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Conserving the Pineywoods

Newsletter of the Pineywoods Cattle Registry & Breeders Association

SECOND ANNUAL PINEYWOODS CATTLE AUCTION CANCELLED DUE TO HURRICANE KATRINA

Dear Breeders or Other Interested Persons:

Due to the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, the Pineywoods Cattle and Gulf Coast Sheep Sale scheduled for November 19th at the Magnolia Agricultural Center in Laurel, MS has been cancelled. In the near future consideration will be given to holding a sale next year. Events of nature such as this only goes to underscore the need to have breeding herds and flocks spread over a wide area to reduce the possibility of a catastrophic loss to the breed.

Sincerely,

David D. James, PCRBA Secretary

Note: Meanwhile if you have cattle to buy or sell, please contact PCRBA president David Ozborn or place an ad in the newsletter (see addresses below).



New birth never gets old. This little Holt x Barnes bull calf takes his first steps, and ours, toward a full-size herd. Currently the Fritz-Youngblood herd in Carnesville, Georgia has 12 Pineywoods: 9 purchased at the first Annual Pineywoods Cattle Auction along with the new calf plus his sire and dam from Justin Pitts in April.

Requesting News of Katrina victim in the Pineywoods Community

To date, PCRBA has tried to contact members living in the affected zones with little luck.

The Ozborn's and Justin Pitts suffered loss of fences and trees down on various structures including Charlie Carter's home. We hope to hear from Jess Brown's family as well as those in the Mississippi/Louisiana/ Alabama coastal area.

If you would like to send donations to affected members rebuilding their farms and lives, please send check to David Ozborn and the Pineywoods Association will dispense funds as needed.

If you have news of others (or yourselves) concerning the hurricane, please let us know so we can respond. Send e-mail, call, or mail to President David Ozborn at

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FROM ALBC: RARE BREED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY!

Several of us hope to go to this conference (Bill & Bonnie Fritz, Jaima Youngblood). Let us know if you plan to attend so we can arrange a PW get-together.

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC), in cooperation with the USDA ARS National Animal Germplasm Program, and the American Grassfed Association, is pleased to present the 2005 ALBC Annual Members Meeting and Conference entitled, "Green Genes: Saving Breeds Created for Grass." The conference will be held on October 7-9, 2005, in Greeley, Colorado.

Don't miss a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Livestock and Poultry Gene Bank facility of the National Animal Germplasm Program (NAGP). Learn how preservation using deep-frozen germplasm, and conservation using live animals complement each other. The tour will be guided by the director of the NAGP, Dr. Harvey Blackburn. This will be a unique opportunity to learn more about the National Animal Germplasm Program.

Additionally, Dr. Donald E. Bixby, manager of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy Gene Bank, and Dr. George Saperstein of Tufts University and Science Director for SVF Foundation, will explain the intricacies and importance of cryopreservation of genetic material in the conservation of rare breeds of livestock.

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Major Correction and apology to the Brown family for misnaming them in our article of appreciation for their hospitality at the April annual meeting. Once again we extend Heartfelt thanks to the Burns Brown family for Hosting the 2005 PCRBA Annual Meeting.

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“Green Genes: Saving Breeds Created for Grass” will include presentations on breed and species selection, management on grass, nutritional benefits of pasture-based production, and marketing and profiting from these specialized products. Learn from producers, scientists, and other rare breed experts about the "why" and "how" of saving and profiting from animals well-suited for grass-based production. Some of the planned presentation titles include:

- Importance of the conservation of live animals in their working environments, and long-term preservation of genetic material.
- Setting up and implementing a pasture-based system for multiple livestock species.
- Breeding and selection for grass-based production in beef cattle.
- Holistic management: planning for healthy animals, pastures, and people.
- The science behind the health benefits of grass-finished livestock and poultry.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in two special group discussions as well. One will be a moderated discussion of breeds of cattle, sheep, and goats appropriate for grass-based production. The second will be a marketing roundtable that focuses on needs of the customer – panelists will include a chef, meat retailer, and a nutritionist.

We are excited to announce that the Keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Director of the Kansas Ag Innovation Center, Kansas State University. “Dr. Vincent,” as he is known, is a dynamic speaker who has a reputation for riveting his audience. His presentation, “Fast-Food Week – Slow-Food Weekend: Taking advantage of America’s changing relationship with food,” will help illuminate the emerging market trends from which rare breeds of livestock could benefit.

As a special treat, Friday night’s heavy hors d’oeuvres will give attendees the opportunity to taste rare breeds such as grass-fed Galloway and Red Poll beef, St. Croix and Navajo-Churro lamb, Bronze and Slate turkeys. You won’t want to miss this “rare” opportunity to explore and compare the flavors of these breeds. Saturday night’s banquet will feature grass-fed meat. So bring your appetite and rest assured that you will be eating healthy!

An exhibit of rare breeds will be Sunday’s highlight and will close the weekend. Breeders will be on hand to share their experiences – both good and bad – with the breeds on display. Participants will be able to compare breeds, ask questions, and share personal experiences, providing everyone with an opportunity to learn.

The impressive list of speakers additionally includes: Ann Wells, DVM, Springpond Holistic Animal Health, nationally recognized educator and consultant on sustainable livestock production. Kevin Fulton, breeder and producer of Galloway beef, Fulton Farms. D. Philip Sponenberg, DVM, PhD, Technical Advisor, American Livestock Breeds Conservancy and Professor, Veterinary Pathology and Genetics, Virginia Polytechnic & State University. Cindy Dvergsten, Holistic Management Consultant, Whole New Concepts. Tilak R. Dhiman, PhD, Associate Professor, Dairy Nutrition, Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences Department, Utah State University. (Additional speakers pending.)

This event promises to be an exceptional program – one of ALBC’s best. Special thanks go to the USDA ARS National Animal Germplasm Program and the American Grassfed Association for their help in putting together this one of a kind event.

Registration is open to all and is only \$155, with ALBC and AGA members discounted to \$125. Conference brochures will be mailed to ALBC members and will be available on the web at www.albc-usa.org. For more information or to register, contact the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, PO Box 477, Pittsboro, NC, 27312, phone (919) 542-5704, or email albc@albc-usa.org.