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SOUTH POLL NEWS SPRING/SUMMER 2023

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Teddy Talks

Today, driving home from town, I passed at least 4 pastures where cattle are just surviving. There were 25-30 cows and calves on maybe 15 acres. The animals were desperately trying to get a bite of grass. I actually heard a guy say "I hear South Polls don't need as much feed as some other breeds." All cattle need good grass or decent quality hay to express their genetic potential.

On our farm it takes about 3 to 4 acres of good quality pasture for each pair to graze year round. People who have more cows than grass should get rid of some animals. They will never know a good one from an average one if they are all underfed and mismanaged. I see other people spending money on fertilizer while never moving the cows. With no grass to hold the fertilizer a lot of it washes away in a good rain. The same goes for chicken litter on the ground with no grass, it washes into our ponds and streams and is toxic to fish and wildlife.

Continuous grazing is no good for our soil, plants or animals. Please, please get some basic knowledge of soil, plants and grazing practices before you load up on cows. A good cow is just a cow without good management. Let's take special interest in our young people who will be producing our food in the future and teach them there is a right and wrong way of running cattle. A Greg Judy video is a great place to start! God bless you all.

Respectively,

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!



HEIFER GIVEAWAY

Yes, you read that right. Teddy is offering a once in a lifetime chance for a couple of youngsters to win a South Poll heifer.

Here are the requirements:

1. Applicant must be under 16.
2. A one page essay telling us why you want a South Poll heifer and how you plan to help use the genetics to improve your future in the farming/ranching business.
3. A recommendation letter from a current member of the SPGCA must accompany the essay.
4. Please make sure you have ample grass to properly care for the heifer.
5. If heifer is to be sold for any reason within five years, she must be offered back to BTF for market price.
6. Applications will be reviewed by Bent Tree Farms and winners will be announced.
7. Submit applications via mail to
Bent Tree Farms
884 CR 256
Fort Payne, AL 35967

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING IS JULY 1, 2023



Congratulations!

Justin Beutke ~ Booker, Florida

Justin was the first to be selected to get a South Poll heifer from Bent Tree Farms!



BEST OF THE BREED SALE!

ONCE A YEAR CHANCE FOR YOU TO SHOWCASE YOUR FARM/RANCH AT THE FIELD DAY SALE!

256-996-1788 or 256-996-8355 to consign!



Submit your favorite recipes for the next Newsletter!
psst...there are PRIZES!
southpollgrasscattle@gmail.com

From the Kitchen

KC Burnt End Cheesesteaks allrecipes.com/Chef John

- 3.5 pounds well marbled chuck roast
- 3 T. BBQ dry rub
- 1/2 C. KC Style style BBQ sauce
- 4 sandwich rolls
- 1 8oz. Cheez Whiz
- 2/3 c. sauteed onions
- 2/3 c. pickled peppers
- 2 T. green onions sliced

Preheat oven to 325
Season meat with dry rub and double wrap in foil-place in pan with seam side up
Roast in the preheated oven for 2.5 hours
Let rest for 1 hour. Unwrap and transfer to a cutting board. Reserve all juices. Cut into 1-inch cubes and transfer to a mixing bowl. Add cooking juices, more dry rub if desired, and BBQ sauce. Mix well, wrap, and refrigerate overnight
Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F
Transfer into a shallow baking dish and brush generously with BBQ sauce
Reduce oven temperature to 250 degrees F
Roast until the "burnt ends" are as tender as you want, about 1 1/2 hours more. Transfer the "burnt ends" onto the rolls, and finish with cheese whiz, onions, peppers, and green onions.



Antibiotic Rules are Changing!!

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Veterinary Prescription Required

On January 1, 2017, two significant changes occurred that impacted the availability and use of antibiotics in the feed and water of food producing animals. One change was that antibiotics classified as medically important by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) could no longer be used for production purposes such as growth promotion or increased feed efficiency. The other change was many of these antibiotics, which had been available over the counter (OTC), now required either a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) if used in feed or a prescription if used in drinking water. This brought a significant number of antibiotics under veterinary supervision, but some remained available OTC. That is about to change, however.

On June 11, 2021, FDA's Guidance for Industry (GFI) #263 was published in the Federal Register. This document outlined the process for transitioning these remaining antibiotics from OTC availability to requiring a veterinary prescription with the expectation that implementation would be completed by June 11, 2023. Considering this will end OTC sales of all medically important antibiotics for animal use, livestock producers have many questions. The following are answers to some of the more common questions and will help you determine how these changes may affect you.

Which antibiotics will be affected? The following are just a few examples:

Antibiotic	Product Examples
Cephapirin, Cephapirin Benzathine	<i>Intramammary tubes:</i> ToDAY® and ToMORROW®
Lincomycin	<i>Injectables:</i> Lincomix® 100, Lincomix® 300, LincoMed™ 100, LincoMed® 300
Oxytetracycline	<i>Injectables:</i> Liquamycin® LA-200®, Noromycin® 300 LA, Bio-Mycin® 200, Agrimycin 200, etc. <i>Boluses:</i> Terramycin® Scours Tablets, OXY 500 Calf Boluses
Penicillin G Procaine, Penicillin G Benzathine	<i>Injectables:</i> Penicillin Injectable, Dura-Pen, Pro-Pen-G®, Combi-Pen 48®, etc. <i>Intramammary tubes:</i> Masti-Clear®, Go-dry™, Albadry Plus®
Sulfadimethoxine, Sulfamethazine	<i>Injectables:</i> Di-Methox 40%, SulfMed™ 40% <i>Boluses:</i> Albon®, Sustain III® Cattle & Calf Boluses, Supra Sulfa III Cattle & Calf Boluses
Tylosin	<i>Injectables:</i> Tylan™ 50, Tylan™ 200

When will these antibiotics require a prescription? A veterinary prescription drug has the following language on the label, "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian", whereas OTC drugs do not. Therefore, antibiotics affected by GFI #263 will have this language added to the label at which time they will require a prescription.

When product with the revised (prescription) labeling will appear at retail locations is hard to predict. FDA expects that product entering distribution channels after June 11, 2023 to display the revised label and once these products reach retail locations and are offered for sale is when a prescription will be required.

After June 11th, will I need a prescription to use antibiotics that were purchased prior to the label change? FDA intends to allow existing stocks of OTC antibiotics to be depleted and a prescription will not be required for use. However, if the antibiotic is being used extra-label (in a manner that is not in accordance with the approved label directions) a veterinary prescription is required.

I don't own cattle but I do use some of the antibiotics affected by GFI #263 in other species. Will I still need a prescription? A prescription will be required regardless of the species you intend to use it in.

Will these antibiotics have to be purchased from a veterinarian? No. However, a prescription will be required regardless of where they are purchased.

I don't use a veterinarian. How do I ensure I have access to antibiotics once the changes occur? You will need to work with a veterinarian to ensure continued access. For a veterinarian to issue a prescription, a veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) must be established. In Missouri, this means a veterinarian is acquainted with the keeping and care of your animal(s) either by examination or timely visits to the operation where the animal(s) is kept. You will need to contact a local veterinarian for further details about the requirements for establishing and maintaining a VCPR.

Will these changes lead to additional expenses? It is not known if the changes will affect antibiotic prices. However, there are expenses associated with establishing and maintaining a VCPR. Someone that already has a VCPR established should expect little to no additional expenses associated with these changes.

My local farm store currently sells some of the antibiotics affected by GFI #263. Will they be able to sell these antibiotics once they require a prescription? In Missouri, any business that sells, dispenses or fills orders for animal prescription drugs is required to have a state pharmacy permit and must comply with the rules and statutes associated with holding that permit. Because of this, farm stores in Missouri may choose not to sell antibiotics once they require a prescription so, please contact your local store for more information. It is important to note that veterinarians dispensing drugs to their own clients are exempt from these regulations and that pharmacy regulations vary from state to state.

Will I be able purchase these antibiotics from online vendors that are not located in Missouri, provided I have a prescription? Online pharmacies that conduct interstate business must follow federal and state requirements when distributing, dispensing or delivering prescription drugs. Many of the popular online vendors currently sell prescription drugs and are already in compliance with these requirements. Contact the vendor with any additional questions you may have.

Craig Payne, DVM, MS
Extension Veterinarian
University of Missouri



**APPLICATION FOR SPGCA SCHOLARSHIP
(SOUTH POLL GRASS CATTLE ASSOCIATION)
APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2023**

Section 1 Information to be completed by Applicant
please type or print

Name: _____ Male
(first middle last) Female

Address: _____
City, ST, Zip _____
Phone: _____
High School Name: _____
Father or Male Guardian Information:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Occupation: _____
Mother or Female Guardian Information:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Occupation: _____
Number of children in your family: _____
Number currently enrolled in college: _____

Please attach your picture (upright head and shoulders pose) here.

DO NOT STAPLE OR BEND

PLEASE SEND ORIGINAL PHOTO.
NO REPRODUCTIONS
(color copies, ink jet prints do not reproduce well)
If you are the scholarship winner, this will be used for publicity purposes.

Summarize your involvement with South Poll cattle and/or the South Poll Grass Cattle Association:

List any honors or awards you have received:

List both paid and volunteer work experience and job duties you have performed:

Name of college you plan to attend: _____
Estimated expenses for the School Year: _____
Estimated resources for the School Year: _____
Do you anticipate receiving any scholarships, awards or financial aid? Yes No
If yes, please specify: _____

Please attach a 300 word essay outlining your intended major, career goals, and future involvement with South Poll cattle.
The applicant herewith consents that the Scholarship Committee be fully informed as to the Applicant's scholastic standing, character and other factors having a bearing on this application.

Signature of Applicant

STUDENT: AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR PART OF THIS APPLICATION, PRESENT IT TO YOUR PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FOR CERTIFICATION. THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2023.



SECTION II. INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR

South Poll Grass Cattle Association Scholarship

This is to certify that the above applicant is ranked _____ in a class of _____ seniors.
 This is to certify that the above applicant has a GPA of _____ on a scale of _____.

The applicant has taken the following college aptitude test:

<u>Name of test</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Date Tested</u>

The Scholarship Selection Committee would appreciate a brief statement concerning your evaluation of this applicants citizenship and worthiness for scholarship consideration.



The membership of the SPGCA has a keen interest in incentivizing student interest/education in agriculture. To help some worthy student achieve his/her academic and career goals, the Board of Directors of SPGCA has acted to offer a scholarship in the amount of \$500 annually as our budget permits. Following are the criteria for eligibility.

Scholarship Eligibility:

1. Be a junior member of SPGCA in good standing.
2. All scholarship applicants must have completed their senior year of high school by the time the annual field day is held and be committed to the pursuit of an agricultural or agriculture-related major for his/her Bachelor's Degree.
3. Be committed to attend any college or university (including community college for first two years) in the United States or its Territories offering an Ag or Ag Related field.
4. Include a 300 word essay outlining your intended major, career goals and future involvement with South Poll cattle.
5. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and we advise a family member, teacher or advisor to review application before submission.

SPECIAL NOTE: Each years scholarship award presentation will be made at the SPGCA Annual Field Day, therefore, it is imperative students do not miss the deadline on submitting their application.

Award will be presented at the annual SPGCA Field Day to be held:
 September 22-23, 2023
 Albertville, AL

Principal or Counselor: _____
 Date: _____
 High School: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Please send this application to:
SPGCA
Ann Demerath
5235 Gravel Point Road
Mountain Grove, MO 65711



Contact Information:

SPGCA
 Ann Demerath
 5235 Gravel Point Road
 Mountain Grove, MO 65711
 256.996.8355
 southpollgrasscattle@gmail.com

MEET OUR HOST FAMILY!

My family and I are excited and honored to be hosting the 15th Annual South Poll Grass Cattle Association Field Day. We started raising South Poll cattle in 2014.

I have had a long history of cattle producers in my family in Kentucky and as a child, I enjoyed working with cattle and learning different breeds, so I wanted to continue the legacy with my sons and grandchildren. I believe the heart of our great country is farming whether it be crop, row crops, dairy or beef cattle, and it must continue for our country to thrive.

The field day event is a great resource for learning more about the breed and meet other producers and encourage younger farmers to join the association to be a part of, in my opinion the best breed of cattle.

Again, we are honored and look forward to welcoming everyone in September to our farm for a fun filled, informative event.

Doug Creech & Family



The Classified Section of our website is available to the public for viewing. Unfortunately, that opens up an opportunity for some folks that may be up to 'no good'. Please make sure that when you are dealing with a potential buyer that you are using caution. Do your due diligence and homework to make sure the deal is above board.

All transactions that result from the Classified Section of our website are between buyer and seller.

There is also someone who is sending emails impersonating Teddy and other Board Members requesting that you contact them immediately and get some version of a cash card or other electronic payment. **PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS!!** Under no circumstance will any Board Member contact you via email requesting that you get them cash cards or electronic payment. If you look closely at these emails, there are usually some strange verbiage or misspelled words. When in doubt, go ahead and forward these requests to the office.

OFFICE UPDATE

By: Ann Demerath

Hello from the office!

Things in the office have been busy! The Whole Herd Reports have all been sent out, and we have a fair number of them back in and entered into the system. If you haven't done yours yet, this is a friendly reminder to get them in by no later than June 30th of this year. The Board will be meeting in June and will be coming up with the deadlines for enforcing the rules of not being able to register cattle if the WHR isn't filled out and dues paid.

We are working really hard to come up with some ways to make the office more efficient. One of these things is to have phone hours for the office. The current hours are Tuesday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. If you are trying to reach us during those hours and we don't answer, please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible. If you have an absolute emergency, please send a text and we will address as soon as we can.

There are a few other things we are doing as well to help speed up processes and accuracy for all of us.

1. Effective immediately- any data that is submitted to the office for entry must be complete. Any missing information will result in the data being returned to you for completion. Once received back into the office it will go back into rotation for processing.

2. We are working on approximately 30 days turnaround on all data submitted to the office. We will be turning these as fast as we can, but please remember that all submissions are put into priority as we receive them. To quote my grandma "Remember, your lack of planning does not constitute my emergency".

3. ALL transfers, registrations, corrections, etc MUST be submitted via email only! We will no longer be accepting requests via text, Facebook messenger, phone calls, etc.

4. As always, we are here to help you, and will do so in anyway possible. All of the above items are just being implemented in order to deal with our fantastic growth!! What a blessing that has been!!!

In other news, we are making great progress on the upcoming Field Day! The Creech's are working hard to make this event super fun and memorable for all of you! There will be some amazing food and with any luck some fun extras !

Please make note of the Online Registration Tips on the following pages, they are super helpful for registering your own animals--please take the time to read them, maybe even print them out to keep handy as you are registering. We will be working on some short tutorial videos as well, so keep watch for them!

Hope this finds you all well and blessed with rain-let's all say a word for those producers who could use a break from the droughts....

Looking forward to seeing you all in September!!

~Ann



Happy
Fall!

Ann Demerath

Please
Don't Forget!!

Email your favorite
recipes, photos and
anything else you
would like to see
in the SPGCA
Newsletter to the
office!

THERE ARE PRIZES!

Are you next?
Your ad could be here!
\$100 Full Page Ad!
\$50 1/2 Page Ad!

**CALL ANN AT THE SOUTH POLL GRASS CATTLE
ASSOCIATION FOR DETAILS!
417-256-8355**

ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS!

Many of you have been utilizing the online registration tool on the website. Please reference the tips below to help you have a more complete and correct set of papers.

* Make sure you have a Livestock Genetics Account set up. This is DIFFERENT than what you have set up for the website. If you don't have your LG account set up, you will need the following information.

1. Member number--5 digits usually and is found on your welcome letter or any registration in your name.
2. Username--please use first name.last name or some combination of that so you are easily identified by the office--it makes it easier for the office to find your information.
3. Choose your password and make a note of it.

Online registration is fairly easy! Here are a few more things that you will want to do when you are getting ready to register animals!

1. Fill out the spreadsheet under cattle/cattle forms on the website and print it off--all of your information will be in one handy spot to make the process easier.
2. Once you have your information compiled and you are logged in click Calving Sheet tab.
3. You can choose to enter from Active Dams tab or enter the calves individually.
4. Naming a calf--this is how calves are named in the system: Herd Prefix Sire TAG number Dam TAG number Calf TAG number. Please make sure to put a space in between each section of the name Example: CSR 4440 12345 2201 If you are choosing to add a name of calf, please do so after the calf tag number with NO space between.
5. Once you are all done entering information, you must click the Proceed to (year) calf crop-this is located at the top of the screen and is underlined.
6. You may see some errors--some of the more common ones are 'dam not owned at time of conception and no permit on file' If you see this error, it is most likely due to a transfer date conflict OR you are trying to register a calf that you weren't responsible for the breeding of. If you see this error, you need to contact the office and we will resolve it. Another common error is 'dam had calf within 274 days' this is also an error that will need to be looked at by the office. Most commonly, the calf is already registered, or there is a birth date conflict.
7. When you are done entering in all of your information and have hit the SYNC button, please email the office and let us know how many animals you think you have entered along with any work order number you have noticed. That way, we know you have something in the system and can track it down as well as make sure we know your order is complete.
8. We will review your order, check for any errors, print and bill.
9. A couple of other things to note: We don't use the Livestock Genetics billing option--if you see a 'balance due' on your account in LG- please don't be concerned, all of your billing will come either on a QuickBooks statement on paper with your order, or in your email if we are not mailing you anything.
10. On the website, if you haven't already done so, please set up your website profiles. If you click [this link](#) it will take you to the setup link. Again, please use the first name.last name option when choosing your username so we can easily find your member name if we need to help you out. Take the time to customize your profile with pictures, bio, and social media links. The more links we have amongst us, the more powerful this tool will be for all of us!
11. As always, I am here to help you! If I don't answer, leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible! I am trying to take a couple days a week away from the phone so I can dedicate more time to entering in data, but I WILL call you back!



**South Poll Grass Cattle Association
New Membership Application**

Name to be on Certificate _____

Farm Name _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Herd Letters:

Choice 1 _____

Choice 2 _____

Choice 3 _____

Email List Opt in-please check box to be added to the South Poll newsletter email list

OFFICE USE ONLY: _____

Membership Fees \$100.00 year.

Please send check or money order to:
South Poll Grass Cattle Association
5235 Gravel Point Road
Mountain Grove, MO 65711
256-996-8355

Signature _____ Date _____
By signing this form you agree to abide by the rules and regulations and the by laws of South Poll Grass Cattle Association

COWS ARE AMONGST THE GENTLEST OF BREATHING CREATURES: NONE SHOW MORE PASSIONATE TENDERNESS TO THEIR YOUNG WHEN DEPRIVED OF THEM: AND, IN SHORT, I AM NOT ASHAMED TO PROFESS A DEEP LOVE FOR THESE QUIET CREATURES
-DEQUINCY



In the next issue

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Let's keep in touch

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