The 2005 GCCPA Field Day was held at the Wiregrass Arena, in Nicholls, GA, on May 28th and 29th. The hosts for the weekend were Jimmy & Jan Scott. The Scott’s worked hard to provide two days full of activities from judging contest for all ages, coloring contest for the little guys, and a catfish fry for everyone Saturday night.

Sunday morning, the heat was on, not only in the show ring but also for the ring help. The GCCPA took on a new task, showing the same day in two rings, back to back, TEXAS Style. After the first two or three classes everyone got the hang of things. By showing in two rings we had two judges, an opportunity to earn double points, and double prize money. Ring 1 judge was Fred Rayfield and Ring 2 judge was Klop Williams. The show was very exciting. How everyone will join us next year in Franklin County. See page 4 for the show results.
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The GCCPA Club Calf Sale was held on April 9, 2005, in conjunction with the Georgia Beef Expo in Perry, GA. There were 22 farms that consigned 40 lots. The top selling heifer was a Heat Seeker X Angus from Callaway Cattle Company and brought $3700.00. The top-selling steer was a Full Flush X Meyer Angus, from RSE Farms and brought $3600.00. The 25 Heifers averaged $1564.00 and 15 steers averaged $1387.00 for an overall average of $1498.00. There were 29 buyers from Georgia and Florida. Carroll T. Cannon was the auctioneer and Greg Bowman served as the sale chairman. Thank you to all of our BIDDERS and BUYERS!!!

Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge

The first Beef Industry scholarship challenge was held April 30, 2005 at the University of Georgia in Athens. Six teams from across the southeast participated in the contest. The Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge is a unique contest that focuses on the students knowledge and skills in all areas of beef production. Teams work through ten stations that cover many beef management practices producers face each and everyday: job interview, industry issues, reproduction, beef management, credit and finance, keep-cull replacement heifers, seed stock merchandising, handling and health, nutrition, and marketing.

The Georgia Club Calf Producers Association sponsored the reserve team scholarship of $2100.00. The Reserve Champion Team honors went to Alabama. The members were Katlin Mulvaney, Austan Perry, and Joanna Stewart.
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"Challenges"

"Hey, Mr. Billy. I was just thinking................ (long pause) what do you think about putting this article on the right hand side of the page or the left hand side in THE SHOWBARN? I've heard people read the right hand pages in magazines and frequently overlook the left hand pages. I'm just thinking .............. what do you think?"

This edition of THE SHOWBARN has to be the best ever because Holly Alford has called me no less than 99 times in the last two weeks asking about this and that. My cell phone rings. It's 11pm. I've been sleep two hours. Holly says "Hey, Mr. Billy. What do you think about doing a little section in THE SHOWBARN asking for feed-back from readers about what kind of articles they would like to read about. I thought that would be a good way to get reader feedback. What do you think?" I respond "Holly, it's 11pm. Do you ever sleep? Holly says "well I've got to be in Mississippi at 7am in the morning to help Todd Bickett flush cows so I'm not going to bed." These types of conversations have gone on for three weeks so this SHOWBARN will join the elite status of all Junior Livestock publications in the nation. Even though I write this in humor hasn't Holly done a grand job. She's gotten up enough ads to also pay for the printing and postage to get it mailed first-class. The ads are first-class and every GCCPA member should be proud of her and this edition. Way to go Holly!!

Several people have asked me why I gave up the job as Secretary of GCCPA and publishing THE SHOWBARN. That could be summed up in something Holly told me. She says everytime she goes in the post office in the little town of Bowman her Postmaster starts laughing because she comes in with a plastic clothes basket filled with large, brown envelopes that contain GCCPA ear tags that she needs to mail. Her postman is amused but I know the feeling. No one knows what a GCCPA secretary has to do until you've done it. Having done that for 8 years I felt it was time to let someone younger, faster and smarter take over. And that has been a good move. And for me it was time for another challenge. I felt I had done all I could do for GCCPA. I had promoted, promoted and promoted! Some have said I promoted Georgia bred calves to much. To that I ask "If our Governor went to Japan and talked with a group of Japanese textile owners, would he ask them to buy cotton grown in Georgia or cotton grown in Mississippi?" We all know the answer to that question. I'm not a Governor but I believe in Georgia cattle. No offense to anyone who believes otherwise but that's how I've always felt. I know who signs my paycheck — it's Georgia's taxpayers!

All of us do our best work when we are challenged. Cattle producers are challenged from hanging a gate level to passing a rod thru a cervix. Many of you look for daily challenges — building a new fence, a new hay barn or pulling weeds in a 200 acre peanut field. Life is all about challenges. It's how we approach those challenges that determines if we will be successful. Since giving up being involved on a daily basis with GCCPA I'm ready to embark on something new. To find out more about these new challenges stay tuned!

See you at the futurity!!

- Billy Moss

What type of articles interest you? Would you like to place an article in the Showbarn? Let us know by mailing a letter to:

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Cow Tips
A major factor in getting cows bred back quickly is prepartum body condition.
Expanding Your Reproductive Potential

Embryo Transfer technologies are tools for advancing the rate of genetic improvement. ET is widely used in the beef and dairy industries. ET is the cornerstone of many breeding programs and has allowed them to excel.

Bovine, as well as other species, have reproductive potential that can not be reached on a natural basis. For example, when a heifer is born her ovaries contain over 200,000 oocytes that were formed when she was a fetus. No new ovaries are made after birth. Many of the oocytes present at birth will degenerate throughout the cow’s life. Super ovulation and embryo transfer represent a method of rescuing some of this reproductive potential. With ET timing is everything! The time shots are given, the time of standing heat, the time to breed and the time of ovulation, these factors are crucial in having a successful flush. You may say well that is too much, I don’t know if I could tell all of those things. This is why you work with an embryologist you trust. They have experience and will be able to advise you on how to get your cows ready to flush. There is one main thing you need to be able to do: Follow Directions!! Your embryologist will provide you with a flush sheet that will give you the date, time, and dosage for everything. If you are nervous about breeding your donors call your local semen sales rep or speak with your embryologist they may be able to schedule and breed donors for you.

DONORS
Donor selection depends on the direction of each breeding program. Some use the donor with the best pedigree, EPD’s and carcass data. In the club calf industry most producers will flush the cows that produce the most winners.

Super ovulation
Ordinarily at the time of ovulation only one, or possibly two (which would result in twins) ova or eggs are released from the ovary. To increase the efficiency of ET, it is important to increase the number of ova released at the time of ovulation, which will maximize the number of high quality, transferable embryos collected. This is accomplished through the process of super ovulation, which involves injections of Follicle Stimulating Hormone. Usually, injections are given twice daily for four days.

FSH Dosage
Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH) causes follicles to grow rapidly during the four to five days before ovulation. The optimum dosage required will vary between cows depending on age, and past flush history.

RECIPIES
Recipient cows, also called sergant mothers, can be any size, shape or color as long as they will raise a calf. NOTE: A lot of producers will put embryos in heifers, but be careful with putting club-calf embryos in heifers – calving ease is still an
If you do not own enough recip of your own there are cattlemen throughout the southeast who will raise embryo calves for you. Your embryos are transferred at their farm, in their cows, and you will pick the calves up, or have them delivered at weaning. This is a calf buy back program that is agreed upon before the embryos are transferred. This agreement is usually a price/pound or a flat rate per calf—depending on the producer’s preference.

One other possibility is buying pregnant recips. Cattlemen will transfer your embryos in their cows, at their farm, and you buy the pregnant recips after they have been confirmed. The cows are usually considered safe after 90 days.

Expectations
The number of viable embryos recovered can vary greatly from one donor to the next. Some will hit a homerun every time, but most times you should be pleased with 6 to 8 embryos per flush. In a Louisiana study, involving 1166 beef and dairy cows of 15 breeds, 58% of all embryos were transferrable, 31% unfertilized, and 11% degenerate. In the same study, the average number of embryos found per cow was 7.4, therefore the average number of transferrable embryos was ~5 per flush. Cows respond to drugs differently and it may take more than one flush to find the optimum synchrony for your donor.

In Conclusion
Embryo transfer is a profit proven tool. There are thousands of embryo calves born each year. Chances are most of the A.I. bulls you use were ET calves.
We all hope to produce great ones, but don’t be disappointed if a portion of your ET calves do not live up to your expectations. The processes of flushing and embryo transfer are spectacular, but are not magic. So remember, the expertise and potential for reproductive progress is available, but embryo transfer is not a cure all.

- Holly Allord -

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Futurity Breaks Entry Records

Even though all the older heifer classes were eliminated and there has never been any guarantee of premium money, at this year's Futurity we have received a record number of entries from across the southeast. Steer and heifer entries total 722 head, up from 605 head last year. This year the Futurity will be a true prospect show! There were 352 different exhibitors last year and 409 this year. Even though some said 15 years ago "it's too hot to have a summer show in Georgia", the kids have once again proven the doubters wrong!

A breakdown of steer numbers include: 106 crossbreds, 30 Simmentals, 18 Shorthorns, 51 Maine, 17 Angus, 10 Charolais, 4 Herefords, 43 Chi Influence, 18 Limousin and 1 Brahman. There will be a show for every breed, since awards were ordered several weeks ago, even if there is only one steer per breed. From the Breed Champions and Reserves the Top Five Overall Steers will be selected.

A breakdown of heifer numbers include: 177 Commercial, 28 % Simmentals, 20 Simmentals, 21 Shorthorns, 37 Maine, 6 Red Angus, 57 Angus, 13 Charolais, 3 Geltwell, 21 Herefords, 27 Chi Influence, 6 Limousin, 2 Beefmaster, 2 Sales and 1 Brangus. There will probably be 12 breed shows out of this group. From the Breed Champions and Reserves the Top Five Overall Heifers will be selected.

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Hello from Northwest Georgia! We are hot and dry. Hope your show season is off to a good start. Having healthy show cattle makes for a more enjoyable show season. Prior to purchasing any cattle, research to make sure precautions were taken by the breeder. The breeder should have vaccinated with 7-way blackleg, IBR, PI3, BVD, BRHSV, and lepto. The combination respiratory vaccine and blackleg is a must. If the breeder did not vaccinate, take on the responsibility to do so yourself. These vaccines can be purchased at most farm supply stores.

The following are measures to take once the cattle are purchased and brought home. Try to keep your cattle cool. Good ventilation, fans and misters, if possible. If you can turn your cattle out at night, even in a small lot, this will ensure a cleaner, healthier animal and will help hair growth. Make sure your animal has easy access to plenty of fresh water. This is a must! If possible, give them city water. Most likely, this will be the type of water available at shows. De-worming is also very important. We de-worm our cattle every two-three months. There are a lot of good de-worm products on the market today. Try to control flies on your cattle as well as the barn area. Pack a small spray bottle in your show box to have on hand at shows. Avoid sharing feed and water buckets. This will prevent your animal from catching a bug or virus. I personally make a habit of giving Probios before leaving for a show. Probios helps to keep your calf eating and helps with stress. Also, offer your cattle a small amount of hay. Even with fourteen kinds of feed available, cattle need and will do better with a little roughage. These are just a few things that seem to work for me. I hope you and your show calf have a safe and healthy show season.

Composition by: Joe Darby

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Breathminded, big hearted, whole soul'd; whose life and character linger long after the cordial greeting is stilled and the hearty handshake is but a memory; whose silent influence forever lives. May his kind multiply and replenish the earth.

How & When should I vaccinate my brood cows?

If your cows are open, once a year vaccinate with a modified live 6-way vaccine that has both Type 1 & Type 11 BVD. Both VirasHield 6 & masterGuard are examples. Always, on an annual basis, vaccinate with Lepto 5 & Yfro.

If you've had slow breeding in the past, you might try Spirovac VE-5, otherwise use a good Yfro Lepto 5, such as Prevent-6. Unless you have unusual problems in your herd this program should be enough.

- Dr. Jeffers

Summer Management of Beef Cattle

a. Maximize the availability of high quality grazing. Check with your county agent to be sure you have the best grazing for your area. Plan for late season “on the stump” grazing. Run soil tests to see if it is beneficial to your bottom line to apply fertilizer or lime. Rotate grazing every week. Have at least 4 grazing areas. You can double the amount of forage produced on the same land. You will also reduce to approximately one half the worm and coccidian load.

b. Control internal parasites by worming in a timely manner. There is a great increase in worm larvae with the fast growth of spring grass and with fast growth of fall grass. There are not many worm larvae in the hot summertime and probably not any at all in the very cold wintertime. Contrary to what you've been told don't rotate wormers every time. Your worms will become resistant to all wormers. Use one wormer back to back several times. When you believe a resistance is developing, quit that wormer for at least two years and use another wormer. Remember worms get resistant to “white wormers” more quickly than any other kind.

c. Control external parasites. Backrubbers are still quite effective and cost less than any other type of control. The problem is, cattle have to walk under them and they won't unless you have a restricted area that cattle must walk through to get to water or minerals. Insecticidal ear tags are more costly but will work if you use the right tag. Periodic spraying works well but is costly. It requires a lot of handling of your cattle.

Dr. Jeffers — Summer 2005
A Letter from the President:

Greetings from Calhoun. I hope everyone's summer farm activities are running smoothly. Yesterday, we got the last bale of hay rolled from the first cutting and this morning it is raining, great timing. This is a great time to be in the cattle business. I never thought I would see heavier calves bring $1.50 per pound at the local sale barns, but I have. Also, it seems every farm production sale has done outstanding. One opportunity out there is the UGA H.E.R.D. program. The Calhoun sale averaged close to $1600 per head on bred heifers. If they were registered Angus heifers they constantly brought from $2000 and up to a high of $3100. Not bad!

This looks to be another tremendous show season in Georgia. There are not only a tremendous number of good calves in our state, but more importantly a tremendous number of good kids. I think in the end the kids is what showing is all about. We all want to win shows and be in th winner's circle, but I think the greatest win is to see those young people stay in the livestock projects and then graduate as responsible, confident, hard working young adults. We have a lot of them in the livestock exhibitor program in Georgia.

As many of you know, GCCPA has when through a few changes lately. One of them is that Mr. Billy is stepping back and turning the reins over from most of his GCCPA duties. Without a doubt Billy Mess has been the backbone of GCCPA. Without Billy, we would not be on the strong foundation that we are. For my vantage point, I have got to see all the work Billy has done that most never even think about. From mailing out 500 tags a year, to organizing field days in the past, to editing newsletters, to keeping up with the money, to managing our spring sale, to marketing GCCPA, Billy has kept GCCPA going. Without a doubt this is one of the best organizations in the country. Our track record of giving back is tremendous.

Thank you Billy. Also, thanks for staying on as treasurer.

---Greg Bowman

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**Tibial Hemimelia**

**What is it and what do you need to know?**

Tibial Hemimelia is an inherited genetic defect seen in some lines of Shorthorn and Shorthorn related cattle that results in affected calves being born with abnormal rear legs. In these affected calves, the tibia bone of the distal rear legs is shortened, thickened, fused with joints, or even missing entirely. There are other associated problems these affected calves may exhibit, including abdoninal hernias, fluid filled cranial head cavities, and frequently dystocia, due to the malformations. These calves may be alive at birth.

Tibial hemimelia, or TH as it is frequently referred to, is a simple, autosomal recessive trait. This means that the inheritance pattern for TH is similar to black/white coat color inheritance pattern. In order for a calf to exhibit TH, and by that I mean have the defective or missing tibia and other possible problems, both the sire and dam must be carriers of the TH gene, and the calf must inherit the TH gene from both the sire and dam. If the calf gets lucky, and inherits only one TH gene from either the dam or sire, the calf will be a carrier and apparently normal, just like the carrier parents. On the average, if both sire and dam are TH carriers, they will produce 25% affected TH calves (TH x TH), 50% carrier calves (TH x Normal), and 25% non-carrier calves (Normal x Normal).

Obviously, producing calves that are affected with this undesirable birth defect that leaves the calf dead, and the cow possibly damaged due to dystocia, is a problem to be aware of and avoided, if possible. So, how do you know if your cow a bull you intend to buy semen on is a TH carrier? Well, unless you have previously diagnosed a calf from your cow as affected with TH, you won't know your cow is a carrier. If you are trying to avoid the possibility of producing a calf affected with TH, it would be prudent to test your cow herd and bulls for carrier status if they contain Shorthorn related genetics that are possibly carriers. Unfortunately, such a screening test does not currently exist, though such a test is currently under development.

The best a breeder can do currently to protect his herd from TH is to avoid close matings of animals that are related to known carriers. Currently, the Shorthorn Association lists 4 bulls as known carriers. It is important to be aware that some genetic lines appear to be more frequently associated with TH than others.

It is important to note that even a known carrier will provide the undesirable TH gene to only 50% of it's offspring. The other 50% will be free of the trait. When an affordable screening test becomes available, much more rapid elimination of the TH gene from the Shorthorn and crossbreed populations will be possible.
In The Beginning

Ildino

Holly told me to write a short article for her newsletter. Drs' Daniel, Cook, McPeake, McCann and Stewart told me to write also. I don't think they were very happy with my work. Maybe since Holly cooks for me I'll be more fired up about this pursuit of literary excellence. In addition she did say short and I got to pick the subject. This month, what's more appropriate than the first club calf I saw I remember - Ildino.

Bob and Kelly Postin have been in the club calf business for a long time so I called them for information on Ildino and asked if they bred to him.

Bob: "Yes, everybody did!"

Kelly: "He was a huge fullblood and sired them very correct. In the early 80's Ron Springer had the Reserve National Champion heifer on an Ildino daughter called Black Betty. Peyton Scott made a lot of Champion at the Texas Majors on Ildino sired steers. Ildino's sire was reported to carry mule foot so a lot of purebred breeders didn't use him. I don't think he ever sired one however. Tom Ohlde owned him - give him a call."

I called Ildino's owner Tom Ohlde of OCC Angus, Palmer Kansas. "We bought the bull out of a study in Canada. He was probably the smallest purebred at the time - 63 inches. He had three things going for him: he was a low birth weight, easy calving sire, his calves were easy to look at with eye appeal and they were not too large. We were able to purchase him because 6 months prior his grand sire was reported to be a mule foot carrier. While this only gave him a 12.5% chance of being a carrier it was a condemnation to slaughter. We bought them all and 2 years later he sired the Grand and Reserve Champion Steers at Denver. I think that is the only time the same bull sired both winners at the National Western. He also sired champion steers at Kansas City, Fort Worth, and the Cow Palace and I think a reserve at Houston.

John Callaway, a sage of club calf wisdom, was contacted regarding Ildino.

John: "I never used him but bought some cows bred to him. He wasn't big enough for the purebred folks. Ohlde was in the picture somewhere." Then the conversation turned to J.C. Superstar, White Generator, Power Plant, Total Power, and Cunia and I came to the realization that John Callaway needed to write this article and I need to stay retired. Until the next edition - see you in the funny papers.

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Bull Power Group Organizes

A new cattle marketing group has recently been organized in Georgia primarily to market Simmental and SimAngus bulls. In addition the group will also sell a few Angus bulls and 50 Simmental Influenced commercial females. The group is patterned after several other successful groups across the country. Group marketing has been successful because it spreads out marketing costs over the entire group and the group has the opportunity to focus on certain traits important to commercial bull buyers. It also allows smaller purebred producers, who don't have the facilities or time, the opportunity to market their bulls in a professional manner. Many of these smaller producers use AI, embryo transfer, or top herd bulls but are simply limited in their marketing capabilities because of herd size or farm size. Group marketing solves most of those problems.

The Bull Power Group has their first sale, Bull Power I, on December 1, 2005, at Partisover Ranch in Colbert, Georgia. A majority of the bulls will be fed in one location only a few miles from the sale site. All of the bulls will be fed the same ration, which is based on using highly digestible fiber. In addition the bulls will all be born in September or October 2004, which will make them extremely uniform.

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**Bull Power Bulls Go On Test**

Fifty-two bulls are now on feed for the first Bull Power Sale to be held December 1st. The group includes 21 purebred Simmental, 21 SimAngus, 8 Angus and 2 Chianina bulls. These bulls, born in September and October 2004, had an average delivery weight on June 1 of 809 pounds with an average weight per day of age of 3.19 pounds. All 52 bulls are also black. Some of the sires represented include Westfall Crossfire, GFI Magnum, Meyer 734, Partisover Frontline, Ben View New Design 878, WVR Impulse ICA, Picasso, SS Geldrive L42, Leachman Sauatchiate 3000C, TC Freedom 104, 3C Sturdy F688, Ext, New Level, Hart's Jackpot, Trail Blazer and Dream On.

The Bull Power Development Center is located on the farm of Terry Chandler; 2 miles north of Danielsville off highway 29 on Fowler Freeman Rd. Visitors are welcome but must call Terry Chandler at 706-795-3182 to make arrangements to visit.
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