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### Teddy Talks

With emphasis being put on fertility and longevity, which is where it should be for our maternal breed, let's not forget that South Polls produce high quality meat.

When my wife cooks anything else, I sure can tell it now. In a University of Florida taste test that was conducted by their trained testers, South Poll finished Number ONE overall.

That doesn't mean that 100% of our breed eats good, but I am sure we will compete with almost all English breeds for overall quality meat.

So, as we go forward, let's tell folks not only about the great maternal traits of our breed, but all of the great qualities as well.

*Teddy Gentry*



## Photo Contest!

We want to see your BEST Photos!

Submit your ORIGINAL photos to Ann at southpollgrasscattle@gmail.com for publication in the Newsletter or maybe even some of our advertising!

Winners will receive a prize from SPGCA!



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### GREG JUDY

On his farm with some of his South Poll herd

# South Poll Field Day

12TH ANNUAL FIELD DAY TO BE HELD JUNE 26TH AND 27TH

Greg and Jan Judy have a long history with the South Poll breed. Greg serves as Vice President of the SPGCA board and he and Jan have graciously offered the use of their farm, Green Pastures as the location for the 2020 Field Day. We are working with Greg and Jan, as well as keeping an eye on the current COVID-19 situation and will update everyone as soon as we can on the status of the Field Day. We have some animals consigned already for the sale, and have Dr. Susan Duckett from Clemson University booked as our Keynote Speaker.

Please keep an eye on the website and social media for updates. As always, you can call Ann at the office to answer any questions you may have.



## Dr. Susan Duckett



Dr. Susan Duckett earned her B.S. degree from Iowa State University and her M.S. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in Animal Science. Dr. Duckett is currently a Professor and the Ernest L. Corley Jr. Trustees Endowed Chair at Clemson University. She has authored over 80 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous abstracts, presentations and extension reports. Her teaching efforts include undergraduate and graduate courses in animal growth, meat quality, and lipid metabolism. Dr. Duckett has developed an internationally recognized program in meat science and animal growth. Her research explores how nutritional management of meat producing animals alters skeletal muscle growth and adipose tissue deposition, long chain fatty acid composition, meat quality and palatability. She has given lectures in the U.S., Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, and South Africa.

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## From the Kitchen

### Misty's Meatloaf & Baked Beans 'n Burger

From the Kitchen of Misty Sumners

#### Meatloaf Ingredients:

- 1/4 c. Oatmeal
- 1/2 c. Ketchup
- Spoonful Mustard
- 2 eggs
- Onion to taste
- Bell & Pimento Pepper (if desired)
- 1-1.5 lbs. Grass Fed Ground Beef
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients and bake 1 hour @ 400 degrees

#### Baked Beans 'N Burger Ingredients

- 2 cans Pork & Beans
- 1 c. Ketchup
- 3 T. Brown Sugar
- 1 T. Lemon Juice
- 1 T. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 Onion chopped
- 1 Bell Pepper (optional)
- 1 Lb. Grass Fed Ground Beef

Brown ground beef and drain-mix all ingredients. Bake 30 minutes @ 400 degrees.



# BARZONA HISTORY

*THE DEVELOPMENT of the Barzona began in 1942 by Francis Bard and his wife at their ranch in the inter-mountain desert region of Yavapai County, Arizona.*

They hoped to develop a breed that would be adapted to their area which was rugged and rocky with extreme temperatures, sparse rainfall, and scattered feed. Bard said, "I want to find a breed or make a breed of cattle with the same number, on the same range, will produce more pounds of salable beef."

In 1946, E.S. "Jack" Humphrey joined with the Bards and took over the management of the breeding operations. He combined the genetics of the Africander, Hereford, Angus and Santa Gertrudis. Africander bulls were bred to Hereford cows, they wanted the Hereford for early maturity, good hindquarters, close sheath and range ability. The Angus breed was chosen for carcass

and marbling characteristics, low birth weights, milk quality and a good hind. The Africander qualities that were desired were milk production, high browse utilization, low birth weights, heat tolerance, close sheath, body depth and genes for marbling without excessive backfat. Santa Gertrudis bulls with the 'shorthorn factor' were also used because it was felt that the 3/8 Brahma blood in the Santa Gertrudis was also good from the browse utilization, hair and hide, low birth weight and good milking ability standpoint. This basically completed the infusion of blood into the genetic pool and the Barzona breed was slowly developed by the studies with careful, planned matings to blend these different breeds to get the desired characteristics. No outside blood was added to the herd after 1955.

Production records maintained a rigid selection carried out for fertility, rate of gain and mothering ability. The animals with the most desirable records

were used back in the breeding program. The best cattle in the developing breed were moved to the Bard Kirkland Ranch in 1948, and in 1959, the entire operation was moved to that ranch.

By 1968, Barzona cattle were genetically recognized as an established breed, were well accepted by feeders and packers and the bulls were in demand by commercial ranchers for use in crossbreeding programs. As increasing numbers of cattlemen were becoming interested in having purebred herds, the need for a breed association was apparent.

In January 1968 the Barzona Breeders Association was formed in Phoenix. Mr. Bard passed away in January of 1970, and Mrs. Bard ran the ranch until 1973, when it became necessary to liquidate the ranch. The Bard Kirkland Ranch was sold and the entire foundation herd of Barzonas was dispersed. The cattle went to a few serious breeders who were dedicated



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to their continued development and improvement.

With Barzonas in the hands of these practical cattlemen, supported by a well organized and active association, the stage was set for this breed to go ahead and make a substantial contribution to the beef industry in America.

**Characteristics** Modern Barzonas are a medium size beef animal. Actual mature size varies somewhat with the environment. Barzonas are distinguishable by a longish head and may be either horned or polled. Barzona are generally a medium red, but color may vary from dark to light red, with the occasional white spot on the underline or switch.

Barzonas possess a high degree of herd instinct and are curious and intelligent, but quiet and easy to handle. Barzona females tend to be fertile-breeding as yearlings to calve by age two. With light birth weight, streamlined shaped calves, they tend to calve easily without assistance and breed back year after year, even under stressed conditions. Barzona bulls are hardy and vigorous, exemplifying high libido. They tend to reach puberty early, and are useful throughout a long, productive life.

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# TRANSFERRING SOUTH POLLS... FAQ'S

By: Bruce Shanks

**T**he selling and subsequent purchase of a registered South Poll female or bull is the proof that your purchase is a South Poll, provides an ancestral map for that individual animal, and legitimizes the sale/purchase. Certainly, just because the animal is registered does not make it a quality animal; however, it does show that the breeder (seller) took the time to keep accurate records, documented the ancestry, and takes honor in associating their farm/ranch with the animals they are producing and selling.

There do seem to be a few questions that arise surrounding the fairly simple process of transferring registration papers including:

## Whose Responsibility is it to transfer registration papers?

The South Poll Grass Cattle Association STRONGLY recommends that the SELLER pay for and transfer the registration papers to the buyer in a timely manner. This point really gets to the heart of seller ethics and good customer service. Buyers need to demand that papers be transferred and be clear of what they are purchasing. If more sellers completed the transfer process instead of just handing the buyer a registration paper or suggesting they are registerable, the Association would be in a much better position to increase the promotion of cattle and be able to spend less time with frustrated buyers trying to sort out issues with paperwork.

## How do I transfer a South Poll animal?

Simply fill out and sign the back of the registration paper and mail it to the Association office at: SPGCA 5235 Gravel Point Road Mountain Grove, MO 65711-2680 OR email the information to the office at southpollgrasscattle@gmail.com. Please make sure to include sale date with the information. If payment is not included with the transfer(s), an invoice will be sent out once completed.

## What about a customer that is using a registered bull on commercial cows...why bother?

Customers should insist that papers be transferred. Registration of cattle and subsequent transfer of that paper and registration number are center to our breed association. This is the only way genetic knowledge is tracked. Plus, as a customer, having a registration paper in your hand may mean your animal is worth more if you ever sell it.

## The cost...is it really worth it?

The SPGCA charges a nominal fee of only \$15 to transfer an animal if you are a member and \$30 for non-members. That fee is for percentage, purebred or fullblood cattle. Fifteen bucks is a small investment given the demand for South Poll cattle.

## Does my customer need to be a member of SPGCA?

No, the registry only needs the name (farm name) and complete address of the buyer and when the purchase was completed. The buyer does not have to be a member or have a breeder number to buy. However, if they are a member, it is helpful to note that on the transfer.

## Ok, now that I have some registered cattle transferred to me, I want to change their prefix and ID numbers.

Absolutely do not do this. The prefix is from the breeder of that animal and the ID of the animal needs to match the ID on the registration paper. Once you are producing offspring then you can tag and name as you see fit and they will be registered under your prefix.

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# OFFICE UPDATE

Hello Everyone!

Well, we made it through the holidays and into 2020, and what a ride it has been so far! Here is what has been happening!

January brought some chilly days and I managed to get caught up on some registrations and some other matters that had been waiting for some attention. January was also filled with planning! We have some big, new exciting things coming for you, so please keep an eye out for them! I was called home for some personal matters late in the month and arrived back to the office in early February to a FULL desk. I am making my way through the list as efficiently as I can, so please let me know if you have something that is really pressing.

March brought us to the Houston Livestock Show--now that is an experience one should not miss! I would encourage any of you that

enjoy a livestock show to go if you have never been! Once back from there, I have been working on sorting things out for Field Day and mitigating the 'new normal' we have found ourselves in with Covid-19.

We are working hard as a Board to make the best possible decision on what to do with our Field Day and we will be letting you know as soon as possible what our decisions are.

I pray that this finds you all well, safe and healthy and practicing good social distancing!

As always, please let me know if I can help you in anyway!

Y'all take care and be safe!



*Happy Grazing!*

## TRANSFERRING SOUTH POLLS CON'T.

### I have a South Poll cow, but have no papers. Can I get it registered so I can transfer it to a new owner?

The answer is simply no. However, you can breed that animal to a registered South Poll and register the offspring as 50% and then so on.

### Wait a minute...I can register and transfer percentage animals?

Yes, the SPGCA rules and regulations state that percentage designation shall be extended to all males and females that are as much 1/4 and less than 7/8th South Poll for females and 15/16th South Poll for males. To be eligible for registration at least one parent of percentage cattle must originate from foundation Bent Tree animals and be registered with the Association.

**Buyers are willing to pay for documentation and information on quality animals. There is VALUE in a registered South Poll animal.**

**SELLERS...please transfer your animals. BUYERS...please demand it!**

**Please contact the Association if more questions arise during the process of transferring South Poll registration papers.**



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don’t remember  
their best day  
watching TV.”

– Unknown

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### Let’s keep in touch

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