



The Beefalo Corral

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Happy New Year

Happy New Year from the Board of Directors and staff of the American Beefalo Association. May 2011 bring you health and happiness.

2011 Garrett Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2011 Evelyn Garrett Scholarship are now available via the ABA Web site (www.AmericanBeefalo.org/Evelyn-Garrett-Scholarship). The deadline for application is February 1, 2011. The applications will be reviewed in February and the 2011 scholarship recipient will be announced at the General Membership meeting in March.

International Year Letter

The international year letter for animal registrations in 2011 is **Y**. It is mandatory that the letter Y appear as the last digit in all tattoos and on all registrations for calves born in 2011.

Junior Members Come to Louisville, KY in March

There will be a junior showmanship competition in conjunction with the National Beefalo Show held in Louisville, KY on Friday March 4, 2011. The show is open to any ABA junior members as well as children or grandchildren of ABA members who are currently eligible to compete in 4H or FFA cattle shows.

There will be many opportunities to learn cattle grooming, fitting, handling, and showmanship skills throughout the weekend from experienced show persons including hands on assistance in preparing animals.

Please contact Clint Barnhill for more information and to sign up for the junior events.

- Promote your Breed with ABA clothing, ear-tags, etc. Coming soon to the ABA Web site.
- Send photos, articles promotions and advertising to the editor.
- Join the Beefalo discussion group coming to the Web site.

From the President — Kyle Skidmore

Greetings fellow Beefalo breeders and ABA members, Hopefully everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a good start to the new year so far!

These winter months are tough on us as farmers trying to keep hay out in front of the cows and the ice broke for the animals that aren't fortunate enough to be in a spring fed pasture!

For some of us that are getting calves ready for their first ever Beefalo show it is even more straining; halter breaking in mud up to our knees or on ice that we can't hardly stand on. I know at these moments we all start to question why we put ourselves through all this, and probably say that this is the last year I'm going to do this. But for some reason we just keep on doing it.

For some of us it is the pleasure of seeing that newly born calve standing beside its momma in the spring time. For others its the shows where we get to exhibit animals that represent our herds and mingle with other breeders who share our same interests. Whatever your reason even if you really don't know what it is, the ABA is glad to have you as a part of it!

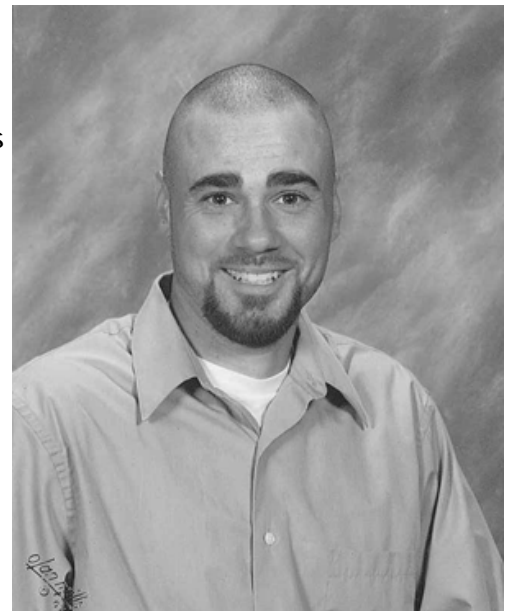
Saying all this folks we have our National Show, Sale, and Annual Membership Meeting coming up March 3-5 and would like to see everyone reading this, turn out for it!

We our going to do something a little different this year and encourage people to check out the website in the up coming months as we are going to get the show books listed online and we are going to try to get pictures of as many of the animals as we can online next to their pedigrees. We hope by doing this we will intrigue some new breeders and older breeders also to come to the show and sale and pick out some new stock to help improve their herds! Look for this to be online sometime in mid February!

I would like to keep encouraging the breeders and members to be promoting their products "Beefalo" and work on marketing techniques that will improve their farms success and inevitably the success of the Beefalo breed!

Hope to see everyone in Louisville, Kentucky at the National Show, Sale, and Annual Membership Meeting!

Sincerely,
Kyle Skidmore—American Beefalo Association President



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2011 Kentucky National Show & Sale

The 2011 Kentucky National Beefalo Show and Sale will be held March 3rd to 5th at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Louisville, KY. This annual event is one of the hallmark events for our breed and brings breeders and buyers together from across the Country.

Consignments Due

The deadline for consignments for the 2011 Kentucky National Show and Sale is January 10, 2011 and must include the \$135 consignment fee for each animal. However, late consignments will be accepted. The consignment date was moved up this year to allow additional time for photos to be gathered and a more detailed sale catalog to be prepared. Consignment packages were sent to all previous exhibitors and are available on the ABA Web site at www.AmericanBeefalo.org under the Events section. For questions about consignments, please contact Mike Barnhill 731-642-6618—Clint Barnhill 731-363-3013—Mike Henry 423-422-7638 or Kyle Skidmore 502-641-7878.

Minor Changes to Bull Classes

The show and sale committee has implemented some minor changes to the Bull classes for the 2011 Kentucky National Show and Sale. These changes were made to narrow the classes and to put bulls of more similar age and growth together in more competitive classes. The bull classes will be:

- B - 9 BULL CALF** 6 months to 12 months old
Born between March 1, 2010 and September 1, 2010
- B - 10 JUNIOR BULL** 12 months to 18 months old
Born between Sept. 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010
- B - 11 INTERMEDIATE BULL** 18 months to 24 months old
Born between March 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009
- B - 12 SENIOR BULL** Over 24 months
Born on or before February 28, 2009

Show Prep—Grooming—Fitting— Showing

Miller Cattle Company

Simons Show Fitting

Appointments available for the 2011 Kentucky National Beefalo Show

Call BethAnn (330) 465-9896



2011 Kentucky National Show & Sale Continued

Schedule of Events

Thursday March 3rd, 2011 – Cattle arrive, check in, vet check, etc – Cattle must be in the barns by 12:00 PM

1:30 PM ET – Consignor's meeting – Kentucky Expo Center Main Lobby

6:30 PM ET - Fellowship meal Golden Corral Restaurant

Friday March 4th, 2011

2:30 PM ET - Kentucky National Show – Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

3:30 PM ET – Junior Showmanship Judging – Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

7:30 PM ET – Dinner and Membership Meeting

9:00 PM ET– Fun Auction (net proceeds to fund Evelyn Garrett Scholarship Fund)

Saturday March 5th, 2011

11:30 AM ET – Beefalo Sale – Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

Sunday March 6th, 2011 – Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

Junior Heifer, Steer, and Market Heifer Jackpot Shows – junior members are eligible to participate in the Kentucky Beef Expo Steer, Heifer, Pen, and Jackpot Shows.

Hotel Information

The ABA's official hotel for this event is:

Comfort Suites – Airport

6535 Paramount Park Dr.

Louisville, KY, US, 40213

Phone: (502) 964-0740 Fax: (502) 964-0730

A block of 15 rooms is being held for ABA members at \$89 per night until February 14th, 2011. Please reference the ABA when making reservations. If you are able, please support this hotel as they give us their meeting room free of charge for our event.

Additional rooms are available at Fern Valley Hotel for \$71 per night and they are taking reservations until February 16.

Phone: (502) 964-3311 Ask for Cathy Rigdon.

Kentucky Sale Online

The Kentucky National Sale will be broadcast online again this year. Bidders and buyers can register for the sale, place bids, and complete purchases. This is a great way to participate in the sale without the expense of travel. To register for the online sale, visit www.edjecast.com. You can select the Beefalo sale from the list of available auctions and follow the prompts to register. Once registered, you will be contacted to verify your account.



January 2011

Beefalo Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Due indicates date cow should calve if bred on this date based on 282 days.						1 Due 10/10
2 Due 10/11	3 Due 10/12	4 Due 10/13	5 Due 10/14	6 Due 10/15	7 Due 10/16	8 Due 10/17
9 Due 10/18	10 KBS— Consignments Due	11 Due 10/20	12 Due 10/21	13 Due 10/22	14 Due 10/23	15 Due 10/24
16 Due 10/25	17 Due 10/26	18 Due 10/27	19 Due 10/28	20 Corral March Advertising Deadline	21 Due 10/30	22 Due 10/31
23 Due 11/1	24 Due 11/2	25 Due 11/3	26 Due 11/4	27 Due 11/5	28 Due 11/6	29 Due 11/7
30 Due 11/8	31 Due 11/9	1 Garrett Scholarship Applications Due	Send Beefalo event information to the editor via email— Corral@AmericanBeefalo.org			

Upcoming Events

January 10, 2011 • Consignments due for Kentucky National Sale

March 4, 2011 • Membership Meeting—
Louisville, KY

February 1, 2011 • Scholarship Applications
Due

March 3—6, 2011 • National Show and Sale—
Louisville, KY

General Membership Meeting Set

By resolution of the general membership and in accordance with the verbal agreements made as part of the ABI – ABWR merger, the next General Membership Meeting will be held Friday March 4, 2011 in Louisville, KY. It is the intention of the Board of Directors, at the direction of the membership, to hold the annual meeting in conjunction with National shows or sales. This currently leaves the meeting to rotate between Springfield, MO and Louisville, KY in alternate years. Plan now to attend the National Show and Sale in Kentucky March 3rd to 5th 2011 and to join us for the membership meeting on March 4th.

ABA General Membership Meeting
Friday March 4, 2011
7:30 PM

Comfort Suites – Airport
6535 Paramount Park Dr.
Louisville, KY, US, 40213
Phone: (502) 964-0740 Fax: (502) 964-0730

Board of Directors Nominations Open

The rotation of the location and dates of the annual General Membership meeting will, in alternate years, either extend or shorten the term of a Board of Directors by five to six months. This year, elections will be held at the General Membership meeting in March. The outgoing class of Directors is Andrew Hammer, Mike Barnhill, and Mike Henry. Nominations for a three-year term on the Board of Directors are currently being accepted. Please contact ABA vice president Andrew Hammer (330-933-6717—andrew@flightpathfarms.com) to make nominations.

Beefalo Best Practices—Tattoo Your Animals

To be accepted into the American Beefalo Association Herd Book (animal registry) all Beefalo are required to be tattooed. ABA issues a unique four digit herd prefix to each member. This herd prefix must be tattooed on each animal—typically in the upper rib of the left ear. A separate four digit ID number must accompany your herd prefix, typically in the middle rib of the left ear. The first 3 digits can be any combination of numbers and letters. The last character must be the International year letter for the year in which the animal was born (in 2011 the letter is Y). It is a Beefalo Best Practice to tattoo all animals born on your farm. This practice allows the animals to be registered in the future, to be transferred to other ABA members, and to be parent verified as required by the USDA definition of Beefalo.

Member Service Fees Due

Annual service fees for ABA membership are due by January 31 of each year. The service fees for 2011 remain \$25. The annual service fee is an integral part of the ABA's ability to operate successfully. For your \$25 you receive:

- The ability to vote on ABA issues and officers (if all other criteria for active membership are met)
- Listing on the ABA Web site as breeder and or meat producer
- Member rates for animal registrations
- Member rates for Corral and Web site advertising
- The Beefalo Corral

The following fee schedules were adopted for 2011.

Animal Registration Fees

- Fullblood registration—\$20
- Purebred registration—\$20
- Percentage registration—\$20
- Meat Tag—\$5
- Registration Transfers—\$10
- DNA Testing—\$38

Membership & Service Fees

- Lifetime Membership—\$100
- Annual Membership—\$50
- Associate Membership—\$25
- Junior Member—\$25
- Annual Service Fees—\$25

Please complete and return to the ABA offices along with your annual service fee of \$25
PO Box 295—Benton City, WA 99320

Please answer the following questions and provide current contact information so we can help to connect Breeders together who need to buy or sell animals and so we can contact you easily.

What do you raise and sell?

- Breeding Stock Only
- Meat Only
- Breeding Stock and Meat

Would you complete a yearly herd inventory report to help market your Beefalo?

- Yes
- No
- I need to learn more about this

Please provide the following information about your herd.

- Number of Fullblood Beefalo _____
- Number of Purebred Beefalo _____
- Number of Percentage Beefalo _____
- Number of Ancestry Animals _____
- Number of calves each year _____

Would you send a digital photo of each animal to be registered to the ABA?

- Yes
- No
- I need to learn more about this

Are you willing to receive the Corral via email only? Yes No

Would you like to be listed on the ABA Web site? Yes No

Please provide your comments on the direction the ABA should take in 2011

Name Member #

Farm Name

Address

City State, Zip

Email Address

Phone

Web Site



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