



Little bull licking his lips for a treat from Bob Rouse.

FROM THE PINEYWOODS

Newsletter of the Pineywoods Cattle Registry & Breeders

Conserving the Pineywoods



Happy Holidays and a Bountiful Pineywoods New Year to All!

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Which Breeders, Which Pineywoods Strains?

Almost every month, someone in PCRBA gets a call from someone trying to locate a particular Pineywoods strain. On the PCRBA webpage are listed descriptions of each strain, however incomplete, and an updated strain diagram on page 3. Please send us updates on both breeders and strains. Also, please send us what you know and/or appreciate about a particular strain. Each has its history: where the strain originated, who was the original breeder, and why certain characteristics were highlighted in the breeding. This information is fast disappearing so please get in touch with Jess Brown if you have this knowledge and we will continue to publish updates.

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Billy Frank and Jess Brown representing Pineywoods at the Radish Festival in Longbeach, MS

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Pineywoods Featured at Piney Woods Heritage Festival

PCRBA Members Bob and Denise (Brown) Rouse displayed PW calves at the Piney Woods Heritage Festival, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, Mississippi. Held the second weekend in November, this Festival is a two-day family event that features craft and skill demonstrations that reflect the regional culture of the Piney Woods in Mississippi. Along the trails, visitors will discover exhibits such as spinning, basket making, blacksmithing, woodcarving, beekeeping, Native American culture, and much more.

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PCRBA 2012 CALENDAR

January 1st	PCRBA Yearly Membership Fees Due
February 11th	PCRBA Annual Membership Meeting and Lunch.
March 25th	Deadline for Sale Consignment Fee
March 25th	Deadline for Registration Papers & Sale Catalog
May 12th	PCRBA 6 th Annual Cattle Sale

Which Breeders, Which Pineywoods Strains?

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William Holman, Alabama Agricultural Museum, Dothan, AL writes

“We are specializing in the Barnes strain and work closely with the Barnes family over in Covington County, AL. Also, we work closely with Allan Roberts over in St. Augustine, FL who purchased many of the original Barnes cows when they were sold years ago.”

Freddie Brinson, Millen, GA, writes:

“Since my Pineywoods cattle news is making its rounds, I wanted to officially share it with you. I have bought the remaining pure Palmer-Dunn cattle from the Kerr Center in Oklahoma. They were delivered to my farm this week. I have done business with the Kerr Center before---it was through them that I was able to introduce Palmer-Dunn genetics into my herd. They also knew of my friendship with Mrs. Muriel, so they chose me to purchase her cows and continue the preservation efforts of this unique strain. The selling of the Historical Farm, the extreme drought of this year, and the change in grazing management practices at the Kerr Center all contributed to their looking for a buyer of the pure Palmer-Dunn cattle.

“I feel very fortunate to have the cows in my pastures that once roamed Mrs. Muriel’s property. Speck, Goldie, Star, and Jewel are some of the names of her cows that I have heard of for several years but had never seen. Now I can just look out into the pasture and there they are. It will be a real challenge to preserve a strain with so few pure cattle---there are only 8 left. But I already have a number of cattle that are part Palmer-Dunn, which will help in the preservation efforts.

Since I will be trying to increase the number of them, I probably will not have anything to sell from them for several years. But I am looking forward to caring for them and continuing the strain that Mrs. Muriel produced and loved for most of her life.

I have already shared this news with some of Mrs. Muriel’s family and they are as happy about it as I am.”



Two of the Palmer-Dunn cows from Muriel Dunn to the Kerr Center

STRAINS

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Holt/ Agricola
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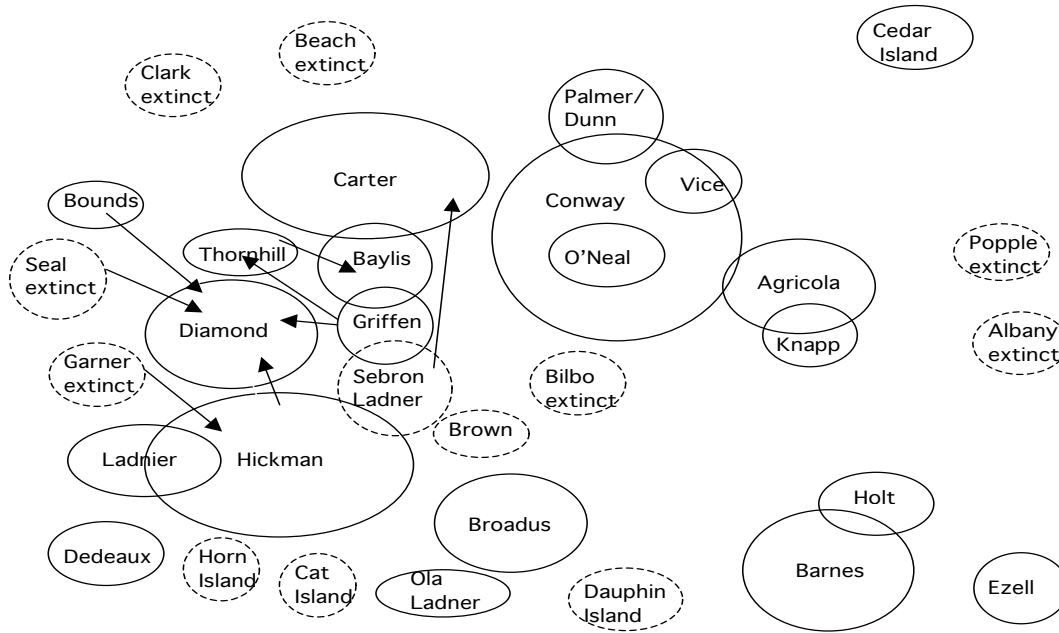
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Jared and Martha Wilkinson, OK
Landmark Park, AL
Curtis Bilyeu AL
W. H. Billy Barnes, AL
Bob Daye, FL
Clinton Morris, AL
Pierre Johnson
Allan Roberts, FL
Arthur Estrada, AL
Hazel N. James, AL
Terry or Lynda Jarrell, MS
Bradley Taylor, GA
Kerr Center, Inc., OK
Thomas Allen, TX
Greg Diamond, MS
David Moore, LA
Bonnie & Bill Fritz, GA
Ryan Schaffer, MT
Carter, Charlie, MS
Bradley Taylor, GA
Charles Johnson, MS
Mitchel Amason, MS
Tom Toomey, AL
David Moore, LA
Dave and Sue Robinson, TX
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Pineywoods cattle strain relationships

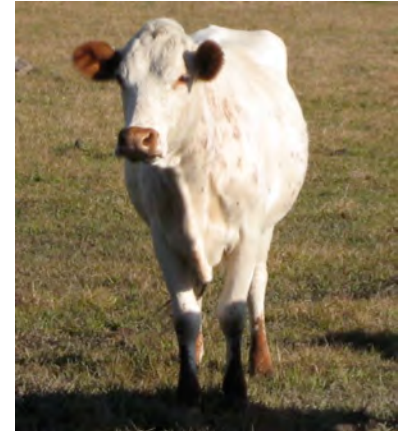


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The Ladner Family and Ladner Strain by Ryan Schaffer, Powdersville, MT



The Ladners are a family who have been in southern Mississippi for many years. Ola Ladner maintained a strain of woods cattle that had a high percentage of polled cattle. Royce Ladner and Lionel Ladner own the last of the pure Ladner strain. Royce is an uncle to Lionel and a son of Ola Ladner. Lionel is Ola Ladner's grandson and also married to Marlene Broadus, Wyatt Broadus Senior's daughter. Ola ran a large herd of woods cattle on government land for many years. This is an important line because of how far south they are. There was no mixing with any of the other strains that remain today. The Ladner cattle vary in color as much any woods cattle, with the exception of the Griffin yellow color. There does not seem to be any evidence of the Griffin strain, which many Mississippi lines do have.



Ladner cows taken at the old Ladner home place
Photo credit : Ryan Schaffer, Vice-President, PCRBA

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Piney Woods Heritage Festival

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The Crosby Arboretum is dedicated to educating the public about their environment. This mission is carried out by preserving, protecting, and displaying plants native to the Pearl River Drainage Basin ecosystem, providing environmental and botanical research opportunities, and offering cultural, scientific, and recreational programs.

The Arboretum displays three basic habitats found in this ecosystem. They are a Savanna exhibit, a Woodland exhibit, and an Aquatic exhibit. Both drastic and subtle changes in landscape patterns can be observed within each exhibit. In addition to the 104-acre interpretive site, the Arboretum also collectively maintains 700 acres of off-site natural areas that are preserved for scientific study.

Call for Articles

Your newsletter, *From the Pineywoods*, needs your help and expertise for articles. While full articles are always welcome, you can send in bits of information on any subject related to Pineywoods and we will work it into the newsletter. Some current topics are

1. Memories and thoughts about significant people and events in PW history
2. Who is breeding which strains.
3. Marketing information.
4. Pineywoods in the news.
5. Tips for new breeders.
6. Historical stories and information.



Clearly the Arboretum is a favorite vacation destination for this Pineywoods calf!

Photo Credit: Richelle Stafne, Crosby Arboretum

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**From Mark Berry. New Hebron, MS
Written and spoken at Virgil Berry's Funeral**

I haven't just lost a father, I have lost a companion, a partner, a person who was always there for me with advice whether I liked it or not. If I was home, he would always come by to see what was going on. He was always checking on me to see if I was okay. I joked with him when we would be bailing hay that I needed a buddy seat on the tractor because he made every round I made. We may not have told each other how we felt but we both knew. I love daddy and I'm going to miss you, but I know you will always be with me in spirit.

From Jess Brown, PCRBA President, Poplarville, MS

Speaking for the PCRBA, I would like to extend a special thanks to Mark Berry and family for securing a place for this herd of cattle. Often times when something happens to the older generation, the cattle get disposed of with genetics and family lines lost forever!

I met Mr. Virgil for the first time when he and Mrs. Maxine hosted the PCRBA field day at their home. These folks' hospitality was tremendous, from the great food to looking at some beautiful PW Cattle. Mr. Virgil also had a beautiful place, which he loved. You could tell this by the cattle he raised and the land they were upon. He always supported PCRBA any way he could.

I was so glad he was able to attend our last year PCRBA sale where he and Mr. Mitchel Amason were recognized for their hard work and dedication through the years. One thing that will be most remembered was the plaque and honorary membership which was for him to be a lifetime member without having to pay membership dues. All the while he kept insisting to pay for his next year dues! Why you ask? I asked the same to myself. It was because he enjoyed the cattle and believed in the association and what it stands for!

Remembering Virgil Berry



From Mitchel Amason, Mize, MS

Mr. Berry was a very dear friend to me. He would come over some afternoons and we would ride around in the pasture and talk about our Pineywoods cattle. We both had purebred Conway cattle and just loved them. I would visit his farm and he would do the same. Several years ago it was so dry I didn't make much hay. That Christmas Eve Mr. Berry and Mark drove up with about 50 bales of hay! That was a gift of love.

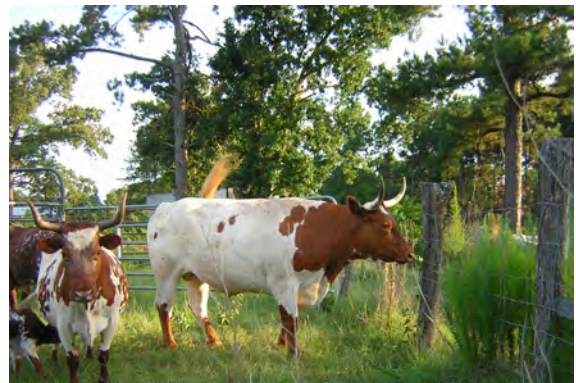
I lost one of my best friends in Mr. Berry.



Virgil Berry Family (not pictured Mrs. Maxine Berry)

From Freddie Brinson, Millon, GA

I learned today that Virgil Berry died last month (on July 4th). He has been raising Conway Pineywoods cows for a number of years and, along with Mitchel Amason, was recognized at the PCRBA sale in May for his involvement with the PCRBA and the Conway strain. A number of us have bought cows from him and enjoyed his company when we have been around him. I'm not sure how many PCRBA members know of his passing, but it would be good thing to let all those on your email list know of this loss. This is truly a loss to his family, for the PCRBA and for the Pineywoods cattle breed.



Spot Berry: Mr. Berry's favorite ox

December 2011

Dear PCRBA Member,

Our annual membership meeting will be held on Saturday February 11, 2012 at the South Forrest Community Center located at 2169 Carnes Road in Brooklyn, Mississippi 39425.

I hope you all can make time out of your busy schedules to plan a day of fellowship with us. We will discuss a few items of business and the 6th Annual PCRBA Sale.

- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Meeting called to order

Mrs. Linda Diamond will be in charge of our lunch. You may contact her at 601-528-2092 if you would like to help out. I want to take this time to wish each of you a wonderful Christmas with a Blessed New Year!

See Ya'll in February,

Jess Brown



FREE ADVERTISING SPACE—FOR A LIMITED TIME

Pineywoods for Sale

Bob and Denise Rouse
1543 McNeil-SteepHollow Road
Carriere, Mississippi 39426
601-799-4612

The Black headed cow is Fred Diamond Strain

The reddish yellow cow is Hickman x Griffin Strain



Advertise your brand.

For a limited time, the newsletter will carry free advertising so take advantage! You can send us an ad that is ready to go or just send in information and we will organize it for printing. Size will depend on the space available.

Contact Edie Varnado, Advertising, 601-551-8744
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2012 Pineywoods Cattle Registry Annual Sale

May 12, 2012
 Stone County Fairgrounds
 Wiggins, Mississippi 39577

Terms and Conditions of the PCRBA Sale:

1. The Sixth Annual PCRBA Sale will be held on Saturday May 12, 2012 at the Stone County Fairgrounds in Wiggins, MS.
2. The sale will be limited to 30 Lots of sale cattle. This will be on a first consigned first served basis. Members must send \$25 consignment fee along with your original registration certificates to PCRBA Secretary prior to March 25, 2012. The consignment fee will not be refunded if you DO NOT bring your cattle. Each member can sell a total of 6 lots. A sale LOT will consist of one individual animal or will consist of a Cow/Calf Pair or Oxen Team. If we do not have 30 lots, additional cattle may be consigned per member. This will be at the discretion of Sale Manager.
3. All cows or heifers selling as "BRED" must be pregnancy checked by your Veterinarian and confirmed on a Health Certificate. All adult cows without a calf at side must be bred in order to sell. All cattle must be under 5 years of age.
4. Breeding age bulls must be consigned with 2 Females (cows or bred heifers). Young bulls under breeding age must be consigned with 1 Female (cow or heifer).
5. Commission is 5% with a P.O. Fee of \$10 per head. All Cattle are subject to inspection and rejection by PCRBA Sale Manager and Board of Directors. Do not bring cattle in "ROUGH" range condition. These cattle will be sold for breeding stock to members and future members. They need to be cattle that best represent your current herd and that will set quality standards for the breed.
6. This will be a Silent Auction. Each lot will be auctioned off to the highest bidder when lots are closed out. Any disputes will be settled by Sale Manager and Board of Directors.
7. Sale Catalog: All sale lot information (pictures, pedigrees, advertisements) is due to the PCRBA Secretary no later than March 25th, 2012. This is good advertising for your cattle, take advantage of it.
8. Sale Catalog Ads: PCRBA will be offering advertising space to breeders and businesses. (feed stores, banks, equipment dealers, veterinarians, etc.) Please help sell a few Advertisements: Full Page \$50, Half Page \$25, Quarter Page or Business Card \$15. This will help offset costly fees of our magazine advertising.
9. Farm Promotion Booths: Members are encouraged to set up booths with pictures, collections, history, etc. of your farm to PROMOTE Pineywoods Cattle. You may also sell home made goods or items.
10. PCRBA Concession will be available. Come have lunch with us and invite a friend!
11. All Buyers paying with check must have letter of credit from their bank with a valid driver's license. Cattle will not be loaded out until conclusion of sale and after debt has been settled.
12. All fees applied for sale cattle help cover cost of sale and promotion. All proceeds from PCRBA Concession and Sale Catalog advertisements help promote, advertise, market, and preserve Pineywoods Cattle.
13. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS as to deadline dates, fees, or any of the above stated rules.

If you cannot attend the sale and would like to purchase cattle we will be glad to assist in any way possible.

Sale Information Contact: Jess Brown 601-270-1619 or cowpencreek1@aol.com

Sale Schedule

9 -10:00 a.m. ~ Cattle Arrival

- 10:45 a.m. ~ Cattle in Place
- 11:00 a.m. ~ PCRBA Welcome, Cattle Viewing, & Silent Auction Begins
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Sale Ends & Lots will be closed out to highest bidder

Concession Hostess: Mrs. Dottie Diamond & the Diamond Belles of Biloxi Creek. If you would like to donate items or help with the concession please contact Mrs. Dottie at 228-832-3190 or diamondlogging@peoplepc.com. We do need donated items for concession.

Fun Auction: PCRBA Fund Raiser. If you would like to donate items for the Silent Fun Auction please bring them sale day. [cakes, pies, walking canes, pictures, hats, anything fun and interesting]

Dates to Remember

February 11, 2012--PCRBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon

March 25, 2012-- Sale Catalog Information Deadline [pictures, pedigrees, advertisements]- Sale Consignment Fee / Reg. Papers Deadline

May 12, 2012--PCRBA 6thAnnual Cattle Sale Wiggins, Mississippi

PCRBA Member Application & Information

To join PCRBA, complete this form and return it with payment to: PCRBA, 183 Sebron Ladner Road, Poplarville, MS 39470 or email to coupencreek1@aol.com or give us a call at 601-795-4672. Checks should be made out to Julie Brown.

\$35 Member dues _____ Donation _____

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Organization or Farm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____ (mobile) _____ (work) _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

Do you raise Pineywoods? If so, what strain(s)? _____

Comments. Please share information about yourself such as how you learned about Pineywoods & PCRBA, suggestions for breeding, marketing, the PCRBA organization, and anything else Pineywoods on your mind.