

# Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association

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#### Upcoming events:

- August 5—Homeplace Producers Feeder Calf Board Sale, Hattiesburg, MS
- August 8-9—Deep South Stocker Conference, Athens, GA
- August 13—White Sand Unit Summer Field Day, Poplarville, MS
- August 28—Cattlemen’s College, Pickens, MS
- August 29—Cattlemen’s College, Seminary, MS
- September—Cattle Nutrition Webinar Series
- September 15—BCIA Fall Bull and Heifer Sale Nomination Deadline
- October 17-19—Cattle Artificial Insemination School, Mississippi State, MS
- November 13—MBCIA Educational Meeting and Supper, Raymond, MS
- November 14—MBCIA Fall Bull and Heifer Sale, Raymond, MS

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## MBCIA Seeking Bull and Heifer Sale Nominations

Plans are being made for the 2013 Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association Fall Bull and Heifer Sale. The 2013 sale is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 12:00 noon at the Hinds Community College Sales Facility in Raymond, Mississippi. The sale will be preceded with a supper and educational program on the evening of November 13, 2013.

**Sale nominations are due by: September 15, 2013.**

Mississippi beef breeders are encouraged to nominate quality bulls and heifers that meet all the requirements for the sale. Rules and Regulations for the BCIA Bull Sale along with

a nomination form and other current bull sale information is posted on the BCIA website at [msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/bcia\\_bullsale.html](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/bcia_bullsale.html)

Heifer sale information is online at: [msucares.com/livestock/beef/heifer.html](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/heifer.html)

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## Cattle Nutrition Learn at Lunch Series Set for September

Nutrition is an important consideration for beef cattle producers and a complicated topic to investigate. Understanding of the needs of cattle and the different ways that managers can provide for those needs is constantly growing and changing. It is important for producers to keep expanding their knowledge in these areas.

The Beef Extension team is excited to offer the 3rd annual fall Learn at Lunch series. This year’s theme is Nutrition and covers topics relevant to cow/calf and stocker producers alike. The topics will be covered Tuesdays and Thursdays in September from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Presenters are from Universities across the country and recognized as experts in their fields. For those who might not be able to view the sessions live, they will be archived at:

[msucares.com/livestock/beef/beefsc.html](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/beefsc.html)

The session schedule is:

**Thursday, September 5:** Nutritive value of forages for various classes of animals

**Tuesday, September 9:** Matching supplementation programs to available forage

**Thursday, September 12:** Diets for weaning/receiving cattle

**Tuesday, September 17:** Byproduct feeds

**Thursday, September 19:** Evaluation of supplements

**Tuesday, September 24:** Minerals and immunity for the stocker operation

**Thursday, September 26:** Minerals and the cow herd

For links to live session broadcasts or other beef cattle production information, visit [msucares.com/livestock/beef](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef)

### White Sand Unit Summer Field Day—August 13



Beef cattle and forage production research is currently being conducted at the MAFES White Sand Unit

A summer field day will be hosted at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station White Sand Unit near Poplarville, MS. The field day will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

Field day topics will include:

- Tour of summer forage crops
- Tour of herbicide and fertilizer test plots
- Overview of current research projects at the station
- Hay evaluation contest assessing weight and quality

Lunch will be provided. Call for more details.

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The White Sand Unit is located approximately 10 miles West of Poplarville, MS on Highway 26. It is on the North side of the highway.

### Feeder Calf Board Sale on Tap for August

The 6th Annual Mississippi Homeplace Producers Feeder Calf Board Sale is scheduled for Monday, August 5 at 7:00 P.M. As in previous years, it will be hosted at the Southeast Livestock Producers Auction off Hwy. 49N in Hattiesburg, MS.

Lot descriptions and videos of the calves will be posted online at [msucares.com/livestock/beef](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef) prior to the sale. Sale terms and conditions are online at [msucares.com/livestock/beef/feeder calf.html](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/feeder calf.html).

Calves will be offered in truckload lots with steers selling first, then mixed loads of both steers and heifers, followed by heifer loads. Lot descriptions indicate cattle source, weights, breed composition, nutritional management, and health management. Additional specifics are provided such as implant status, load-out dates, and shrink terms.

Contact sale management for more information at 601-268-2587.

### Save the Date

#### BIF Convention Headed Back to MS in 2015

Mississippi will once again play host to the Beef Improvement Federation annual meeting and convention. This premiere beef cattle genetics event is set to be held in Biloxi, MS.



## June 9 - 12, 2015

*“...The BIF convention was hosted in Mississippi for the first time in 2006.”*

## Class is in Session: Mississippi Cattlemen's College

Mississippi cattlemen and women won't want to miss this year's Mississippi Cattlemen's College, to be held Wednesday, Aug. 28 at Cain Cattle in Pickens and on Thursday, Aug. 29 at JRW, LLC in Seminary.

The event, which is sponsored in part by Zoetis, will feature speakers and sessions encompassing a variety of topics important to farm and ranch owners and managers. "Again this year, the Mississippi Cattlemen's College promises to be an excellent opportunity for Mississippi cattlemen and women to learn more about the most current management practices, as well as industry issues that could impact their beef business," says Jacob Megehee, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association (MCA) president. "We know our producers must be experts in their field in order to continue to be successful and that's why we strive to provide the most current topics and foremost speakers in our state Cattlemen's College event."

Acclaimed stockmanship and stewardship instructors, Curt Pate and Dr. Ron Gill, will share with attendees behavioral principles of cattle, stockmanship skills and tips, and methods for reducing stress during cattle handling.

Also on hand will be Dr. Robin Falkner of Zoetis, who will talk about the animal health

practices in a successful cattle operation. NCBA President Scott George, dairy farmer and cow-calf producer from Wyoming will join us as well.

Discussing forage management practices with producers will be Dr. Hugh Aljoe from The Noble Foundation.

"The Mississippi Cattlemen's College not only provides producers with an opportunity to learn more about the most efficient and practical ways to run their businesses, it also is an excellent networking opportunity," Megehee says. "Attendees have the chance to communicate with fellow producers and speakers about management and animal health practices that can benefit their own operations."

Producers interested in attending the event should register on the Mississippi Cattlemen's website, [www.ms cattlemen.org](http://www.ms cattlemen.org), or contact MCA at 601-354-8951. The event is free to the public, but registration is required for meal planning.

Mississippi Cattlemen's Association has joined with sponsors; Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Mississippi State University Extension Service and Zoetis to promote and provide this important seminar series to the cattle industry across the state.

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*"...Learn more about the most efficient and practical ways to run a cattle business."*

## Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

The National Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce produces a weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report for Mississippi.

Of interest to cattle producers, the report indicates the percentages of livestock, hay, and pasture categorized as Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, or Very Poor. The report also notes the percent of warm-season hay harvested and compares it to the same time last year and over the average of the last 5 years.

Mississippi State University Extension Service agents provide county-level observations in a comments section of the report. The report also contains a weekly Mississippi Weather Summary including air temperature and precipitation statistics for 39 automated weather stations at locations throughout the state.

To access this report online go to:  
[www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Mississippi/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Mississippi/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition)



The weekly crop progress and condition report gives percentage estimates of the summer hay harvest

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) Seedstock:  Commercial:

Cattle breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Completed applications and \$5 annual dues or \$100 life-time dues payable to Mississippi BCIA should be mailed to:*

*Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association  
Jane Parish, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist  
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## U.S. Beef Cattle Breed Registrations Update

The National Pedigreed Livestock Council lists registration data from their member organizations on its website: [www.nplc.net/membership.html](http://www.nplc.net/membership.html)

The most recent data posted reflects 2011 beef cattle registrations. With the exception of the American Brahman Breeders Association, the registration totals from the other member breed associations all decreased from 2007 to 2011.

This general trend for fewer purebred cattle registrations coincides with a decrease in the nation's cattle inventory over the same period. According to USDA, there were 96.0 million head of cattle in the U.S. as of January 1, 2008. By January 1, 2012, this number had dropped to 90.8 million head.

Source: National Pedigreed Livestock Council 2007-2008 Annual Report; 2011-2012 Annual Report.

| BREED                  | 2011 Registrations | 2007 Registrations | Change from 2007-2011 |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Angus                  | 282,911            | 347,572            | -19%                  |
| Beefmaster             | 16,000             | 18,202             | -12%                  |
| Brahman                | 9,300              | 8,300              | +12%                  |
| Brangus                | 24,843             | 25,097             | -1%                   |
| Charolais              | NA                 | 74,569             | NA                    |
| Chianina               | 6,374              | 9,270              | -31%                  |
| Gelbvieh               | 34,963             | 36,222             | -3%                   |
| Hereford               | 64,907             | 69,344             | -6%                   |
| Limousin               | 23,716             | 37,742             | -37%                  |
| Maine-Anjou            | 8,359              | 12,316             | -32%                  |
| Red Angus              | 46,094             | 47,064             | -2%                   |
| Salers                 | 5,536              | 14,399             | -62%                  |
| Santa Gertrudis        | 5,000              | 7,500              | -33%                  |
| Shorthorn              | 14,653             | 19,700             | -26%                  |
| Simmental <sup>1</sup> | 49,000             | 52,258             | -6%                   |
| Texas Longhorn         | 8,400              | NA                 | NA                    |

<sup>1</sup> Includes Simbrah

