about where cows tend to congregate. They spend a great amount of time around hay feeding areas, mineral feeders, shady areas, protein lick tanks and water troughs. These areas receive lots of excrement. Consider spacing these apart some distance or periodically changing the location of these areas. This increases the area over which feces & urine are deposited.

Dividing pastures into smaller paddocks for rotational grazing greatly helps to distribute recycled nutrients. Periodic use of a pasture drag on pastures scatters manure piles and more evenly distributes nutrients. These techniques can be accomplished with little expense.

Finally, if legumes are not established already, consider adding them to the pasture forage mix. Research has shown pastures containing legumes such as white clover to significantly increase animal performance while providing 75-150 lbs/A of nitrogen annually to the pasture.

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Wayne Tankersley is a retired University of Georgia county extension agent. He owns and operates a commercial beef cattle farm and works as a private forage consultant.

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Thank you,
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Pollette Breakfast During Junior National Hereford Expo



The National Organization of Poll-Ettes Membership Breakfast will be held at Junior Nationals on Tuesday, July 18th, at 7:30 a.m. This breakfast will be held in West Hall A&B at the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The cost is \$15. Please send your money and reservations to Lynn Sumner at 1464 W. Denton Rd., Axtell, Texas 76624; telephone 254-822-1392. PLEASE come to the breakfast. We enjoy seeing our members and meeting new people. Everyone is invited!!!

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AHA Nominating Committee Needs Your Input

The AHA nominating committee's responsibility is to identify six candidates to run for the three Board of Directors positions that are selected during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting in October. The committee needs your input in identifying possible candidates. To play a role in this important process, please

contact one of the following committee members with your recommendations.

- Guy Colyer (chairman), Bruneau, Idaho, (208) 845-2313
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Watch for Delegate Nomination Postcards

The AHA will be mailing delegate nomination postcards to all "active members" the last week of April. To nominate a state delegate to the AHA Annual Membership Meeting, Oct. 23, replies must be postmarked by May 31. The state delegates have an important responsibility in that they vote on the individuals vying for the three Board of Directors positions.

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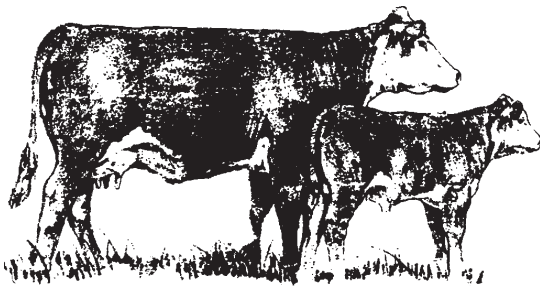
Tight Breeding Seasons Critical to Beef Operations

By John B. Hall

Virginia Tech Department of Animal & Poultry Science

Keeping breeding and calving seasons short is important for profitability of commercial and purebred herds. In commercial herds, short calving seasons result in increased weaning weights and enhanced uniformity. Purebred herds benefit from larger contemporary groups that improve genetic evaluation and selection.

Calves in commercial herds will be 35-45 pounds lighter at weaning for every 21 days later they are born in the calving season. In the current market, the decrease in weaning weight translates into a \$21-\$36 reduction in calf value for every 21 days younger a calf is at weaning. The amount of reduction is related to average weaning weight and the amount of "slide" for increasing or decreasing weight from the average weight.



A breeding season length of 60 days for purebred operations and 75-90 days for commercial operations are good goals. Barriers to reducing the length of the breeding/calving season include thin cows, late-calving cows and first-calf heifers. Proper nutritional management is important for thin cows as well as first-calf heifers. Using estrous synchronization, with or without artificial insemination (AI), assists with early rebreeding in all problem groups once nutritional challenges are addressed.

Administration of progesterone in the form of an EAZI-BREED™ CIDR® (cows or heifers) or melengestrol acetate (MGA) (heifers only) for seven to 10 days to problem cows can induce estrous cycles and reduce the length of the calving season. Bulls can be introduced 13 days after the progesterone treatment is completed. To breed cows by AI, estrous synchronization systems recommended by the North Central Region (NCR) Bovine Reproductive Task Force should be used. Descriptions of these systems can be found in most AI company catalogs.

For more detailed information on reproductive management or estrous synchronization systems, contact your local Extension service or veterinarian. You can obtain proceedings of the Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle Symposium (ARSBC) on the ARSBC Symposium Web site for producers in the East or the ARSBC Web site for producers in the West.

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Dealing With Grass Tetany

By Greg Lardy

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Grass tetany is a condition that can develop when cattle graze lush pastures. The disease is also known as grass staggers, wheat pasture poisoning, magnesium tetany and hypomagnesia. It is more common in cows in heavy lactation and is caused by low levels of magnesium in the blood. When blood magnesium is too low, proper nerve impulse transmission fails, causing this disorder. High levels of nitrogen (protein) and potassium in forage can reduce availability of magnesium in the forage, which exacerbates the problem. Consequently, the problem can be more common when animals are grazing fertilized pastures.

In some cases, symptoms of grass tetany are never observed.

The animal is simply found dead. Affected animals tend to be excitable and may appear blind. Animals may be observed grazing away from the main herd, have muscular twitching in the flank, appear wide-eyed, have muscular incoordination and have a staggering gait. Ultimately, they will collapse, thrash about, enter a coma and eventually die.

Treatment is difficult due to the rapid onset of the condition. In some cases, intravenous infusion of calcium and magnesium in a dextrose solution can be effective. A veterinarian should be consulted for treatment. The best bet is to take steps prior to grazing to help avoid grass tetany.

Tips to avoid grass tetany:

- Encourage daily intake of magnesium.
- Magnesium oxide is the most common course of supplemental magnesium. Keep mineral boxes filled and scattered at several pasture locations. There are many commercial mineral mixes designed to provide adequate magnesium.
- Salt mixtures containing magnesium oxide can be used as the magnesium source. To be effective, the mineral mix should contain at least 10% magnesium.
- Magnesium oxide is unpalatable and generally needs to be mixed with other supplements to encourage consumption.
- Lactating cows require .20% magnesium in their diets on a dry matter basis. This is equal to 18-21 grams of magnesium intake daily.
- Early, lush grass growth is more problematic than more mature forages.
- Graze legume or mixed legume-grass pastures first before grazing lush-grass pastures.
- Cool season grasses (e.g., brome grass, crested wheatgrass, timothy, bluegrass) and annual cereals (e.g., wheat, oats, rye) cause the most problems.
- Graze less susceptible animals on problem pastures. Dry cows, heifers, stocker cattle and cows nursing calves more than four months of age are less susceptible than cows in heavy lactation.

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