

The Moos & Views



A Leader Letter for the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association

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SC Cattlemen's Association

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We're Back...

After an extended maternity leave, I am back in the office and "reporting for duty". I really appreciate all of your patience as Chuck and I welcomed our new baby boy, Charlie, into the world. Thanks also for all of your prayers and support of our family. In particular, I thank the board of directors of the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) for taking on added roles within the association during my absence. I am always amazed at the dedication of our volunteers within this organization!

It is once again my goal to bring this leader letter to you on a monthly basis. Please feel free to forward me any ideas that you would like to share.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any needs or questions. My office number is (803) 734-9806 or my cell number is (803) 238-1762 and email is scbeef@scda.sc.gov.

--Margaret Owens

Hurricane Relief Efforts Underway

The South Carolina Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) has joined arms with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) to help to provide relief to our neighboring cattlemen in Mississippi and Louisiana who are recovering from Hurricane Katrina. To date, SCCA has contributed to efforts by Martin & Martin Cattle Co, Inc. to send various materials to the devastated region. Two loads of supplies ranging from cattle supplies to diapers have already been delivered to the region.

In addition, SCCA and the South Carolina Beef Board (SCBB) are contributing to a national program to provide beef jerky and stable beef products to shelters housing the victims. In addition to the beef products, recipients will receive nutritional information about beef in a healthy diet.

If you are interested in contributing to aid specifically for cattlemen, NCBA has a foundation that is accepting donations at this time. Please send your donations to:

National Cattlemen's Foundation
9110 East Nichols Ave.
Centennial, CO 80112

For more information about this foundation, please visit NCBA's web site at www.beefusa.org.

What is Needed:

According to NCBA, fencing and rebuilding supplies are of critical importance first. The SCCA office has received several phone calls from cattlemen in South Carolina with excess hay. If you have excess hay that you can donate, or you are willing to take a load to the region, please contact the SCCA office as soon as possible. We will be working with NCBA to make sure that this hay is delivered in order of need priority.

2006 Ag EXPO Cancelled

The 2006 SC Ag EXPO has been cancelled for various reasons. The SCCA is currently in the process of reviewing several ideas for its annual meeting. If you have any ideas that you would like to bat around, please contact our office.

Membership Activities Underway

Incentives Awarded:

Congratulations to the Pee Dee Cattlemen's Association (PDCA) and the Pickens Cattlemen's Association (PCA) for winning this year's membership incentive awards. The PDCA won the Powder River Squeeze chute, donated by Pasture Management, for the most members recruited by April 1, 2005. They were successful in bring in over 100 new members in the state association. The PCA won \$500 worth of Fort Dodge products for having the highest percentage increase of state members. Good job!

2006 Invoice Mailings:

Several local associations participated in the state office mailing out renewal invoices to its members. We have worked through several kinks with the process and are ready to gear up for the mailings for this year. The process will be as follows:

- The state office must be notified by October 15, 2005 as to your interest in participating.
- **November 1**—Current members will be mailed a bill from SCCA with options to pay local, state and national dues. The local association may draft a cover letter, or the state office will draft one for your association. As the membership is received in the office, the local association will receive their portion of the dues from SCCA.

- **December 1**—Members who did not renew in November will receive a second invoice. As the membership is received, the local association will 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 will have the opportunity to recruit renewals and new members and send the state dues to SCCA.

If your association elects not to participate in this mailing program, we have a couple of requests that will help our office tremendously and ensure continued membership services:

1. Membership deadline is April 1, 2006. Please make every effort to send your membership lists in by that date to guarantee that the members continue to receive The Carolina Cattle Connection and that they will be included in the 2006 membership directory.
2. Please send the following information on each member. The state office has a form that can be mailed, or the association can send in the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Address, City, State, Zip
 - c. Telephone Number(s)
 - d. Email address
 - e. Membership type (Life, regular, junior)
 - f. Entity joining (State, local association, and/or NCBA)

Reminder:

Please be reminded that SCCA is an affiliate of NCBA. NCBA is actively working on a national and international basis to ensure that the cattle industry is represented in Washington and in many other arenas. SCCA has the responsibility to recruit members for this outstanding organization. As you recruit renewals or new members, please give them the opportunity to join NCBA at the following levels:

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

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

South Carolina to Host Red Angus National Convention

The Red Angus Association of America, national headquarters in Denton, Texas will be meeting for its 52nd Annual Convention at the Embassy Suites, in Greenville, S.C. September 29 - October 2. The event will be hosted by the Southeast Red Angus Association. Coordinators for this event are RAAA staff Betty Grimshaw, members, Jim and Alvina Meeks along with RAAA Director, Raymond Prescott.

The convention will start on Thursday, September 29th with 15 trade show participants. The convention vendors are: Accelerated Genetics, Drover's Journal, ABS, Genex CRI, Semex, Cow Sense, Red Wing, Farm & Ranch Connection, EXCEL Corp, Meyer Natural Angus, Novartis, Igentity/Merial, Nelson Reproductive Services, Cargill/Nutrena, Clemson University-Edisto Research Facility, South Carolina Cattlemen's Association and Cattle Today.

Thursday and Friday will be packed with informative educational programs with speakers Dr. Keith Bertrand, Dr. Mark Enns, and Dr. Steve Meadows. Humorist, Dr. John McCormack will entertain the attendees at the Thursday night meal. Friday night at the annual awards banquet, the RAAA will distribute seven prestigious awards to deserving RAAA individuals. A cattle tour on Saturday, October 1st to Bull Hill Ranch will feature many area Red Angus breeders exhibiting their cattle. Many fun events are planned along with a delicious lunch served at the Red Barn Restaurant. On Sunday, many of the members will tour the illustrious Biltmore Estate in nearby Asheville, NC.

Four informative and fun filled days are planned for RAAA members and any interested cattle enthusiast. More information on this event can be found on the RAAA website, www.redangus.org or contact: Betty Grimshaw, 940-387-3502, betty@redangus.org.

Calendar of Events



SCCA Upcoming Events

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| September 20 | Aiken County Cattlemen's Association Meeting |
| September 29 – October 1 | National Red Angus Convention, Greenville |
| October 6 – 16 | South Carolina State Fair |

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

**Upcoming
Board of Directors' Meetings**

September 28, 2005

South Carolina Beef Board

1:00 PM, Ramage Conference Center

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