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Smith Fierce N Black - A polled purebred Simmental son of Flying B Cut Above and out of a Dream On bred daughter, that also traces back to Meyers Red Top. We will be utilizing this sire to produce percentage Simbrahs.



Smith Sweet and Satisfies - The oldest daughter of Smith Satisfies and out of a Smith Hide N Seek daughter of the Sweet Spots cow, who traces back to the legendary Meyers Ranch 734 bull. She was recently named the reserve intermediate champion at the ASA National Simbrah Show in Fort Worth! She is bred to Smith Nu Wave II and named the 2014 National Intermediate Champion at San Antonio.



Smith Isgrig Joellie 7A -

We purchased one-half interest in this exciting female at the recent Synergy. She is sired by Smith Satisfies and out of the Smith Isgrig Eleanor cow. She is a maternal sister to Smith Isgrig Charismaticone of the highest ranking EPD bulls in the breed and Walters Livestock will be campaigning a full sister to Joellie!



At the Simbrah Synergy VI, we sold our first Simbrah! We want to thank Wayne and Randy Reavis, and the entire Reavis family for their purchase of our LMC Miss Diva x Smith Nu Wave II daughter!



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Breeding Great Ones!



Smith Nu Wave II. We now have over 45 Nu Wave II daughters in our herd and are so excited about the value they add to our program. In addition, he remains the #1 EPD bull in the breed and we have complete confidence that these daughters will be high performing and predictable producers like their sire!



Smith William N Black. We are using this purebred Simmental bull to produce percentage Simbrah calves. We have a number of them on the ground and we are impressed. He is a son of Smith McCrary Andy N Black, so he brings the bloodlines of Dream On and Goldmine to our Simbrah program.



Foster Smith Xtra Luv. We have added this polled three-quanter Brahman female to our herd from the Diamond RF and Smith Genetics herds. She is sired by Smith Bella Xtra Stretch, who is sired by Sargeant and out of Smith Bella Bella. Her dam is a Vintage daughter and out of the Smith NPCC Schnazzie cow. We love this heifer's beautiful front end, and her level flat hip.

We want to say thank you to the following buyers of our cattle at Synergy VI: Honeycutt Farms, Baring Cattle Co., Southwestern Farms, Bill & Ginny Smith, Mason Lee, Olivia Vela, La Reina Ranch, Vance Runnels, Ted Tschirhart, BET M Ranch, LPJ Ranch, Jason Smith, and Clint & D'Ann Krause.

Cattle for sale at private treaty.
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Smith Farms is committed to building a program that will produce great ones!



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We are anticipating some great SINBRAHS SINBRAHS With STOUT as the sire!

Smith Stout N Black is a purebred Simmental sire that both Smith Genetics and Reavis Farms are using to produce Simmentals and Simbrahs!

He is sired by Dream On and his dam was bred in the Triple C program and is a Power Drive daughter. Power Drive rewrote history books for Triple C and the breed and he produced numerous champions.

Stout ranks in the top 20% of the Simmental breed for API and we think he can really change some numbers in one generation of calves.

Thanks to 7N Ranch and Southwestern Farms for purchasing semen packages in Stout at Synergy VI.

We are excited about the calves coming from this sire. . . stay tuned!

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The Onstot girls, Faith (front) and Hope, along with their full sib heifers, from La Muneca enter the show ring for the last time at the Fort Worth Junior Simbrah Show. The twins, who are seniors this year, and their parents have been strong ambassadors and supporters for the breed.

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Simbrah World Adds Issue

Simbrah World is adding an issue to it's yearly publication schedule. Starting in 2014, a summer edition will be added to the spring and fall issues. It will publish the first week of May and advertising deadline will be April 1st.

Kelly Garrett Wins Scholarship

Kelly Garrett, Cuero, Texas, a so-

phomore animal science major at Texas A&M University, received a \$1,000 scholarship through the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. She was one of 25 picked from across the country.

The CME Beef Industry Scholarship was introduced in 1989 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Live Cattle futures contract on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. The scholarship



Kelly Garrett

recognizes and encourages talented students who will one day be industry leaders. This year marks the 25th year for presentation of these scholarships and the 50th anniversary of the Live Cattle futures contract. In honor of this milestone, the CME Group is awarding 25 scholarships of \$1,000 to outstanding students who are pursuing careers in the beef industry.

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ENETIC POWERHOUSES!

We are heavily involved with showing cattle, as our two children love the competition of the show ring. Our selections for the show ring have to be more than competitive—they have to be individuals that will be of genetic value to our expanding program.

Here's four of the individuals that we think are genetically and phenotypically superior. We are anticipating some future powerhouses out of these individuals.

CRC CATTLE

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Smith CRC Nu Perfection - Sired by Smith Nu Wave II and out of Hagan Smith Irreplaceable. 2012 National and International Grand Champion Female, Top 4% ranking for API



Smith Wentz CRC Keepsake - Sired by Smith Nu Wave II and out of Triple P Juliet, 2013 AJSR Grand Champion, Belt Buckle Champion in both rings and Reserve Overall American Heifer in Ring B. Top 20% ranking for API and top 4% for TI.



Smith Madam A - Sired by Smith Satisfies and out of the Dream On x Madam X daughter, Madam W. This heifer has top 2% ranking for API and 10% for TI



Smith CRC Inspiration-A full sister to Nu Perfection. She is sired by Nu Wave II and out of Hagan Smith Irreplaceable. She has a top 4% ranking for API and 1% for TI. She was the 2013 senior champion at Fort Worth for Carlye.

The Mating Next M9 calves on way



A purebred Simmental son of Triple C Singletary and a granddaughter of In Dew Time Ranks in the top 4% of the Simmental breed for API and 1% for TI



Knock Out daughter. Dam to many noted Simbrahs including Oprah, What A Delight, and Vicmar.

Our M9 donor cow definitely put us on the SIMBRAH map. Her direct offspring and their offspring continue to produce functional and productive cattle. We are excited about the next M9 mating with CCR Cowboy Cut, a Simmental sire to produce three-quarter calves. I want to thank our good friends at Tom Brothers Ranch for convincing us to use CCR Cowboy Cut to flush M9. We believe that this mating, just like previous M9 matings, will keep enhancing our SIMBRAH genetics and keep our cattle "Moving Forward".







La Morra Cattle is pleased and honored to include new members Adrianna De Los Santos, Caleb Richardson, and John Paul Rodriguez to its junior show team for 2014. We thank you and your families and wish you luck with your projects. And of course, good luck to our existing junior show team members.

Look for our offerings in the upcoming MAS and The Elite sales.

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Smith RFI McCrary Tink — Sired by Nu Approach and out of RFI Tinkerbell. 2014 Fort Worth Junior Show Reserve Heifer Calf Champion for owner Brooke Springer.



RFI Smith Fresh Approach — Sired by Nu Approach and out of the Sargeant dam, RFI Smith Refreshing. She was the 2011 National Reserve Champion Female for Smith and Reavis.



Smith Gao Bella — Sired by Nu Approach and out of Smith Bella Bella. She was the 2011 International Grand Champion Female. She is now a donor in the Smith Genetics program



Smith Nu Tiffany Diamond — Sired by Nu Approach and out of the Pure Diamond cow. She was the 2014 ASA National Reserve Heifer Calf Champion for owner Aleha Williams.

If you are looking for new genetics, new direction in your program — consider a Nu Approach!

Thank you to the following programs who have purchased semen packages in Nu Approach:
Hagan Cattle Co., Whitaker Livestock Co., Reavis Farms, Inc., Triple P Ranch, Triple J/Carpenter Ranch,
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Smith Evan— Sired by Nu Approach and out of Bella Bella. He is the most noted son of Nu Approach and has a top 3% ranking for API and 5% for Ti. He has to his credit, Smith Charming Moves, the heifer Kaleb Fontenot exhibited to 2013 National, International and Houston Junior Show Supreme All American honors.

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News you can use...

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AJSR Set For June 18-21

The American Junior Simbrah Roundup (AJSR) will be held June 18-21 at the Wharton County Youth Fair Complex, Wharton, Texas. The event is a highlight of the year for young Simbrah exhibitors. Full details of the event will be published in the summer issue of *Simbrah World* in May. To keep up with all the news about the AJSR event check www.simbrahroundup.net frequently.

La Muneca Announces Event/Sales

La Muneca Cattle Co., Linn, Texas has announced new event and sale schedules. The \$ellabration Sale has a new format this year and will be a private treaty event at the ranch. In addition, the \$ellabration Show and LMC Jackpot will be held in conjunction with the private treaty sale and their online sale will be at www.cattleinmotion.com. For additional details visit www.lamunecacattle.com or call them at 956/383-7566.

LMC \$ellabration Private Treaty Sale March 28th - 30th, 2014

LMC \$10,000 Jackpot Show March 28th, 2014 - 4 p.m.

LMC \$ellabration \$20,000 Jr. Shows III March 29th, 2014 - 9 a.m.

LMC GenePLUS Online Sale II March 29th - April 1, 2014

MAS Schedules Format Changes

The MAS IX Sale will be an online event April 15-17 at www.cattleinmotion.com. The MAS \$15,000 Showdown will still be held in conjunction with the American Junior Simbrah Roundup event in Wharton, Texas, June 18-21.

Rafter M Cattle Co. To Host Online Sale

Rafter M Cattle Co., owned by Joe and Julie Mask, will host a herd reduction online sale, May 5-7 at www.cattlein-motion.com. The Mask's have decided to reduce their numbers considerably due to their growing job responsibilities.

Elite Event Set For Memorial Day Weekend

Reese Hagan invites everyone to the 2nd Annual Elite Sale and Show at Hagan Cattle Co., Yoakum, Texas. The Simmental/Simbrah sale will be May 24th and the show will follow on May 25th. For additional information visit www.theelitesale.com.

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Look who we have added to our program!

We made four herd building purchases at the recent Synergy Sale and these ladies just add to the excitement we already have for the future production from our small, but select program.

We have added:

RFI Kristin 373A-a daughter of Smith Ronen, out of a Smith Also N Red daughter. Also N Red is a full brother to Smith Stout N Black.

RFI Lady Ann 2A-Sired by Smith Evan and out of a Sargeant bred dam. Loaded with genetics as her pedigree has Nu Approach and Smith Bella Bella in it!

Smith Imagine 7Y-This female is sired by NF Smith Sargeant and she has a bull calf by Smith Satisifes.

Smith Hagan Modest N Red-This Simmental female adds the genetics of Vintage, Burns Bull X339U, and Meyers Red Top. We're excited about these additions.... and the impact they will have on our program!





Bob and Tammy Maiorano

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We're gratified by your interest in our program

We want to thank the buyers and bidders of our lots in the Synergy VI Sale. We are grateful for your support and wish to thank 7 N Ranch, Robert Barth, Smith Genetics, Southwestern Farms and Walters Livestock Enterprises!

Three of the lots we sold were sired by our senior sire, Smith Satisfies, pictured here as a mature herd sire. He is proving to be a top producer in the breed and his numbers for API and TI, make him very desirable. He ranks in the top 2% for API and 15% for TI. His calves have the numbers, structure and they are eye catching!

We have cattle for sale year round, including a number of Satisfies babies now!



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imbrah Events

LMC Sellabration Private Treaty Sale

Friday - Sunday - March 28 - 30th

Our Sellabration sponsors will have a minimum of 50+ head of the best in Simbrah, Simbravieh and Polled Brahmans for sale by private treaty all weekend. Many show prospects sell !!

LMC \$10,000 Jackpot Show

Friday, March 28th @ 4 PM

Our LMC Junior clients will have the opportunity to show four times at our LMC Jackpot and then the LMC Sellabration. \$15,000 will be awarded in showmanship this weekend.



LMC Sellabration \$20,000 Jr. Shows III Saturday, March 29th @ 9 AM

By day's end we will have awarded \$30,000 to our juniors for this great weekend and over \$100,000 in three LMC Sellabrations and Jackpots with 50g's in showmanship premiums. A ONE OF A KIND EVENT !!



SELLS IN LMC GENEPLUS II SALE

LMC GenePLUS Online Sale II

Saturday - Tuesday - March 29th - April 1, 2014 25 outstanding lots of Simbrah, Simbravieh and POLLED Brahmans from LMC Sellabration sponsors will sell online starting Saturday and ending on Tuesday April 1. Many will be on display at the Sellabration. Register & view sale cattle at: www.cattleinmotion.com • 888-554-8437

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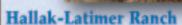
Introducing... HR 20W2R HOUSE 2

A full sib to HR Power House 1, a two-time Houston Grand Champion, and the leading sire of Simbrah progeny in the last 10 years, HR Power House 1, now deceased, is the sire of some of the most noted leaders in the Simbrah breed including herdsires such as LMC-RFI-Smith Red Bullet, PRR Red Ammo 506P and LMC Full House 5L/133

ASA# 2813958 HR POWER HOUSE 2

and donors such as LMC Oprah 5P/50 and PRR Morning Star 502P to name a few.

We have great expectations for the future of HR Power House 2. Thanks to David & Jane Maass for keeping the embryos all these years and giving Hallak Ranch the opportunity to acquire these genetics in order to produce HR Power House 2.



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Named In San Antonio

Simbrah breeders and enthusiasts look forward to the San Antonio event and this year's purebred and percentage show drew 153 entries to compete for the national titles. Although the weather on show day was cold, dreary and damp, the classes were loaded with cattle of tremendous quality. Judge for the event was Brett Barber, Channing, Texas.

In the female show, Miranda Skaggs, Bryan, Texas exhibited the heifer calf and grand champion female, Hagan Ginger 50A, a Johnnie Walker Black sired female. She was the winner of the March class on her way to the champion titles.

The reserve grand champion female also came from the calf division. NF New Reign, a BCC Superduty sired female, was the reserve heifer calf on her way to the overall title. She was the winner of the February class for owner, Dulcie Fields, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

The grand champion bull honor went to RFI Real Deal, a son of Smith Evan. He was a class winner, as well as junior division champion for owners Reavis Farms, Mission, Texas; Smith Genetics, Giddings, Texas; Southwestern Farms, Kirbyville, Texas; Diamond RF Farms, Wallis, Texas and Burch Farms, Hempstead, Texas.

LMC Gold Medal 52/75 was named reserve grand champion bull for owners La Muneca Cattle Co., Linn, Texas; 6G Ranch, Rock Island, Texas; BETM Ranch, Castroville, Texas and Louie Flores, Linn, Texas. He was the reserve junior champion and is sired by LMC Rhino 5W1367.

Sophia Palmore, Kirbyville, Texas took her entry, Smith Sweet N Satisfies to the intermediate heifer title. She is sired by Smith Satisfies. The reserve intermediate honor went to Dawson Raub, Lampasas, Texas with his entry of LMC Redream 5Z/171, a daughter of LMC Rhino 5W1367.

Gage Spence, Poth Texas saw his entry of Hagan Maiden 07, sired by Hagan Smith Hazard 51X win the

junior champion banner, while Caleb Rodenbeck, Brenham, Texas took home the reserve junior awards with Smith Wentz CRC Keepsake, a Smith Nu Wave II daughter.

In the senior division of females, Smith Wentz Diamond Diva, a Smith Nu Wave II daughter won the division title for Sophia Palmore, while RFI Miss Debutante, a NF Smith Simply Great daughter, was



2014 National Grand Champion Female, Hagan Ginger 50A, exhibited by Miranda Skaggs.



2014 National Grand Champion Bull, RFI Real Deal, exhibited by Reavis Farms, Smith Genetics, Southwestern Farms, Diamond RF Farms and Burch Farms.



2014 National Reserve Grand Champion Female was NF New Reign, exhibited by Dulcie Fields.



2014 National Reserve Grand Champion Bull was LMC Gold Medal 52/75, exhibited by La Muneca, 6G Ranch, BETM Ranch and Louie Flores.



2014 National Intermediate Champion Female was Smith Sweet N Satisfies, exhibited by Sophia Palmore.



2014 National Reserve Intermediate Champion Female was LMC Redream 5Z/171, exhibited by Dawson Raub.

named the reserve division winner for owners, Reavis Farms and Smith Genetics.

Other division winners in the bull show included the bull calf champion, RND Cash A02, sired by Hagans Terminator 524 and owned by RND Cattle, College Station, Texas. Smith Genetics and McCrary Farms, DeKalb, Texas added the reserve bull calf award, with McCrary Smith Action, a Smith Nu Wave II son.

Intermediate champion bull was Smith Wentz Clyde 2133, a Smith Nu Wave II son, owned by Heidi Poppe, Weimar, Texas.

In the group classes, La Muneca and Boening Bros, Floresville, Texas won the Get of Sire honor with progeny of LMC Rhino 5W1367. La Muneca, Peach Creek Ranch, Granger, Texas and Dawson Raub won the best 3 head title. The progeny of LMC WFC Dream Girl won



2014 National Junior Champion Female was Hagan Maiden 07Z, exhibited by Gage Spence.



2014 National Reserve Junior Champion Female was Smith Wentz CRC Keepsake, exhibited by Caleb Rodenbeck.



2014 National Senior Champion Female was Smith Wentz Diamond Diva, exhibited by Sophia Palmore.



2014 National Reserve Senior Champion Female was RFI Miss Debutante, exhibited by Reavis Farms and Smith Genetics.



2014 National Bull Calf Champion was RND Cash A02, exhibited by RND Cattle Services.



2014 National Reserve Bull Calf Champion was McCrary Smith Action, exhibited by McCrary Farms and Smith Genetics.

the produce of dam honor for La Muneca.

Other class winners in the female show included: JLF Bit-O-Honey, sired by JLF/SPR Lucky Hand and exhibited by Megan Rogers, Lockhart, Texas; Smith Isgrig Joellie 7A, sired by Smith Satisfies and exhibited by Sophia Palmore; Smith Nu Tiffany Diamond, sired by Smith Nu Approach, exhibited by Aleah Williams, Calvert, Texas; Smith Bella Cara, sired by Smith

Satisifies and exhibited by Sophia Palmore; and LMC BBS Tia, 57/7, sired by 6G/LMC Rajin Cajun W9, exhibited by Hope Onstot, Granger, Texas.

Other class winners in the bull show included: Clyde, a LMC Johnnie Walker son, exhibited by Manuel Gonzalez IV, Alamo, Texas; JLF/LHH Lucky Punch, sired by JLF/SPR Lucky Hand, exhibited by Freasier Ranch, Floresville, Texas and La Hacienda Hinojosa,



2014 National Intermediate Champion Bull was Smith Wentz Clyde 2133, exhibited by Heidi Poppe.



Produce of Dam. La Muneca on progeny of LMC WFC Dream Girl.



Get of Sire and Best 3 Head were progeny of LMC Rhino.



2014 National Grand Champion Percentage Champion Female was Hagan Bentley 1A, exhibited by Bradley Meuth.



2014 National Grand Champion Percentage Bull was RFI Red Raider, exhibited by Reavis Farms.



2014 National Grand Champion Percentage Reserve Champion Female was BCC/CHCC Maes Daisy, exhibited by McClaine Pawelek.

Edinburg, Texas; RJPR Big Blue, a son of LN LMC Dream Up, exhibited by John Paul Rodriguez, Edinburg, Texas.

PERCENTAGE SHOW

Bradley Meuth, Floresville, Texas exhibited his FBFS Wheelman 49W daughter to the grand champion percentage title. The heifer, Hagan Bentley 1A was the calf champion in the show.

McClaine Pawelek, Poth, Texas saw her entry of BCC/CHCC Maes Daisy, a WCS Mr. Tradition 732T daughter take the reserve grand percentage female title. She was the reserve heifer calf winner on her way to the overall title.

Sophia Palmore returned to the winner's circle, with Smith Sheza Priceless, a Smith Matt N Black daughter. She was named the junior champion female.

The reserve junior champion female was Smith CRC Bella Vive, also a Smith Matt N Black daughter. She was exhibited by Caleb Rodenbeck.

The percentage bull show drew two entries, RFI Red Raider, a Smith Evan son was named grand champion for owner, Reavis Farms, while Smith Hi Caliber, a Smith Matt N Black son won the reserve title for Smith Genetics and Smith Farms, Denton, Texas.

A barn party was held the afternoon prior to the show and breeders spent time visiting, exchanging thoughts

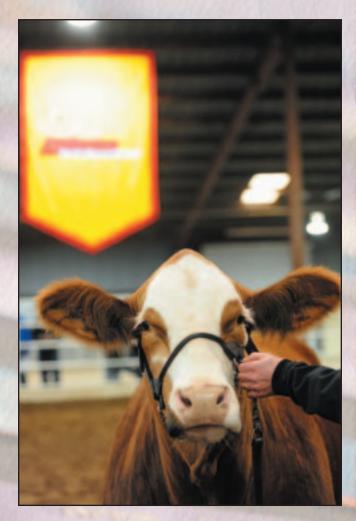


2014 National Grand Champion Percentage Reserve Champion Bull was Smith Hi Caliber, owned by Smith Genetics and Smith Farms.



2014 National Grand Champion Percentage Junior Champion Female was Smith Sheza Priceless, exhibited by Sophia Palmore.

on cattle and eating. Special thanks to Joe B. Rodriguez, Kathy Reavis, Belva Johnson, Benny Cano and Louie Flores for their help to arrange the barn party. Also special thanks to Reavis Farms for once again providing a printed show program for the National Show.





2014 National Grand Champion Percentage Reserve Junior Champion Female was Smith CRC Bella Vive, exhibited by Caleb Rodenbeck.









Mary Baring and Stacy Meuth



Mark McCrary and Jim Bob Reavis



The Hinojosas



Melissa Rodriguez



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Richard Foster



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Simbrah cattle aisles were filled with cattle





Sale and Show Sauce Quality - New Format

Online Sale April 15-17 on www.cattleinmotion.com Show will be in conjunction with AJSR on June 18-21, 2014 in Wharton, Texas



RGV LMC Dr Beauty

This fabulous female was consigned in a previous MAS sale and her impact will be felt this coming year as her first embryo babies have hit the ground. Savannah and Cameron Chappell invested in this female as a weaned calf and will soon be seeing the dividends. She won many a show as will her progeny!



LMC WFC Dream Girl

Dream Girl needs no introduction. She won almost every major championship there is to be won. She also was a MAS consignment. Jordan Grahmann took advantage of that MAS offering and won back his investment many times over. MAS breeders offer their best every year!



LMC Johnnie Walker

Johnnie Walker sold at the inaugural MAS sale to the Johnnie Walker Group. He won many championships and has produced his share of championship progeny. Breed changers consistently sell at MAS!



Smith McCrary Stylin 105Z This Smith Always In Style daughter, out of a Smith Nu Approach bred dam, was one of the

top lots in last year's MAS offering.



Monte Christo Offering - Selling Monte Christo always brings their picks of the calf crop and this year is no different. Jud will be selling the top two heifers out of these babydolls!



LMC/LN Rockette - Selling

La Muneca and La Negra have reached deep to consign this September babydoll heifer. She is sired by LMC Rocco and out of LMC Mariah's Dream. Rockette is a maternal sib to Dream Up, 12th Man, and Blackberry - all major champions!



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5W Cattle Co. is excited to offer this solid black show heifer. This March 15, 2013 heifer has donor written all over her. She has a lot of depth of body, angularity, and stands on plenty of bone. Her dam was a many time show ring champion, LMC Texas Belle and her sire is RSUN Cowboy Casanova, the 2010 International Champion.



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Junior show will once again award \$15,000 in June. Cattle purchased in sale in April will be eligible for show in June!

Sale chairman, Rene Vela, 956/279-2200 or email at rgvrene@aol.com



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INVOLVED FROM THE BEGINNING

By Martha Hollida Garrett

Ronnie Smith is not a newcomer to SimGenetic cattle. The Simmental breed arrived in the U.S. in 1967 and the American Simmental Association (ASA) was formed in 1968. In 1970, Smith purchased 10 half-blood Simmental heifers. In the early 1990's, he purchased his first Simbrah and the rest is, as they say, history.

Smith grew up with cattle, horses and scrap metal and two of those have continued to be his livelihood. In addition to his cattle operation, he and wife, Susan, own and operate one of the largest scrap metal businesses in the state of Texas.

Raised on a diversified farm near McKinney, Texas, his dad showed American Quarter Horses and was recognized as the oldest existing horse exhibitor at Denver's National Western Livestock Show.

"Dad's long time involvement at the National Western was very well publicized. Good Morning America even did a piece on it, when he died in 2004," says Smith.

Smith, a 1969 Texas Tech marketing graduate, returned home after graduation to work in the family scrap metal busi-



LMC WFC Whitney is a Diva daughter that is part of their embryo transfer program.



Ronnie and Susan Smith at their business in Fort Worth, Texas.

ness. He was at the Fort Worth Livestock Show in 1970, when he saw his first Simmental cattle.

"I just fell in love with them. There's no other way to describe it and I can still see those first cattle very vividly," he recalls.

Smith's love for the cattle resulted in a site-unseen purchase of ten half-blood heifers from a breeder in Montana shortly after the stock show.

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"I sent a college friend in my dad's truck to pick up those heifers in April. On the way home, he became stranded in a snowstorm. He found a place to unload them and he had to wait a week before he could get them back to Texas," says Smith, whose ASA number remains 1754.

Over the next almost 20 years, he maintained a herd of Simmentals on and off, but mostly on as his love affair with them continued. It was during this time that he opened his first scrap metal business in McKinney and he sold the cattle to devote his time to getting the company off the ground.

Then in 1989, he and his wife, Susan purchased the Collier's Diamond C Ranch in Stephenville, Texas and the remaining 20 or so head of Simmental cattle on it. For those new to SimGenetics, the Collier's program was one of the premier Simmental operations in the country and the Diamond C cattle won all the major shows, their sales were events for the breed and enjoying some of, if not the highest averages in the country.



The Smiths purchased a one-third interest in Smith Nu Wave II and now have 45 of his daughters headlining their program.

The Smiths moved to the Diamond C and opened a scrap metal business in Stephenville, as well as a location on the northside of Fort Worth. It was also during this time that Smith purchased his first Simbrah cattle from La Muneca Cattle Co., Linn, Texas.

"Ronnie called me in the early 90's, wanting to buy some F-1 Simbrah heifers sired by LMC Money and out of Bravo and 659 daughters. He insisted that I send him a video of the cattle and I told him that the only video camera we owned was a kid's version. He asked me if I understood English and I said 'yes sir'. I told him, I would pay for his plane ticket to come see the cattle. But the next time he asked me if I understood English, I promised him a video. I started at the show barn with two heifers that Victor was showing and I mentioned that these were my son Victor's and that they probably were not for sale. I also mentioned that if Victor were to sell them, he would probably ask around \$7,500 apiece," remembers Carlos Guerra, owner of La Muneca.

Guerra videoed a number of females and sent it to Smith. About three days later, Smith called Guerra unhappy with Susan because she couldn't get the video to work. He then had lots of questions for Guerra about the cattle for sale. After much discussion, Smith would purchase five head of Simbrah from La Muneca including Victor's two show heifers at the asking price.

That was his entrance into Simbrah and he would become very active in both breeds over the next few years. Then in 2006, the business in Fort Worth was growing very rapidly. He and Susan, who handles many responsibilities in all their businesses, were growing very tired of the one-hour each way commute between Fort Worth and Stephenville. They sold the cattle and ranch and moved to the DFW Metroplex area, but Smith never quit following the breeds.

"Then he bought a ranch in New Mexico---a 9.5 hour commute. He stocked it with Simmental influenced Black Baldys. He just couldn't stand it to not own cattle. Obviously we didn't get to New Mexico often enough, so he found a 1,000 acre ranch near Gainesville, located close to Lake Texhoma and we bought it," explains Susan adding that they have since moved to Denton, halfway between Gainesville



Ronnie Smith (r) in his signature felt hat at a recent Simbrah Synergy Sale, with Bill Travis, Pine Ridge Ranch.

and Fort Worth and have another 200 acres there.

Once he bought the Gainesville ranch, which was 2008, he began looking at getting back in the Simbrah business, as he felt they matched the environment of Texas and he needed cattle that were low maintenance due to his business demands.

He returned to La Muneca and made purchases to lay the foundation for what is known today as Smith Farms. He had followed the Pine Ridge Ranch breeding-program over the years and hand-picked 40 heifers initially from the herd and then added another 30 heifers from owners, Bill and Jane Travis. He also visited with Tim Smith of Smith Genetics and made selections from that outfit, including onethird interest in the sire Smith Nu Wave II.

"At that time semen on Nu Wave was selling for \$1,000 a unit, but Ronnie didn't just want to buy semen, he wanted to own a piece of the bull. He has been very firm about his intentions with his program and that is to purchase and produce only the highest quality cattle," describes Tim Smith, Smith Genetics, who serves as a consultant to the Smiths.

He has continued to make purchases from the Synergy, MAS, Elite and \$ellabration offerings. He not only has a purebred Simbrah herd, but is building one of the top percentage Simbrah programs in the breed. They also have a select number of Simmentals they are using to develop new lines of Simbrah.

"We now have 45 Nu Wave II daughters in our herd. We are breeding them to Smith William N Black, a purebred Simmental sire, carrying the genetics of Dream On and Goldmine and Smith Hi Caliber, an up and coming young three-quarter blood sire that carries the genetics of Smith Matt N Black and Smith Bella Bella. We are very excited about this particular group of females. Nu Wave II has been the #1 EPD bull in the breed for several years and his

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Editors Note: For more indepth coverage of the events in the breed, please refer to www.simbrahworld.com and visit the photos/events tabs. Since the magazine is only published three times a year, event coverage is posted in a timely fashion and more thoroughly on the website, as well as the individual ranches' websites.

The Elite Sale and Show

Hagan Cattle Co hosted The Elite Sale and Show, September 21-22nd at their ranch in Yoakum, Texas. The 62 lots offered, which featured Simmental, Simbrah and percentage Simbrahs averaged \$2,921 and was led by the open spring heifers that averaged \$3,850. The sale featured consignments from Simmental and Simbrah breeders across the country.



Kaleb Fontenot exhibited the grand champion Simbrah heifer at The Elite. She was sired by Smith



Miranda Skaggs exhibited the reserve grand champion Simbrah heifer at The Elite. She was sired by LMC EF-JW Black 3N/225.



The Meuth Family, Floresville, Texas purchased the high selling lot in the sale.

The Meuth Family, Floresville, Texas purchased the high selling lot of the sale, Hagan Showtime 5A, a three-quarter blood. The Hagan consignment was sired by FBFS Wheel Man 649W and out of their donor, Eva. The Meuths paid \$20,000 for the March 2013 show prospect.

Two embryos from Smith Bella Bella and FBFS Warsaw generated a final bid of \$15,000 each from Southwestern Farms, Kirbyville, Texas and were offered by Smith Genetics.

Another Hagan heifer, sired by Johnnie Walker Black and out of the 50 cow sold to Smith Farms for \$10,000 and two other Hagan heifers sold for \$9,000 each to Kurt Hagan Family, Bigfoot, Texas and Gage Spence, Jourdanton, Texas.

In the show, Kaleb Fontenot won the Simbrah show with a Smith Genetics heifer and Miranda Skaggs' heifer took reserve honors with a Hagan heifer. They received \$4,000 and \$2.000 each.

Doak Lambert served as auctioneer of the sale and Paul Maulsby assisted with sale management.

La Muneca Field Day and Futurity

"La Muneca Cattle Co. hosted its 26th Annual LMC Jr. Roundup and LMC Futurity on October 5, 2013. Over 120 participated in the judging contest and approximately 150 more individuals attended the field day, which included a number of speakers. Every junior won at least one door prize and there was over \$4,000 awarded in door prizes, premiums and buckles to the juniors. The special award donors were the families of Will Turner and Doug Lightfoot. The premium sponsor for the field day was the Darryl Raub Family," stated Carlos X. Guerra.

Over 200 Simbrah and youth enthusiasts were treated at the 7th Annual LMC Customer Appreciation Dinner prepared by Chorizo De San Manuel, Benny & James Cano after the LMC Futurity. The 2013 LMC Special Award Winners were: LMC Volunteers of the Year: Chris Davlin and the David Onstot Family, LMC Educators of the Year: Dr. Robert Nelsen and Fred Grahmann and the LMC Supporter of the Year was the Dean Fuchs Family.

The 26th Annual LMC Futurity had over \$13,000 awarded in premiums, largely in part to our juniors who did a great job of selling raffle tickets and our gracious sponsors. The Champion Simbrah females were exhibited by Dawson Raub and Faith Onstot with heifers sired by LMC Rhino and 6GLMC Rajin Cajun. The 3rd-10th overall females were Hope Onstot (banner and \$425), Jane Hunt (banner and \$350), Amelia Stavinoha (banner and \$300), Olivia Vela (banner and \$250), Hope Onstot (banner and \$200), Robert Stavinoha (banner and \$150), Adriana de los Santos (banner and \$100) and Matthew Salinas (banner and \$75).

In addition, \$6,500 awarded in premiums and awards in the showmanship contest and over \$4,000 in prizes and monies in the field day events.



The grand champion Simbrah female was exhibited by Dawson Raub of Lampasas, Texas. Raub won a buckle, banner and \$700. The female was sired by LMC Rhino.



The reserve grand champion Simbrah female was exhibited by Faith Onstot of Grainger, Texas. She won a buckle, banner and \$600. The heifer is sired by 6G/LMC Rajin Cajun.

Simbrah Synergy VI

Simbrah Synergy VI saw a standing room only crowd of Simbrah breeders, junior exhibitors and enthusiasts compete for the offering from 15 progressive programs on October 26th. The sixth annual event was once again hosted by Smith Genetics in Giddings, Texas and in addition to the sale, saw \$15,000 in premiums and prizes awarded to youth who competed with Synergy participants sponsored heifers.

The sale featured 137 lots and averaged \$6,011. The offering featured all categories of cattle, with a number of select show prospects drawing strong interest. Terry Reagan was the auction-

Southwestern Farms, Kirbyville, Texas saw their first public offering draw the final bid of \$27,000 from Reavis Farms, Mission, Texas. A flush generated a bid of \$26,000 from Southwestern Farms. The female carried the genetics of the proven Heartfelt Cow Family and was sired by Smith Satisfies. She was offered in the sale by Smith Genetics.

7N Ranch, Falls City, Texas paid \$29,000 to own half interest in Hagan Dream Girl 52S and her bull calf sired by Smith Satisfies. The cow, a threequarter blood was sired by the popular Simmental bull, CNS Dream On and out of the 50 Cow, who was made famous in the Hagan program. She was offered by Smith Genetics.

Southwestern Farms also purchased a young open heifers for \$15,000 from Reavis Farms, featuring the breeding of NF Smith Sargeant and LMC Topanga.

McCrary Farms, Smith Genetics and Reavis Farms offered a semen package on the Simbrah sire, Smith Evan. The bull who ranks in the top 2% of the breed for API and 3% for TI is sired by Smith Nu Approach and out of the Smith Bella Bella Co. The lot was purchased by Southwestern Farms for \$10,500.

Also during the weekend, the Synergy participants hosted the Synergy Showcase. This show features junior exhibitors competing with heifers purchased from Synergy participants. The show paid \$15,000 in premiums and prizes, with \$7,500 of that amount awarded in showmanship.

Kaleb Fontenot took home the top honors, buckle, banner and \$3,000 in the purebred Simbrah show for his win of the grand champion title. The heifer was the junior champion and a daughter of Smith RFI Sure Glow. The reserve grand champion title in the purebred show, as well as a banner, buckle and \$1,500 went home with Sophie Palmore. Her winning entry was the senior champion and was sired by Smith Nu Wave II and out of LMC Diva. Both heifers were sponsored by Smith Genetics.



Kaleb Fontenot exhibited the grand champion purebred heifer at the Simbrah Synergy. He won \$3,000 with this Smith Genetics sponsored heifer.



Sophie Palmore exhibited the reserve grand champion purebred heifer at the Simbrah Synergy and won \$1,500 with her Smith Genetics sponsored heifer that was sired by Smitih Nu Wave II.



Volume purchases at the Synergy Sale were made by Pete Nieschwietz (I) of 7N Ranch and Ray Hill, Southwestern Farms.

LMC holds online sale

La Muneca Cattle Co. had their first ever online sale on December 9-11. There was lots of bidding on the young multi-breed offering. Two of the special donation lots of HR Powerhouse semen donated by Nick Goodrich sold for \$300 apiece to the Darrell Evans and Benjamin Hill families with 100% of the proceeds donated to the American Junior Simbrah Round Up Scholarship Fund.

The top selling Simbrah was a LMC Arcadio daughter selling to Morgan Thomas from Raymondville for \$5,000 for one-third interest. The top selling Simbrah bull was LMC 6G Net Profit selling for \$4,800 to Boening Bros. from Floresville. The top selling semen lot was three units of the popular LMC EF JW Black selling for \$4,500 to Ronnie & Susan Smith from Denton. Simbrah embryos from seven different matings averaged \$323 per embryo. A special ten unit Simbrah semen offering on five LMC sires sold for \$1,000 to Pine Ridge Ranch from Athens.

The top selling Simbravieh heifer sold for \$2,400 to the Benjamin Hill family. The deer hunt was bought by the Tom Zulim family for \$3,750.

Overall 23 units of semen averaged \$304 per unit, 30 embryos averaged \$323 per embryo, five Brahman lots averaged \$4,980, two Simbrah lots averaged \$4,900, three Simbravieh lots averaged \$2,200 for a total sale gross of \$61,725.

Brush Country Sale

The 2nd Annual Brush Country Bull Sale was held December 14, 2013 in Campbellton, Texas at the Tom Brothers Ranch. Overall the sale averaged \$2,907 and featured bulls from Tom Brothers Ranch, Filegonia Cattle Co., RX Simbrah, Ford's Double S Ranch, Premier Beef and DA Cattle. The sale was auctioneered by Terry Reagan.

The high selling lot was red Sim-Angus bull, sired by GW Redestined 642X and consigned by RX Simbrah. He was purchased by Sue Eden, Lenapah, Oklahoma for \$5,0000. A black SimAngus bull from Tom Brothers sold to Bob Alexander, Kenedy, Texas for \$4,500.

The high selling Simbrah bull was purchased Mark bγ Bodden. Pleasanton, Texas for \$3,900. He was consigned by RX Simbrah. Filegonia Cattle Co. sold a \$3,800 Simbrah bull to Brandon Coo-per, Yoakum, Texas and one for \$3,750 to GII Cattle Co., Moulton, Texas. The three top selling Simbrahs were all sired by RX Londons Fire.

Volume buyer for the sale was Arrow S Ranch, Campbellton, Texas.

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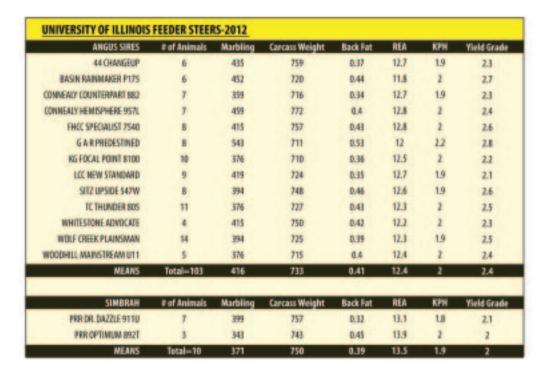


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Understanding nutrient requirements of beef cows

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By Igrow

Understanding the nutrient requirements of beef cows is essential to ensuring that requirements are being met and cow performance is optimized while utilizing available feeds in a cost-effective manner. All animals have requirements for protein, energy, minerals, vitamins, and water. If any of these nutrients are deficient or excessive to the point of being toxic in the diet, animal performance will suffer.

When determining a cow's requirements, one of the first things to consider is what stage of production she is in. This is most typically identified as mid-gestation, late gestation, early lactation, or late lactation. To further describe these periods:

•Mid-gestation: From weaning until the last trimester of gestation begins.

•Late gestation: The last trimester (about 90 days) until calving.

•Early lactation: Approximately the first 90 days following calving

•Late lactation: From the end of early lactation until weaning.

Nutrient requirements of cows vary among each of these phases, with the highest requirements during early lactation and the lowest requirements during mid-gestation. Requirements are highest in early lactation because of the nutrients needed for peak milk production, and lowest in midgestation because the cow is not lactating and growth of the fetus is still relatively small.

Along these same lines, you must determine the average weight of the cows in the herd. If you do not have access

to scales to weigh cows, the next-best option would be to use the sale weights of cull cows as a guideline. Next, what is the body condition score of the cows? Body condition score (thinness or fatness) and whether it has increased or decreased in the recent past is a great indicator of the nutritional status of cows. Changes in body condition score over time indicate whether nutrient requirements have been met and if cows are in a status where they need to lose, maintain, or gain body condition. Extensive research has indicated that adequate body condition is tremendously important to reproductive performance.

When determining a cow's requirements, one of the first things to consider is what stage of production she is in.

Another important factor is dry matter intake, i.e. how much feed the animal can consume. Dry matter intake will vary greatly depending on diet quality as well as stage of production. Lower-quality forages will result in lower dry matter intake, while higher-quality forages result in higher dry matter intake as a % of body weight. Typically cows in late gestation will have the lowest dry matter intake due to the fetus taking up space in the abdominal cavity, while cows in early lactation will have the highest dry matter intake due to the

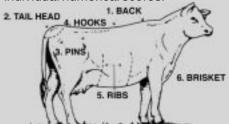
cow's requirement to lactate. Other factors that can play a role in dry matter intake are cold and heat stress. Cold stress will increase dry matter intake, while heat decreases it. Due to all of these factors, it is difficult to accurately predict intake, but having an idea of intake is important to understanding overall performance.

The National Research Council has developed the Nutrient Requirements for Beef Cattle. Oklahoma State University has a publication that gives this information in a user-friendly form titled Nutrient Requirements of Beef Cattle E-974, which can be found through an online search. The figures (on preceding page) have information taken from the OSU document to show the differences in nutrient requirements through three of the stages of production for 1,200pound and 1,400-pound cows.

In closing, keep in mind that nutrient requirements will vary dramatically based on stage of production, weight, age, environmental conditions, breed, and other factors. Know where you are starting as far as cow body condition and the quality of the feeds that you will utilize and monitor body condition to ensure the nutrient requirements are being met.

The Best Score

For on-farm application grouping cows using a BCS range is more practical. Cows scoring 4 or lower are considered thin and normally experience pregnancy rates of 60 percent and lower. The best range for BCS is 5 through 7. Cows in this range are moderate in body fatness and exhibit pregnancy rates over 75 percent. BCS 8 and 9 are relatively fat and exhibit lower reproductive performance and higher cow maintenance costs. Establish cow groups on the basis of thin, moderate and fat body condition. The key to successful on-farm application of the BCS system is identifying cow groups, not individual numerical scores.



Body Condition scoring can be done by visually determining the fat cover in the areas shown (Oklahoma State

Scoring for Profit

Feed costs can account for 60 percent of the total cow/calf budget. Producers can lower cow costs without sacrificing reproductive performance when sorting cows on the BCS system. In managing feed resources, identifying BCS groups can allow more efficient and economical use of feedstuffs. Separate cows on the basis of thin, moderate and fat body condition. This approach will better match feedstuff quality with the nutritional requirements of each cow group. In short, use higher quality feedstuffs for thin cows and lower quality for fat cows. The BCS system can improve herd health, feedresource management, reproductive performance and calf weaning weights. All these benefits associated with the BCS system can improve profits for beef producers.

Body Condition Score

A body condition score (BCS) basically describes the degree of fatness of an animal. A numerical range of 1 to 9 identifies varying degrees of fat cover. Live weight, because of varying gut fills and pregnancy status, is not a determining factor for body condition. In other words, animals of similar weights may differ dramatically in BCS. A score is given based on fat cover in the brisket, on the ribs, back, hooks and pins, and around the tail head. The optimum range for BCS is 5 through 7.

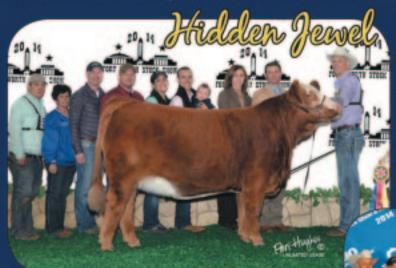
BCS Description

- Severely emaciated. Little evidence of fat deposits or muscling.
- 2 Emaciated. Little evidence of fat but some muscle in hindquarters.
- 3 Very thin. No fat on ribs or brisket. Backbone easily visible.
- Thin, with ribs easily visible but shoulders 4 and hindquarters still showing fair muscling. Backbone visible.
- 5 Moderate to thin. Last two or three ribs can not be seen unless animal has been shrunk. Little evidence of fat in brisket, over ribs, or around tailhead.
- 6 Good, smooth appearance; Some fat deposits in brisket and over tailhead. Ribs covered and back appears rounded.
- Very good flesh, brisket full. Ribs very smooth.
- 8 Obese, back very square, heavy fat pockets around tailhead. Square appearance.
- 9 Rarely observed. Very obese. Mobility may be impaired by excessive fat.

It was a Heck of a The ASA National Simbrah Show and National in San Antonio

The ASA National Simbrah Show and National in San Antonio might go down as some of the most notable in our program's history! Individuals from our breeding program won the Grand Champion Bull title and Reserve Senior Champion Female title at both shows and Grand Champion Female at the ASA National.





SMITH RFI HIDDEN JEWEL - 2014 ASA National Grand Champion Female.

Owned by Kaleb Fontenot and four days earlier she was named the Fort Worth Livestock Show Junior Simbrah Champion Female. She also has to her credit the 2013 Synergy Grand Champion banner. She carries the genetics of the donor we own, named Smith Pure Jewel or PJ as we call her. We purchased PJ from Monica Shaw, who exhibited her to the grand champion title at the 2010 Belt Buckle. PJ is a daughter of Smith Pure Diamond and the maternal powerhouse, Sargeant. PJ is working tremendously in our embryo transfer program and we are very excited about future calves! Congratulations Kaleb on your big win with this heifer!

RFI REAL DEAL - 2014 ASA National and San Antonio National Grand Champion Bull. Sired by Smith Evan and out of our donor, RFI Dominoe. She is now being flushed to Smith Evan, so we have full sibs to Real Deal on their way! We have sold interests in this champion to Smith Genetics, Southwestern Farms. Burch Farms and Diamond RF Farms.



RFI DEBUTANTE - She was named the ASA National Reserve Senior Champion of both shows. This Simply Great daughter is owned in partnership with Smith Genetics. Simply Great is quickly proving himself in the breed as Debutante joins Smith Satisfies and Smith Sweet Bella as some of his top progeny. Her dam is LMC Topanga 5T/58,a Johnnie Walker Black daughter that we have in embryo transplant. We recently sold interests in her to Smith Genetics and Southwestern Farms and want to thank them for adding Topanga's influence to their programs!

Watch for Reavis genetics selling in MAS this spring.

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Champion.

A daughter of Johnnie Walker Black.



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Hagan Bentley 1A -Owned by Bradley Meuth 2014 National Percentage Grand Champion Female Sized by FBFS Wheelman 649W



Hagan Arapaho 550A -2014 ASA National Reserve Grand Champion Sired by Johnnie Walker Black

Involved...

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progeny have excelled in the show ring and as breeding pieces. They are an integral part of our plan to raise purebred and percentage Simbrah," says Smith.

They plan to keep their numbers at about 125 head going forward and are flushing a select group of donor cows at Smith Genetics. Their donors include daughters of Smith Bella Bella, LMC Miss Diva, PRR Morning Star, and LM She Moves to name a few, and he has purchased embryos and flushes from some of the most noted lines in the breed.

The Smiths enjoy the cattle, the breed and the breeders and for them it's a break from the fast pace of their scrap metal business.

American Recycling Inc. is their company. It employs over 100 people and last year they moved 85 million tons of metal. They buy from small scrap metal yards and act as a wholesale buyer, as well as take in scrap metal from individuals. Their customers include many, who have been buying and selling with them for decades.

"It's a lot like the stock market, as metal is bought and sold globally," explains Susan, adding that the London Metal Exchange sets prices three times a day on copper and aluminum, while steel is priced one time a month.

A visit to the site is impressive. Trucks of all sizes are arriving, carrying all kinds of scrap metal in and then 18-wheeler loads of processed metal are leaving to be delivered

to the nearby rail station to be shipped. Inside the office, multiple transactions are being made and someone is keeping an eye on the computer for up-to-date pricing. It's also loud, as cranes are unloading trucks, highlifts are moving metal and there is a huge shredder converting everything to small shreds. All kinds of appliances, automobile bodies, and steel items are processed onsite before shipping to destinations across the globe.

"About one-third of our volume goes to China. We are also selling a lot to India and we see Vietnam gaining ground as a big customer," adds Susan.

"We like the quiet when we get back to the ranch at night," Smith jokes.

The Smiths have laid an impressive foundation for their program and market their Simbrah largely through the Simbrah Sensation, and are also involved in The Elite and \$ellabration events, as well as the International Sale in Houston.

Smith is one of just a handful of breeders, who started with the Simmental breed in its infancy and is still involved. "I've never quit liking the cattle—even when I didn't own any Simmental or Simbrahs, I was thinking about buying some," he explains adding that he loves auctions and for him it's about winning the bid on the good ones.

"The goal is to retire from the scrap industry, soon I hope and spend even more time with our Simbrah program. We believe in the cattle and think they have a lot to offer the industry," he concludes.





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Simbrahs In The Snow

As we were going to press, Kevin Kent, Mossy Creek Ranch, sent us these photos of Simbrahs taking the snow and ice storm in Georgia all in stride! Simbrah cattle are hearty, adaptable and can take on harsh environments and yes even colo weather and snow!



He's living up to his name...

Powerful. Surpassing. Exceptional. Noteworthy. A Cut Above and our personal favorite—Good. All synonyms of his name!

Smith Hi Caliber is a three-quarter x one-quarter son of Smith Matt N Black and out of the breed matriarch, Smith Bella Bella. His extended pedigree includes Dream On, Nu Wave, Tulipe, Power Stroke and Black Joker—all of those are noteworthy and exceptional individuals in SimGenetics.

His is polled, solid red and his profile matches the synonym powerful.

His EPDs are exceptional as his API and TI numbers reflect a 1 and 3 percent ranking in the breed respectively. If you take a closer look at his data you will find very desired calving ease and birth weight rankings of 2 and 10 and his growth numbers put him in the top 15% of the breed for weaning and 20% for yearling!

He's good and we're excited about the purebred Simbrahs calves we are producing in our programs from him. Watch for them!





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Thank You!

Simbrah Synergy VI was another great event for the
Simbrah breed and all the sponsors want to thank the large
crowd that attended, the bidders and buyers, as well as the junior exhibitors and their families who made it very successful! Cattle
with some of the top genetics of the breed sold at price points for all breeders. Volume purchases were made by 7N Ranch and Southwestern Farms. Buyers were present from four states.
The sale averaged \$6,010 on 137 lots and 109 head of cattle were exhibited in the Synergy
Showcase that awarded \$15,000 in prizes and monies.







2013 Participating Sponsors: 7N Ranch, BETM Ranch, Baring Cattle Co., Burch Farms, Diamond RF Farms, Hagan Cattle, LaMuneca Cattle Co., McCrary Farms, Pine Ridge Ranch, Reavis Farms, Smith Farms, Smith Genetics, Southwestern Farms, Triple J/Carpenter Ranch, and Triple P Ranch

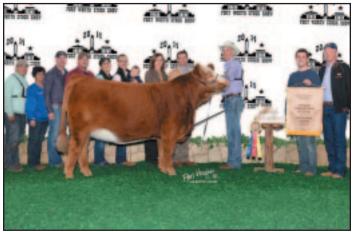
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ASA Holds National Simbrah Show in Texas

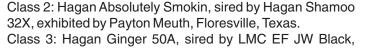
The American Simmental Association (ASA) brought their national events to Fort Worth, Texas and it included a Simbrah show on January 31st. It had been four years since an open Simbrah show had been held in Cowtown. The ASA Progress Through Performance show drew 67 entries and was judged by Randy and Jamie Mullinix, Toulon, Illinois.

FEMALES:

Class 1: RFI Lady Charm 33A, sired by Smith Specialist, exhibited by Brooke Springer, Simms, Texas.



Smith RFI Hidden Jewel was named the junior and grand champion female. She was exhibited by Kaleb Fontenot.





Miranda Skaggs exhibited Hagan Ginger 50A to the heifer calf and reserve grand champion title at the ASA National Show.



RFI Real Deal was named the junior and grand champion bull at the ASA National Show. He is owned by Reavis Farms, Smith Genetics, Southwestern Farms, Burch Farms and Diamond RF Farms.



Hagan Arapaho 550A was selected as the bull calf and reserve grand champion of the show for owners Hagan Cattle Co.



exhibited by Miranda Skaggs, Bryan, Texas.

Class 4: NF New Reign, sired by BCC Superduty, exhibited by Dulcie Fields, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Class 5: Smith Nu Tiffany Diamond, sired by Smith Nu Approach, exhibited by Aleah Williams, Calvert, Texas.

Heifer Calf Champion: Hagan Ginger 50A.

Reserve Heifer Calf Champion: Smith Nu Tiffany Diamond.

Class 6: Hagan Lola 151Z, sired by NF Smith Sargeant, exhibited by Kennedy Wilde, Lott, Texas.

Class 7: LMC Daydream 5Z/173, sired by LMC Rhino 5W/367, exhibited by Micah Perkins, Chireno, Texas.

Class 8: Smith Sweet N Satisfies, sired by Smith Satisfies, exhibited by Sophia Palmore, Kirbyville, Texas.

Champion Intermediate Heifer: LMC Daydream 5Z/173. Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer: Smith Sweet N Satisfies.

Class 9: Smith RFI Hidden Jewel, sired by Smith RFI Sure Glow, exhibited by Kaleb Fontenot, Cypress, Texas.

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Smith Sweet N Satisfies took home the reserve intermediate champion female for exhibitor, Sophia Palmore.



LMC Miss America 5Z/92 was named the reserve junior champion female of the show and was exhibited by Emma Berry.

No photos available of reserve intermediate champion and senior champion bulls.



The senior champion female honors were won by Sophia Palmore and her entry, Smith Wentz Diamond Diva.



The reserve senior champion female title was RFI Miss Debutante, owned by Smith Genetics and Reavis Farms.



Aleah Williams, saw her entry of Smith Nu Tiffany Diamond take the reserve heifer calf champion honor.



Anderson Simmental took home the reserve bull calf champion honor with their entry of LMC Rhino Amigo 5A/19.



Pine Ridge Ranch exhibited the champion intermediate bull at the show, PRR Popps 175A.



LMC Daydream 5Z/173 was the intermediate champion female and was exhibited by Micah

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Just look at who's heading up our program. Individuals loaded with quality themselves and backed by pedigrees that are proven!



Smith Isgrig Eleanor - We have recently purchased a flush in Smith Isgrig Eleanor. She is dam to Smith Isgrig Charismatic, one of the highest ranking EPD bull in the breed.



RFI News Flash 365A - This little lady represents the quality of females we have in our herd. This January 2013 female is sired by NF Smith Sargeant and out of the Reavis' donor, RFI Hot Flash, a Charismatic bred dam.

For more information on the cattle we have working in our herd, visit our website www.7nranch.net



LMC WFC Wave Amigo - We purchased this son of Smith Nu Wave 11 and out of Diva at the Synergy Sale. He is a full sib to the popular, National and International Champion S42,000 to LMC WFC Dream Girl. His sire is the popular Smith Nu Wave and his dam is now a donor in the Southwestern Farms/Smith Genetics' programs.

WE HAVE SEMEN FOR SALE ON THIS NU WAVE SON. CONTACT US!



Smith Nu Approach - We will be adding this bull's breeding power to our herd as we have purchased a semen package in this great three-quarter Simmental and one-quarter Brahman bull.



LMC Oprah 5P/50 - We have embryos out of the great Oprah cow and Smith Nu Wave and Smith Evan. We can't wait to get these calves on the ground and into production in our herd. Oprah is the dam of Diva.



We call them





We don't just buy cattle, we purchase individuals that are viable pieces to our overall breeding program!

Smith Evan-We love our Evan calves. He is by the threequarter sire, Nu Approach and out of Smith Bella Bella, who has been called the model Simbrah female. Evan ranks in the top 3 and 5% respectively for API and TI. His calves are in very high demand and his daughter, Smith Charming Moves, exhibited by Kaleb Fontenot in 2013 won the National, International and Supreme American championships!

Smith Charismatic-We now have a number of daughters in our herd from this Smith Nu Wave II son, who is competing for top EPD herd from the breed with his sire. Charismatic ranks in the top 1% of the breed for API and TI---and for birth, weaning, yearling, of the breed for API and Carcass! Quite a curve bender!



McCrary Smith Action-Sired by NF Smith Sargeant and out of a Charismatic bred dam. He ranks in the top 20% of the breed for API and 3% for TI. He was named the 2014 National Reserve Bull Calf Champion and we own him with Smith Genetics.



Smith RFI McCrary Tink-Congratulations to Brooke Springer, who showed this Nu Approach daughter to the Reserve Heifer Calf honors at the Fort Worth Junior show. She is out of the donor, RFI Tinkerbell, who was the 2009 San Antonio Grand Champion Female. She is now owned by us, Smith Genetics and Reavis Farms.

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We've added this high quality replacement female to our growing program. She is a daughter of Smith Ronen—which makes her a Sargeant granddaughter. Ronen daughters are gaining recognition as great brood cows, continuing the reputation of his sire, Sargeant. Tenisha is rugged, easy keeping, feminine, deep bodied and has a very eye appealing phenotype.

She will calve this spring to RFI Real Deal. He was recently named ASA National and National Grand Champion Simbrah bull. He ranks in the top 3% of the breed for API and top 4% for TI!

We are excited about this mating, as we will have one of the first Real Deal calves on the ground, and the possibilities it offers our program!



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Simbrah Show...

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Class 10: LMC Miss America 5Z/92, sired by LMC ATZ Dr. Feel Good, exhibited by Emma Berry, Canton, Texas. Class 11: LMC BBS Tia, 5Z/77, sired by 6G/LMC Rajin Cajun W908, exhibited by Hope Onstot, Granger, Texas.

Champion Junior Heifer: Smith RFI Hidden Jewel. Reserve Champion Junior Heifer: LMC Miss America 5Z/92.

Class 12: Smith Wentz Diamond Diva, sired by Smith Nu Wave II, exhibited by Sophia Palmore. 2nd: RFI Miss Debutante, sired by Smith NF Simply Great, exhibited by Smith Genetics, Giddings, Texas and Reavis Farms, Mission. Texas.

Senior Champion Female: Smith Wentz Diamond Diva. Reserve Senior Champion Female: RFI Miss Debutante. Grand Champion Female: Smith RFI Hidden Jewel, exhibited by Kaleb Fontenot.

Reserve Grand Champion Female: Hagan Ginger 50A. BULLS:

Class 1: Hagan Arapaho 550A, sired by LMC EF JW Black 3N/225, exhibited by Hagan Cattle Co., Yoakum, Texas.

Class 2: Smith RFI MCCR Gangster, sired by Smith Satisfies, exhibited by Smith Genetics, Reavis Farms and McCrary Farms, DeKalb, Texas.

Class 3: LMC Rhino Amigo 5A/19, sired by LMC Rhino 5W/367, exhibited by Anderson Simmental, Saint Paul, Nebraska.

Champion Bull Calf: Hagan Arapaho 550A.

Reserve Champion Bull Calf: LMC Rhino Amigo 5A/19.

Class 4: PRR Popps 175Z, sired by PRR Palisade 813T, exhibited by Pine Ridge Ranch, Athens, Texas. 2nd :PRR Persist 169Z, sired by PRR Optimum 892T, exhibited by Pine Ridge Ranch.

Champion Intermediate Bull: PRR Popps 175Z.

Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull: PRR Persist 169Z.

Class 5: RFI Real Deal, sired by Smith Evan, exhibited by Reavis Farms, Smith Genetics, Southwestern Farms, Kirbyville, Texas; Burch Farms, Hempstead, Texas and Diamond RF Farms, Wallis, Texas.

Champion Junior Bull: RFI Real Deal.

Class 6: Smith Wentz Blackfoot, sired by Smith Nu Wave II, exhibited by Smith Genetics and Southwestern Farms.

Senior Champion Bull: Smith Wentz Blackfoot.

Grand Champion Bull: RFI Real Deal.

Reserve Grand Champion Bull: Hagan Arapaho 550A.

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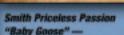
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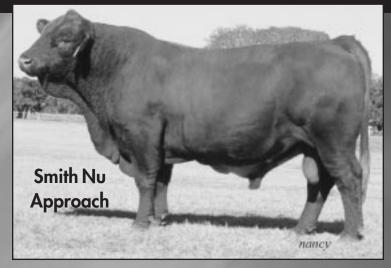
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We're taking a Nu Approach!

We recently purchased a semen package in Smith Nu Approach. This bull has produced National Champions such as RFI Smith Fresh Approach and another donor Smith Priceless Wish, plus herd sires like Smith Evan who went on to produce Smith Charming Moves that one the first time ever honor for a Simbrah to be named Supreme American Champion at the 2013 Houston International with Kaleb Fontenot on the halter.

Nu Approach has over 90 calves registered to him in the herd books and that gives him great accuracy to his outstanding EPDs of ranking in the top 10% for both API and TI, while being in the top 2% for calving ease!

Also thank you to these buyers who added our genetics to their program from the recent Simbrah Synergy offering: Hebert Simmentals, Walters Livestock Enterprise, Pine Ridge Ranch, Grant Hinckley, Dan & Kris Grinstead, Lazy SF Ranch, Lantz Monk, and Southwestern Farms.

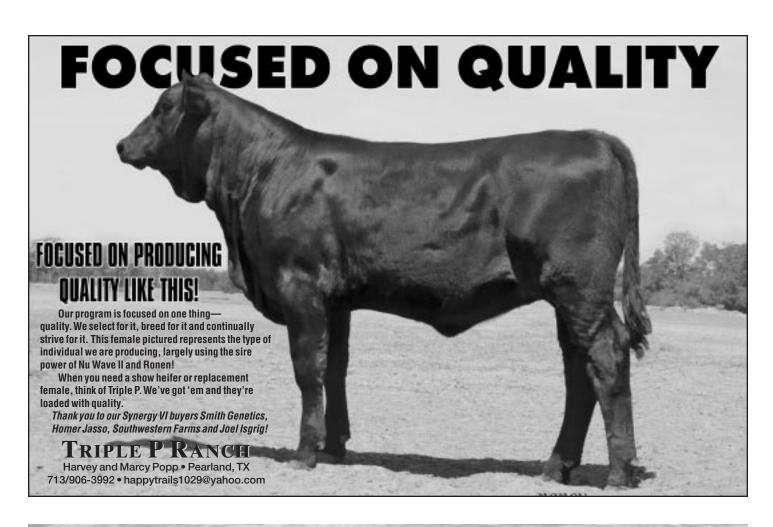


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All baby calves are born with some degree of respiratory acidosis. Respiratory acidosis is the buildup of by-products of carbon dioxide and a deficiency of oxygen. As the calf passes through the birth canal, it undergoes this buildup of carbon dioxide and its metabolites, and a deficiency of oxygen. When any baby calf is first born, it will gasp for air and pant for a few minutes in an effort to correct the carbon dioxide/oxygen imbalance in the circulatory system.

Therefore, when a calf is completely delivered, primary attention is directed toward establishing respiration. Mucus and fetal fluids should be removed from the nose and mouth by cleaning these air pathways with the fingers and thumbs. These actions are important for any calf that is assisted during the "calving" process, but they are critical for those calves that come

backwards. The common practice of suspending the calf for an extended time by it hindlegs to "clear the lungs", must be questioned. Most of the fluids that drain from the mouth of these calves probably come from the

stomach, and the weight of the intestines on the diaphragm makes expansion of the lungs difficult, if not impossible

Respiration is stimulated by many factors, but only ventilation of the lungs, allow us to render help immediately. The phrenic nerve can be stimulated with a sharp tap on the chest slightly above and behind where the heartbeat can be felt. Brisk rubbing of the skin can be helpful in stimulating circulation and breathing activity. Perhaps the most effective and simple approach to stimulating the first breathing activity is by tickling inside of the nostril with a stiff



piece of straw. The vigorous tickling stimulation of the nostrils will cause the diaphragm of the calf to have a noticeable reflex. As the calf snorts and coughs in reaction to the straw stimulation, the lungs expand and air is taken in. Many ranchers report that this is a very effective way to get a baby calf started on the necessary process of rapid breathing.

Always know your own limitations. If you find a calving situation that you cannot solve yourself in a short time, contact a large animal veterinarian as soon as possible.

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Soil Tips To Improve Forages

By Noble Foundation

Most beef producers view healthy cattle and healthy forages as the building blocks of a successful business. But don't forget the entire process begins with the soil, advises Chad Ellis, pasture and range consultant with the Noble Foundation.

"The management of soil health is of vital importance to producers," he says. "As managers, we often focus on managing the above-ground production in our pastures while paying little attention to what happens below ground. Sound grazing management is the art of capturing sunlight and water while recycling a portion of the above-ground parts of the plant through livestock."

He offers these five principles for building soil health:

1) Keep soil covered. Bare ground is "enemy No. 1," says Ellis. "It is damaging because it increases soil temperatures and even kills biological activity. Once soil temperatures reach 140 degrees, soil bacteria die. The soil must be covered through forage and crop residue."

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3) Increase plant diversity. Plant diversity allows for a more diverse microbial population in the soil. Forage will respond better due to increased biological activity.

4) Keep living roots in the ground all year. Soils are most productive when soil microbes have access to living plant material. A living root provides a food source for beneficial bacteria and promotes the relationship between plant roots and mycorrhizal fungi. "This is aided by increased plant diversity, which can be achieved by incorporating cover crops into your pasture and crop systems," he notes.

5) Integrate livestock grazing. Grazing improves soil and plant health by recycling nutrients, reducing plant selectivity and increasing plant diversity. But grazing systems must allow adequate rest between grazing for plants to recover.



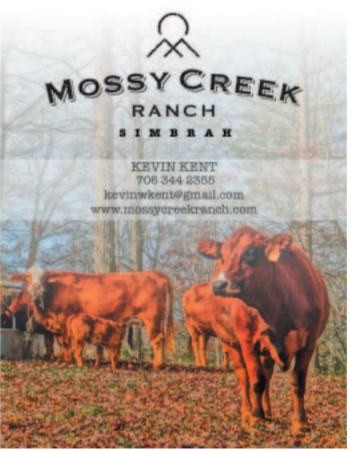
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