

**25th ANNUAL ABBA NATIONAL CERTIFIED F1 FEMALE SALE
AND
TBA REGISTERED & PUREBRED BRAHMAN FEMALE SALE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012 – 1:00 P.M.
CALDWELL LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
CALDWELL, TEXAS**

SALE GUIDELINES/RULES AND CONSIGNOR INFORMATION SHEET

SALE SPONSORS

**AMERICAN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
TEXAS BRAHMAN ASSOCIATION**

SALE MANAGED BY

BROKEN TRIANGLE CATTLE MARKETING

WHEN: Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Caldwell Livestock Commission, Caldwell, Texas

SELLING: ABBA Golden Certified, Certified First Cross Brahman Females, Progeny of F1 Females, Registered Brahman Females and Purebred Brahman Females, suitable for Brahman or F1 production

CONSIGNMENTS: Consignment of at least 3 head will be accepted and consignments of more than 3 head are preferable. All cattle will be sold in groups of 3 to 8 head.

F1 FEMALES AND PROGENY OF F1 FEMALES – CERTIFICATION: All F1 Females MUST be Golden Certified or Certified prior to arriving at the sale facility. F1 Females can be certified through the certificate or ear tag option. Progeny of F1 Females must be out of ABBA Golden Certified or Certified F1 Females and must have been certified through the ABBA F1 Progeny Certification Program. Young first exposure or first calf females (2nd or 3rd calving females are accepted if their reproductive status is acceptable to most commercial cattlemen). Open females are recommended to be at least old enough, large enough, well-grown out and in sufficient flesh to breed. All females two years of age or older MUST be palpated bred or have a calf at side (females are considered two years of age if they are two years of age in the spring months of 2012).

CERTIFICATION PAPERS: All F1 Females certified through the certificate option must submit the original certification papers to sale management at the sale facility at time of check in or cattle will not be sold. A copy of the certification papers must accompany the nomination form. This will help sale management prepare for the sale.

BRAHMAN FEMALES – Young registered or purebred females and/or older females that have not reached their seventh birthday. Must be in good condition, sound of limb, udder and teats. Females must be born on or before May 15, 2011 or after March 17, 2005. All Purebred Brahman Females will be observed by at least 3 “screeners” to determine acceptance as an F1 Program “Qualified Cow” and will be automatically enrolled as a “Qualified Cow” in the F1 Program for the buyer of that animal. Any animal not accepted by the “screeners” will not be allowed to sell.

REGISTRATION PAPERS: All original registration papers must be given to sale management at time of check in at sale facility or cattle will not be sold. A copy of the registration papers must accompany the nomination form to help sale management prepare for the sale.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations to the sale must be made on **OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORMS**. Nomination fees must accompany the nomination form and should be mailed to: ***Broken Triangle Cattle Marketing***, 8969 CR 410, Caldwell, Texas 77836. ***Please make checks payable to Broken Triangle Cattle Marketing.*** Please note: Brahman consignors must have their 2012 ABBA Activity Fee paid and be a member in good standing of the Texas Brahman Association with 2012 dues paid to participate in this sale. F1 producers must have their administration fee paid to the ABBA. Money will not be withheld from the sale proceeds to pay these fees/dues. It is the responsibility of the consignor to handle this requirement on or before the entry deadline of February 20, 2012.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Deadline for entries is February 20, 2012. Nomination forms may be obtained on the ABBA website at www.brahman.org or at www.brokentrianglecattle.com. If you would like to receive a form by mail, please use the contact information below to request a form. Please adhere to this deadline so that information for your consignment may be included in all advertisements or website ads.

SALE CHARGES: F1 Females and Progeny of Golden Certified/Certified F1 Females -- \$10.00 (***non-refundable***) nomination fee per head plus 6.5% commission on the gross sale price. Brahman Females -- \$10.00 (***non-refundable***) nomination fee per head plus 8% commission on the gross sale price, and a \$6.00 "Qualifying Cow" fee per head on Purebred/Non-Registered Females.

PASS OUT/BUY BACK FEE: Pass out fee of 6.5% of highest bid will be assessed on F1 Females and 8% of highest bid will be assessed on Brahman Females that are not sold. No cattle can be passed out after the sale. Sale management will discuss with each consignor their price expectations. Sale management would prefer to handle any pass outs.

EAR TAGS: Sale management will issue "sale ear tags" for each consignment. Identification on your health certificate should be the "sale ear tag" number and your fire brand/tattoo numbers/metal tag number. "Consignee" on your health certificate will be 2012 ABBA Sale, Caldwell, Texas.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Each consignor will comply with applicable rules and regulations of the Texas Animal Health Commission. Upon arrival at sale facility, the consignor must present to the office staff, the original Official Health Certificate of the Texas Animal Health Commission (or State of Origin) issued within 30 days of sale date (March 17, 2012) by an accredited veterinarian for each animal consigned to the sale. ***If you are an out of state consignor, please have your veterinarian contact the Texas Animal Health Commission for up to date requirements to enter and sell cattle in the State of Texas.***

- All females must be an Official Brucellosis Calhhood Vaccinate. Vaccination tattoo must be readable in the ear and indicated on the health certificate. If Tattoo is not readable there is a re-tattoo procedure for your veterinarian to follow to re-tattoo your females. **NO NON-VACCINATES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS SALE.**
- If over 18 months of age, female must be tested for Brucellosis.
- If in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy, female must be tested for Brucellosis.
- If female has calf at side, she must be tested for Brucellosis.
- No Brucellosis testing is required if cattle are from a Brucellosis Free Herd. Brucellosis Free Herd # must be listed on health paper.
- The above Brucellosis testing rules are in addition to the Texas Animal Health Commission requirements, but this is a special premium sale and the buyer needs to be assured of the health status of the cattle they purchase.
- No TB test is required for movement within Texas. If you are out of state your veterinarian will need to contact the Texas Animal Health Commission for up to date requirements to enter or sell cattle in Texas.
- No health testing will be done at Caldwell Livestock Commission facility (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- If for any reason cattle have to be run through the chute at Caldwell Livestock Commission facility there will be a chute charge of \$5.00 per head in addition to any veterinarian charges that may be required.

ARRIVAL: Consignments must arrive at sales facility **NO LATER** than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012. Females may arrive earlier than Thursday, but consignor must coordinate early arrival with sale management. Hay will be available and fed by sale management. (Cost of hay will be determined closer to sale date. You may contact sale management two weeks prior to sale date to confirm the price.) You may bring your own grain, hay, and feed pans, if you wish, however, if you provide your own grain and hay you will be required to feed your own cattle. Sale management will be responsible for watering all cattle.

JUDGING: Only F1 females will be judged. Minimum pen size will be 5 head of grown cattle (not including calves). A Champion Pen of each F1 cross will be named as long as there are at least five (5) pens of five (5) head consigned by two or more breeders. Any F1 Cross that comprises a major portion of the sale offering will, at the discretion of the sale management, be judged as pairs, breds and/or open. Females will be judged according to quality, uniformity, and usefulness by a team of at least 2 and up to 3 commercial cowmen. Premiums will be awarded to Champion Pens. Judges and sale management will set the sale order and may re-sort cattle if they feel it will result in a better marketable group. Any animal that does not fit the group will be sorted out and sold as individuals or can be taken home by consignor. Judging will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012. There will be approximately \$5,000.00 in prize money awarded for cattle that are being judged. If a group qualifies for judging, a Champion premium of \$500.00, Reserve Champion premium of \$250.00 and an Honorable Mention Premium of \$100.00 will be awarded. If numbers dictate sale management can modify these premiums.

SALE ORDER: Sale order of the females will be determined by the judges and sale management and salability of ALL ANIMALS in their respective divisions will be insured. F1 Females will sell first. Progeny of F1 Females will sell immediately following the F1 Females. Following the progeny of the F1 Females will be the Registered Brahman females. Purebred Brahman females will sell last. Any "sorted off" individual females will sell at the end of their respective divisions.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sale management would prefer that the consignor have their cattle sorted the way they want them to be sold and have ear tag numbers written down as a group. It does not matter how the cattle are loaded on the trailer, the sale management will sort cattle into their pens when unloaded. A list of the group numbers is needed so use the enclosed Consignment Listing Form when you put in the ear tags and fax that form to: (979) 535-4445 or scan and email it to: mcharanza@airplexus.com. This form is very important to the sale management and will help with stalling assignments and catalog information.

Consignors must guarantee their consignments. Pairs and bred cows are considered breeders and carry no further guarantee. Open females are guaranteed to be breeders by the consignor. Sale management will handle cattle as easy as possible but are not responsible for injury before, during or after the sale. Terms and Conditions will be included with the sale order on sale day.

You may submit one or two paragraphs about your ranch and breeding operation. We will list this profile on our website, along with any pictures you submit which we feel will help promote your cattle. This information must be emailed to mcharanza@airplexus.com by the entry deadline of February 20, 2012 or it will not be listed on our website.

Consignors will be given names and addresses of buyers of their cattle and it will be mailed with sale proceed check. ***SALE PROCEED CHECKS WILL BE MAILED WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE SALE.*** We expect to have a great sale. Cattle numbers are low and the market is high. Have your cattle in good shape and ready to sell. This will result in an additional premium for your cattle.

Saturday morning will bring folks interested in buying your animals. Be available to visit with prospective buyers and help sell your animal.

CATTLE IN MOTION will once again broadcast this sale on the internet.

*****NOTE*** Contact Milton Charanza (979-450-8588) when you decide what you will consign to this sale so we can begin advertising your cattle.**

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have any questions or need additional information please contact:

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