



SOUTH POLL GRASS CATTLE ASSOCIATION

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Field Day set for June 24th & 25th at Woods Fork Cattle Co., Hartville, Mo.

Judy and I are very pleased and excited to be hosting the 8th Annual South Poll Field Day on our farm near Hartville, Missouri on June 24th and 25th. The farm is in Wright County, which is home to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum, where Laura wrote her Little House on the Prairie books. www.lauraingallswilderhome.com/ Nearby, we also have Baker Creek

Heirloom Seeds, which has its own Baker Creek Village, a recreation of an Ozarks pioneer town. www.rareseeds.com/farmandvillage/

You also might want to check out great paintings at the Ozarks Art Center and Gallery, which is actually on our farm. www.OzarksArtGallery.com Or, if you are hungry for some fabulous handdipped chocolates, you will want to stop by Rosewood Farms, home of Grandpa Joe's Chocolates, which is just a few miles away. www.grandpajoeschocolates.com

So if you are coming a ways you might as well stay awhile and see some of our Ozark sites while you are here.

This year's field day will start Friday afternoon with registration beginning at noon and a panel discussion at 1 p.m. featuring prominent South Poll breeders and a special guest, Saturday's keynote speaker, Burke Teichert. The panel discussion is a time for you to ask any questions you have about South Polls, grazing, or ranch/farm management as it would be hard to find a better qualified panel featuring well known grazing consultant and author, Greg Judy; Bruce Shanks, owner and operator of one of the largest South Poll herds in the country and a PhD in Animal Science; Brian Coleman, South Poll breeder and direct grassfed beef producer; Ralph Voss, South Poll seedstock producer and grazing experimenter second to none and Burke Teichert, retired Operations Ranch Manager for Deseret Ranch, ranching consultant and columnist for Beef Magazine.

After the panel discussion, we will have a pasture walk led by Greg Judy, who will discuss his grazing philosophy, while at the same time Kathy Richburg, ul-

trasound specialist, will be in our newly-remodeled working facility giving an ultrasound demonstration on live cattle. We will also talk a little about corral design and construction. Greg's and Kathy's sessions will each be repeated so you can attend both and not miss a thing. There will also be time to visit with vendors and fellow producers, view the sale cattle, check out the Silent Auction and guess the weight of Buddy, our very large lead steer, which brings a chance to win some delicious grassfed beef. The evening meal will be an authentic Chuckwagon Beef Stew Dinner followed by a performance by Teddy Gentry and the Rockit City Band from Nash-

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Teddy Talks

By SPGCA President: Teddy Gentry

Fellow Cattlemen:



On behalf of the South Poll board members I would like to welcome you to our eighth annual national South Poll Grass Cattle Association field day.

It's been a great year for our little maternal breed and I'm proud of the fact that the demand for our females and bulls is more than we can supply. Our breeders have the unique ability to get a fair price by private treaty or by just listing what they have for sale on the South Poll website or even just by letting their neighbors know they have cattle for sale.

It's a great advantage to our customers and breeders to not have the expense associated with putting on a sale. If our breeders stand behind their cattle and treat our customers right, they will have no limit to the demand and growth of our great breed.

I saw a lot of old friends at the Grassfed Exchange in Perry, Ga., and was honored and humbled to be given the Terry Gompert Award this year.

A special thanks to all the South Poll board members, and especially Steve and Judy Freeman, for hosting this year's field day. If I, or any of our board members, can be of any assistance to you, don't hesitate to give us a shout.

Again, thanks for your interest in South Poll Cattle. You will find they are truly the mama cow breed.

Teddy Gentry



Dr. Allen Williams of the Grassfed Exchange presents South Poll Grass Cattle Association President Teddy Gentry the Terry Gompert Award at this year's conference held recently in Perry, Ga. A complete story on the award will be posted on the South Poll website.



Outstanding cattle like these will be available for viewing on June 24 and 25 at Woods Fork Cattle Co.

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Saturday morning the registration booth opens at 8 a.m. and shortly thereafter Teddy Gentry will tell us about the history of the South Poll breed. Burke Teichert will follow Teddy with a discussion on the heifer development program he developed over his many years managing cattle and ranches for Deseret Ranch, the largest cattle operation in the United States. Burke is world renowned for his ability to make ranches profitable while also developing a system that fits the environment and resources of the land base. His emphasis in this talk will be on raising animals adapted to, and able to thrive, in the environment in which they are raised, and how after years of using numbers to pick the right heifers to keep, he found the best partner in choosing the right heifers is often Mother Nature.

A speaking contest for Junior Members will start at 10:30 a.m. with lunch, provided by First Home Bank, following at 11:30 a.m. The Cattle Sale doesn't begin until 1 p.m. so attendees will again have time to view the sale cattle during this period and to make their final bids on the Silent Auction, which will close at 12:30.

The highlight of the two-day event will be an auction of some outstanding South Poll heifers, cow/calf pairs, and bulls that will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Trucking can be arranged to get cattle delivered anywhere in the country, so come prepared to take advantage of this opportunity. The fertility, longevity, gentle disposition, and easy keeping nature of South Poll cattle have driven demand higher than ever.

After the sale, we will have a wagon tour of Woods Forks Farms for those wishing to stay.

We have owned our present farm since 1987 and been using managed grazing since 1980. We're not sure of all we'll see, but plans are to tour the cattle herd and bull battery, paddock designs, and spring development. Hopefully, we won't be showing our drought management! A light snack will be provided. In order to provide enough transportation, please register if you plan to stay after the sale and take the tour.

Registration forms for the Field Day are available on the South Poll website or by contacting Kathy at 256-996-3142.

Hope to see you in June!

Steve and Judy Freeman, Woods Fork Cattle Co. LLC



Board members Randy and Yvonne Whisonant and John Eldridge, along with Teddy Gentry, worked the South Poll booth at the Grassfed Exchange.

Some area hotels are:

Holiday Inn Express
1301 Banning St.
Marshfield, MO
4178596000
(20 Miles)

(Let them know you are here for the field day for a special rate.)

Americas Best Value Inn
1000 E. Clinton Ave.
Seymour, MO 65746
8883152378
(14 Miles)

Super 8 Strafford/Springfield
315 Chestnut St
Strafford, MO 65757
4177363883
(33 Miles)

Days Inn
300 19th Street
Mtn. Grove, MO 65711
4179265555
(38 Miles)

Holiday Inn Express
1955 W. Elm Street
Lebanon, MO 65536
4175321111
(40 Miles)

Hampton Inn
930 Ivey Lane
Lebanon, MO 65536
4175333100
(40 Miles)

Super 8
1831 W. Elm Street
Lebanon, MO 65536
4175882574
(40 Miles)

Days Inn
2071 W. Elm Street
Lebanon, MO 65536
4175327111
(40 Miles)

Also, we are about 50 miles east of Springfield, where there are many hotels.



South Poll GRASS CATTLE ASSOCIATION

8th Annual Field Day and Auction

Tour following Cattle Auction at Woods Fork Cattle Company (limited to 150 Attendees)



June 24 and 25

Woods Fork Cattle Company

Steve and Judy Freeman

1171 Woods Fork Road

Hartville, MO 65667

\$50/person Registration Fee for both days

\$85 after June 15

two meals will be provided

Mail registration to

SPGCA

57 Friar Tuck Way • Fyffe, AL 35971

for more information call

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