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A Leader Letter for the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association

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Membership Activities Underway

Take advantage of this incredible deal!

The 2006 membership drive is rounding third and headed for home. Thanks goes to all of those who have sent membership lists (and payments) to the SCCA office. Deadline for participation in this year's membership incentives is April 1. Memberships will be accepted after this point, but, in order to be included in the 2006 membership directory and to be eligible for the incentives, we need to have your information by April 1.

Speaking of the membership directory, we are planning a great directory for 2006. In order to ensure accuracy, we need your help. Each association president will receive a proof copy of the directory during the first week in May. We ask that you make any necessary changes and return them to the SCCA office by the deadline determined. If you have a member that does not wish to be included in the directory, please let us know ASAP. Also, if you wish for someone other than the president to receive the proof copy, please let us know that as well.

Association Incentives:

Are you thinking about buying a reader for the electronic ear tags? SCCA has agreed to sell 10 Allflex RFID readers at a much reduced cost of \$768 plus tax. If the association sells 10, then we will be given one reader for our membership incentive program and will be awarded to the association with the greatest number increase in membership. We are not openly advertising this rate, but it can be announced at association meetings for members to become aware of this. A product specification sheet is attached. **If you know of anyone who**

would like to purchase a reader, please contact our office. The deadline is April 1!

The local association with the largest percentage increase in members will receive a product package from Fort Dodge like we did this past year. Glen Brooks has worked with Randy Fordham with Ford Dodge to secure this for us.

Please note that new associations are not eligible for either prize.

Individual Incentives:

This year, SCCA has agreed to reward recruiters for their efforts. The program is structured as follows:

Recruit 20 new members----Receive complimentary motel room at 2007 SCCA Convention

Recruit 15 new members----Receive a complimentary 2007 SCCA Convention registration

Recruit 10 new members----Receive a 1 year \$50 NCBA membership

Recruit 5 new members-----Receive a 1 year SCCA membership

Deadline: April 1, 2006. Please make sure that new members acknowledge the recruiter on their membership form.

NCBA Membership Reminder

One of the best ways to ensure the cattlemen's future is to become actively involved as a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). NCBA is the US cattlemen's voice in Washington and internationally. With the recent addition of a field representative in the Region II, of which South Carolina resides, NCBA has made an effort to listen to the needs of the Southeast producer.

As part of our affiliate agreement with NCBA, we need to actively recruit members to NCBA. Please note the following membership rates:

Producer Dues

# of Head	Dues
0-50	\$50
51-100	\$80
101-250	\$120
251-500	\$200
501-1000	\$300 + Fair Share*
1001-1500	\$450 + Fair Share*
1501 & Up	\$600 + Fair Share*

* *Marketing Partners Fair Share is \$.20 cow/calf and \$.10 stocker*

Associate Dues: (Non-Cattle Owners)

Member Category	Dues
Individual Supporting Member	\$100
Business Supporting Member	\$150

If you would like materials for distribution about NCBA, please contact the SCCA office.

SCCA Announces Special SC Feeder Calf Sale

March 28, 2006

The South Carolina Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) in cooperation with Martin & Martin Cattle Co, Inc. is pleased to announce the first special SC Feeder Calf Sale.

This sale will take place on March 28, 2006 at Martin & Martin in Williamston, SC at 6:00 PM. The sale will be geared towards helping smaller producers sell calves based on uniformity. The program is a pilot program, and depending on its success, may be replicated into future sales across SC.

Questions may be directed to the SCCA office at (877) 859-9121.

SCCA Following Right to Farm Legislation

Senate Bill 1205

The South Carolina Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) has been monitoring the progress of Senate Bill 1205, otherwise known as the Right to Farm Bill has passed the Senate Ag Committee and now will be added to the contested calendar in the Senate. That can only happen by Special Order which requires a 2/3 majority vote of the members present. This legislation basically says,

"The provisions of this section shall not preclude any right a county may have to determine whether an agricultural use is a permitted use under the county's land use and zoning authority; provided, if an agricultural facility or an agricultural operation is a permitted use, or is approved as a use pursuant to any county conditional use, special exception or similar county procedure, county development standards, or other ordinances that are not identical with the laws of this State or the regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control are null and void to the extent they (a) apply to agricultural operations or facilities otherwise permitted by this chapter, the laws of this State, and the regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, and (b) are not identical to this chapter, the laws of this State, and the regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control."

Please take time to contact your Senator and urge their support of this legislation.

Taste of SC Event Planned

April 5, 2006

You are invited to the Taste of SC event scheduled for April 5, 2006 on the statehouse grounds. During this event, representatives from every sector of the SC agriculture industry and the food industry will treat legislators and staff to samples of their products. SCCA will "cover the statehouse in cowboy hats" and

serve beef samples. If you are interested in participating, wear your cowboy hat and meet at the Farm Bureau headquarters in Columbia on Knox Abbott Drive at 10:00 a.m. We will shuttle over to the statehouse and have a fun filled day! For more information, call the SCCA office.

Commissioner Weather's Hay Ride

Many cattlemen across the state have donated more than 3000 bales of hay to be distributed to our neighbors on the Gulf Coast. The SC National Guard stepped up to the plate and offered to transport this hay. More than 600 bales were successfully transported, but then FEMA pulled the funding for the transportation.

Commissioner Hugh Weathers has been successful in securing the Fellowship of Christian Farmers (FCF) to help with the transportation of the remaining hay.

Please note that local associations may be contacted by FCF officials in order to assist them with contacts of local trucking organizations that can help in this transportation. These companies will be compensated by FCF, but the officials may need your help in identifying reputable trucking organizations.

If your members have donated hay, please update them on these efforts and ask them to call Mary Ellen Tobias with the SC Department of Agriculture at 803-734-2200 if they have any questions. FCF should be in touch with them in advance of their hay being transported.

SC Beef Board Elections Set

2006 LEGAL NOTICE

NOMINATING MEETINGS FOR CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA BEEF BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" and the "Marketing Order for South Carolina Beef," NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of office of the listed members of the South Carolina Beef Board, expire on June 30, 2006, and, therefore, the listed vacancies shall occur at that time.

DISTRICT 1: Ed Hutton, Sr., Pickens, SC,

DISTRICT 2: Allen L. Beer, Richburg, SC,

DISTRICT 3: Edsel L. Williams, Britton's Neck, SC,

DISTRICT 4: Carl B. Setzler, Jr., Newberry, SC,

DISTRICT 5: Ralph Bell, Jr., Summerton, SC

The Commission shall call for nominations for said vacancies at nominating meetings at the times, places, and dates hereafter set forth:

District 1 - 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 noon, Monday, May 8, 2006, Spartanburg Clemson Extension Office, 142 S. Dean St., Conference/Copier Rm., Spartanburg, SC

District 2 – 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 9, 2006, Chester County Library, 109 Ella St., Off of 116 Columbia St., Market Bldg., Chester, SC

District 3 – 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 noon, Friday, May 12, 2006, Pee See Research & Ed. Center, 2200 Pocket Rd., Rm. 266-7, Florence, SC

District 4 – 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 11, 2006, Greenwood County Court House, 528 Monument St., GIS Rm. B-1, Greenwood, SC

District 5 – 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2006, Columbia State Farmers Market, Ramage Conf. Center, 1001 Bluff Road., Columbia, SC

To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and having been engaged in producing beef within the State of South Carolina for a period of one year, and during that period, having derived a substantial portion of his income therefrom.

District 1 includes the Counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union.

District 2 includes the Counties of Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster and York.

District 3 includes the Counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg.

District 4 includes the Counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Edgefield, Greenwood, Newberry, McCormick and Saluda.

District 5 includes the Counties of Calhoun, Clarendon, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Sumter.

District 6 includes the Counties of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton and Jasper.

Oral nominations for qualified candidates may be made at the nominating meeting and accepted by the Commission. All oral nominations for Board vacancies must be accompanied by a second to be considered for election. Nominations may also be made within five (5) days after said meeting by written petition filed with the Commission and signed by not less than five (5) affected producers entitled to participate in such meeting. The terms of office of the members elected and/or appointed to fill said vacancies shall be three (3) years.

Calendar of Events



Upcoming Cattle Industry Events

March 23	Greenwood Beef Producers Association Meeting
March 28	Spartanburg County Livestock Producers' Association Meeting
March 28	Saluda County Cattlemen's Association Meeting
March 28	Salkehatchie Cattlemen's Association Meeting

March 28	SC Feeder Calf Sale, Martin & Martin Cattle Co, Inc., Williamston
March 30	Pickens County Cattlemen's Association Meeting
May 3	South Carolina Beef Board Meeting, Columbia
May 22	South Carolina Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors Meeting, Columbia

For more information about these events, please contact SCCA at (877) 859-9121.