



**Missouri Charolais
Breeders Association**

MCBA Newsletter

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Make Plans for the 46th Annual Sale and Banquet

It's time once again for our Annual State Sale and Banquet to be held in Columbia, MO, at the University of Missouri. The Banquet will be held Friday evening, March 4 at the University Eckles Café. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the banquet and annual meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. As usual, the juniors will also have their meeting during the adult meeting. Don't forget the juniors will be auctioning off plenty of goodies to help raise money for the junior organization. With the Junior National in Kansas City this summer, expect a lot of great items to bid on and take home!

The 46th Annual Sale is Saturday, March 5, at the Trowbridge Livestock Center at the University of Columbia. Cattle will be available for viewing Friday afternoon and Saturday morning before the sale. The sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available before the sale. Expect a great set of cattle from your fellow Missouri Breeders.

This is your chance to join your Missouri Breeders at our annual event! We look forward to seeing you there!

Hotel Information:

Courtyard by Marriott

**3301 LeMone Industrial
Boulevard · Columbia,
Missouri 65201
1-573-443-8000**

**Room rate: \$89/Night.
Group name: Missouri
Charolais Association
Group code: 64879**

Special Thank You!

The Missouri Juniors would like to extend a special thank you to **Windy Hill Charolais, Stan & Mary Bonacker & Family, Cedar Hill, MO**, for purchasing the Donation heifer in the National Sale, PF Rain 9106 P.

Thanks to **Steve and Sandy Peterson, Peterson Farms, Mountain Grove, MO**, for donating the heifer and the

Larry Julian, Crane, MO, and Kevin and Jamie Johansen, 5J Charolais, Syracuse, MO, for their efforts in providing care for the heifer and preparing her for the National Show.

The funds will help with the Junior National fundraising efforts for the 2011 Junior National in Kansas City, MO.

Highlights from the American Royal—National Show

- Congratulations to J&S Ranch, Koshkonong, MO, for exhibiting the 3rd Overall bull in the 2010 Royal Breeders Classic!
- Congrats to the Sparks Family for being honored with the Barbara McHargue Award, which



National Show Results!

honors her commitment and perseverance in promoting youth involvement in the cattle industry.

- Herdsman of the Year—Kevin Johansen, 5J Charolais! Congratulations, Kevin!
- Will Shaffer, Reserve Senior Calf Champion female.
- Hale

Farms/Wild Indian Acres, Reserve Intermediate Champion Female.

- Kate Shaffer, Champion Cow/Calf pair.
- High Prairie Farms—Reserve Spring Calf Champion bull.
- High Prairie Farms/Wright Charolais, Junior Calf Champion bull.
- Austin Reedy—class winner female.

2011 Junior National News

The 2011 Junior Nationals are going to be a group effort between Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. We are starting the fund raising drive and would appreciate any and all support.

Fund Raising Activities:

- 10% Sale Lot - Donate 10% of one lot you offer in a production sale.
- Sponsor a contest, class winner, division winner or more.

- Donate a raffle item

As always, thank you for your support of the Junior Program.

"Thank you for supporting the MCBA juniors at the Junior National."

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Royal Roundup—Kansas City 2011!

Juniors! Get ready for the 2011 Junior National in Kansas City, MO, to be held at the American Royal facility. The Junior National is June 26—July 2.

Be ready to discuss the event at the Junior Meeting Friday night in Columbia, MO. Ideas

on fundraising progress, awards, t-shirts, scheduling, etc... will be discussed. This will be a great opportunity to get involved with the Junior organization if traveling has deterred you in the past. There's no better way to get

started than attending the Jr. National in your home state.

Come be a part of the planning and get to know your fellow juniors! See you in Columbia!

February Beef Management Calendar— Drovers CattleNetwork

Spring Calving Herds

- * Have all calving supplies on hand and review calving assistance procedures
- * Move pregnant heifers and early calving cows to calving area about 2 weeks before due date
- * Check cows 3 to 4 times per day during calving season, heifers more often to assist early if needed
- * Keep calving area clean and well drained, move healthy pairs out to large pastures 3 days after calving
- * Ear tag and dehorn all calves at birth; castrate male calves in commercial herds
- * Give selenium and vitamin A & D injections to newborn calves
- * Late gestation mature cows should gain 1.0 lbs per day
- * Target gain for pregnant heifers and 3-yr olds should be 2.0-2.5 lbs per day
- * Keep high quality, high magnesium mineral available

* Vaccinate cows against scours if it has been a problem

* Evaluate herd genetic goals and assess bull battery, make plans to attend spring bull sales and/or order AI semen

* Frost seed clovers (mid to late in the month)

Fall Calving Herds

* End breeding season early in the month

* Remove bulls and check condition

* Begin creep feeding or creep grazing calves if desired

* Plan marketing strategy for calves

* Begin feeding high magnesium minerals to prevent grass tetany

* Continue to check calves closely for health issues

- Frost seed clovers (mid to late in the month)

<http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-resources/baby-calf-health/February-beef-management-calendar.html>

MCBA Officers

President: Matt Crutcher, Fair Grove, MO

Vice-President: Derry Wright, Richmond, MO

Secretary: Jeannine Doughty, Harrisonville, MO

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Gail Cook, McGirk, MO

Jason Hankins, Springfield, MO

Dale Ridder, Hermann, MO

Dave Johansen, Syracuse, MO

Don't forget to update your contact information and email with Jeannine!

Upcoming Events

March

4-5 34th Annual Missouri Charolais Breeders Association Annual Meeting/Banquet and Sale

5— Mead Farms Angus and Charolais Bull Sale, Versailles, MO.

11—Windy Hill Charolais Gateway Getaway Production Sale—Cedar Hill, MO. 6:00 p.m.

12—Wright Charolais 4th Annual Bull Sale—Chillicothe, MO. 6:00 p.m.

19—Peterson Farms Charolais 18th Annual Top Pick Bull Sale, Mtn. Grove, MO. 1:00 p.m.

26-28—2011 Annual AICA Membership meetings and Board of Directors Meetings—Argosy Casino, KCMO

April

9—Renaissance XVIV Sale—Strafford, MO. 1:00 p.m.

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Contact the Juniors to purchase a T-shirt!

Design by Nathan Glassman

Trichomoniasis

Bovine Trichomoniasis "Trich" is a reproductive disease of cattle that has caused significant economic losses in cattle herds for many years, predominantly in the western states. Obviously, as we import more breeding cattle from the West to the Midwest we increase the risk of importing trichomoniasis into our herds. Your cattle will probably not show any signs of the infection-although some cows have a mild discharge-other than common signs of infertility, repeat breeders with extended heat cycles. The first signs may be when the herd is preg checked and you discover several open or late bred cows.

Trichomoniasis is diagnosed in bulls by culturing via preputial wash and placing the sample into a special culture media or perform a PCR test; a two week sexual rest prior to testing

is recommended. One culture will identify 80-85% of the positive bulls; three cultures at one-week intervals increase the chances of successfully identifying a positive bull to 99%. Only a single PCR is required to obtain the same success as three cultures. This test could easily be added to your prebreeding semen test protocol.

The economic impact in affected herds occurs due to smaller and less uniform calf crops, cost of culling and subsequent replacements. For every cycle a cow fails to conceive, the weaning weight of the calf drops by 35-40 pounds, which could contribute to a \$35-40/calf loss depending on the current market. First time infected herds have experienced 50-70% calf crop with a 3-8 month calving interval. In 2000, a group of Colorado pro-

ducers estimated the impact of trichomoniasis in their herd at \$143.17 per cow.

Prevention of Trichomoniasis is the key to maintaining a healthy herd. Prior to the introduction of non-virgin bulls into your herd, inquire about Trichomoniasis; request the non-virgin bulls be tested. Consult with your veterinarian and include "Trich" testing to your prebreeding semen test protocol. The MDA Springfield Diagnostic Laboratory is performing the culture test, please contact them at 417-895-6861 for test kits.

Submitted by Dr. Linda Hickam