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2005 Membership Incentives Announced

October is upon us and we are looking ahead to the holidays and the end of a busy 2004! The end of the year also means the end of the SC Cattlemen's Association's (SCCA) membership year. Thanks to outstanding corporate sponsors, SCCA will be offering two membership incentive awards to local associations in 2005. Members are the backbone of our state association and help to make our voice louder in Columbia and Washington.

The first award, a Powder River squeeze chute, was sponsored in part by Pasture Management Systems, Inc. and in part by SCCA. The local association with the greatest increase in numbers will win the chute in 2005. The numbers will be based on greatest increase in the association's membership numbers from December 1, 2004 to April 1, 2005. Only associations with actual membership in 2004 will be eligible. Upon winning the chute, it will be the association's option to use the chute as the association sees fit.

The second award, \$500 worth of Fort Dodge products, will be presented to the association with the greatest percentage increase in members. Again, the numbers will be calculated based on numbers from December 1, 2004 to April 1, 2005. The association that wins the chute will not be eligible for the Fort Dodge prize, and it must be an association with actual membership in 2004.

Aid Needed for Florida and Alabama

The South Carolina Cattlemen's Association (SCCA), along with the South Carolina Farm Bureau (SCFB), joined forces with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Region II to send a truck and trailer load of fencing materials to the areas of Florida hardest hit by Hurricane Charley. As everyone is aware Florida was hit three more times after Charley and Alabama was hit once.

"Dairies in the areas hit hardest in Florida are going to be without power for up to a month. Generators are in desperate need," said Frank Fitzsimmons, retired county agent.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has set up a hurricane relief fund for cattle producers who are in need of assistance. They are encouraging donations of any size. If you are interested in contributing to this worthwhile fund, please contact the NCBA hurricane hotline at 1-866-BEEF-USA.

Moos from the SC Beef Board

SC State Fair is here; Oct. 7—17

Join the SC Beef Board (SCBB) and the SC Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) at the SC State Fair October 7—17, 2004.

SCBB will host a beef promotional display in the Cantey Building for the duration of the fair. SCCA will have the squeeze chute on display in the Nutt Cattle Arena. Please stop by and visit both booths as you visit the fair.

NCBA Launches a New Retail Web Site

NCBA has launched a new web site for beef retailers. The site, www.beefretail.org, was designed to educate retail outlets about new products, nutrition, and new cuts of beef. Please encourage your local retail beefpartner to use this site as necessary.

Membership Matters

This article ran in the September issue of the Moos and Views. If you have not reponded to this request, please do so by October 15 in order for the state office to get all memberships in order by November 1.

The SCCA membership year runs January 1 to December 31. With today's busy lifestyle of county agents in particular, SCCA would like your opinion on a change in the membership billing structure. SCCA is willing to handle billing of state and local membership dues, along with an option for NCBA membership dues, in the following manner:

November 1—Current member would receive a bill from SCCA for local, state and national dues. As the membership is received, the local association would receive their portion of the dues from SCCA.

December 1—Members who did not renew in November would receive a second invoice. As the membership is received, the local association would receive their portion of the dues from SCCA.

January 1—Local association would receive a list of all renewing members and non-renewing members. At this point, the local association would have the opportunity to recruit renewals and new members and send the state dues to SCCA as we have done in the past.

If your local association is interested in this new procedure, please complete the form below. Please note that this is offered as a service to you and is not mandatory.

Association Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Local Dues Amount

Yes, we would like to participate in the new billing process. Send me more information!

_____Yes

No, we are not interested at this time.

_____No

Return to SCCA by As Soon As Possible.

Red Books Have Arrived

The 2005 Integrated Resource Management (IRM) "Red Books" have arrived in the SCCA office. These handy books have space for all types of cattle record keeping, a calendar/date book, an address book, and all of this can fit in your front pocket. You may order these books for \$4.50 each from the office. Just check with your desired quantity and shipping address to the SCCA office. Quantities are limited to first come, first served basis.

Calendar of Events



SCCA Upcoming Events

October 7 – 17	South Carolina State Fair, Columbia, SC
October 14 – 16	Beef Cattle Show at the SC State Fair, Columbia, SC
October 15	Adluh Flour Customer Appreciation Luncheon, Columbia, SC, Sponsored by the SC Beef Board
October 21	Greenwood Beef Producers Association Ladies Night, Greenwood, SC
October 23	Tiger Ag Tailgate Annual Alumni Event, Clemson, SC
November 4	Tri-County Cattlemen's Association Meeting, York, SC
November 6	Yon Family Farms Annual Bull and Female Sale, Ridge Spring, SC
November 9	SC Ag Council Agricultural Tour, Columbia, SC
November 11	Union County Livestock Association
November 16	Allendale County Livestock Association Meeting
November 30	Pickens County Cattlemen's Association Meeting, Liberty, SC
December 2	Abbeville Cattlemen's Association Meeting, Abbeville, SC
December 2	Orangeburg Livestock Producers Association Meeting, Orangeburg, SC
December 2 – 4	South Carolina Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC
March 1 – 2, 2005	Ag EXPO and SCCA Annual Meeting, Columbia, SC

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

Upcoming Board of Directors' Meetings

November 17, 2004

South Carolina Beef Board
SC Farm Bureau Headquarters
Columbia

November 18

South Carolina Cattlemen's Association
Ramage Conference Center
Columbia