

# Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association

*Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association—Productivity and Quality*



## Upcoming events:

- January 21—MBCIA Spring Bull Sale nomination deadline
- March 6—MBCIA Annual Membership Meeting, Raymond, MS
- March 7—Hinds Bull Test and MBCIA Spring Bull Sale, Raymond, MS
- March 12—Beef Heifer Development Short Course
- March 14-16—MSU-ES Cattle Artificial Insemination School, Mississippi State, MS
- March 25-26—Fed Beef Challenge Cattle Delivery, Mississippi State, MS
- April 2—Cattlemen's Exchange Feeder Calf Board Sale, Winona, MS
- April 12, 19—Beef Cattle Boot Camps

## MBCIA Fall 2012 Bull and Heifer Sale Results

The Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association held its Annual Fall Bull and Heifer Sale on November 8, 2012. The MBCIA sale featured 21 performance-backed bulls and 5 bred heifers from breeders across the state. Thank you to all of the consignors and buyers for supporting the Fall 2012 Mississippi BCIA Bull and Heifer Sale.

The top-selling lots were Sloan's Baby Blew and TAF Blockbuster 6451, both Angus bulls that sold for \$3,500 each. Sloan's Baby Blew was consigned by Sloan Farm of Louisville, Mississippi, and sold Mark Howard of Bolton, Mississippi. TAF Blockbuster 6451 was consigned by Thames Angus Farms of Jayess, Mississippi, and sold to Taylor Smith of Brookhaven, Mississippi. Other breeders marketing bulls in the MBCIA sale included Barry Farms, Gaines Farms, Kiani Angus, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES), Monogram Farms, and Phil Slay Farms. Heifer consignors included Smith Gelbvieh Farms and MAFES.

Sale receipts on 21 bulls totaled \$62,150 for a sale average price of \$2,960. In addition, the 5 bred heifers sold for total gross receipts of \$10,350 and an average of \$2,070 per heifer. The combined bull and heifer sale gross proceeds were \$72,500. A video clip from the sale is posted on YouTube at

<http://youtu.be/aNk9N6Qvsy8>.

The objective of the Mississippi BCIA Bull Sale program is to encourage production and identification of genetically superior bulls by purebred breeders and to encourage the purchase and use of these bulls by commercial producers. Bulls offered through this sale have passed a breeding soundness exam, met minimum growth and scrotal circumference requirements, and are backed with extensive performance information. Heifers offered in these sales have met the requirements for the Miss Premium Heifer Program. The MBCIA Fall Bull and Heifer Sale is held on the second Thursday in November, and the Spring Bull and Heifer Sale is held in conjunction with the Hinds Community College Bull Test sale on the first Thursday in March.



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	All breeds	Angus	Charolais
<b>Number of bulls sold</b>	21	19	2
<b>Gross receipts</b>	\$62,150	\$57,150	\$5,000
<b>Average price</b>	\$2,960	\$3,008	\$2,500
<b>High selling lot price</b>	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$2,500

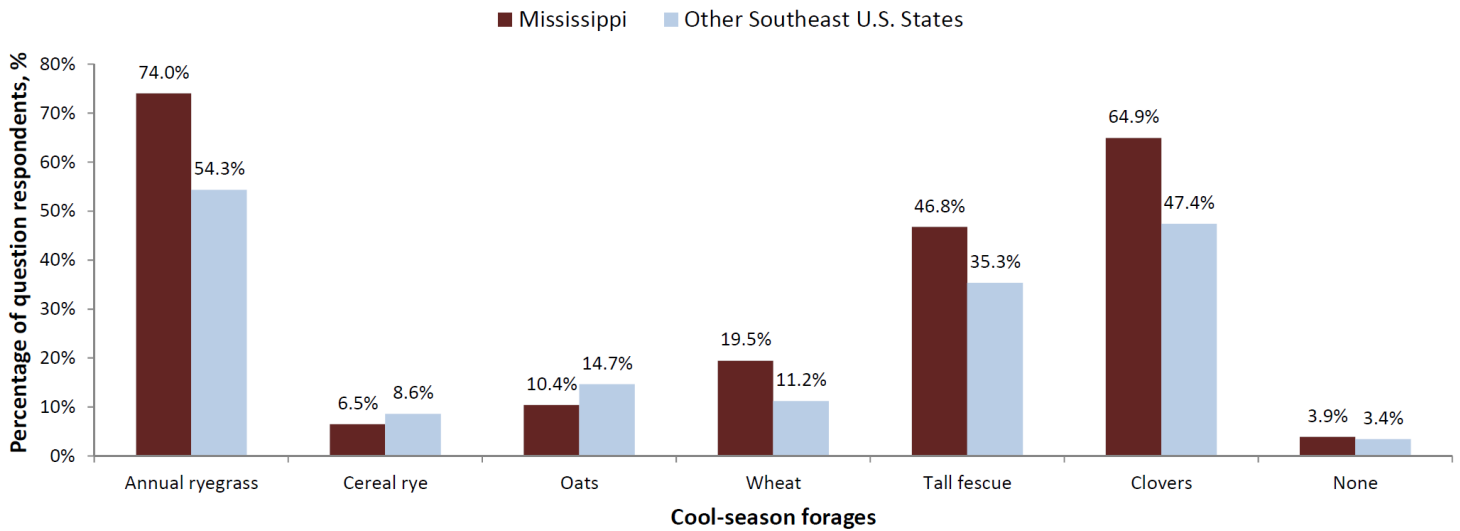


## Beef Cattle Producer Survey Results—Forage Selection

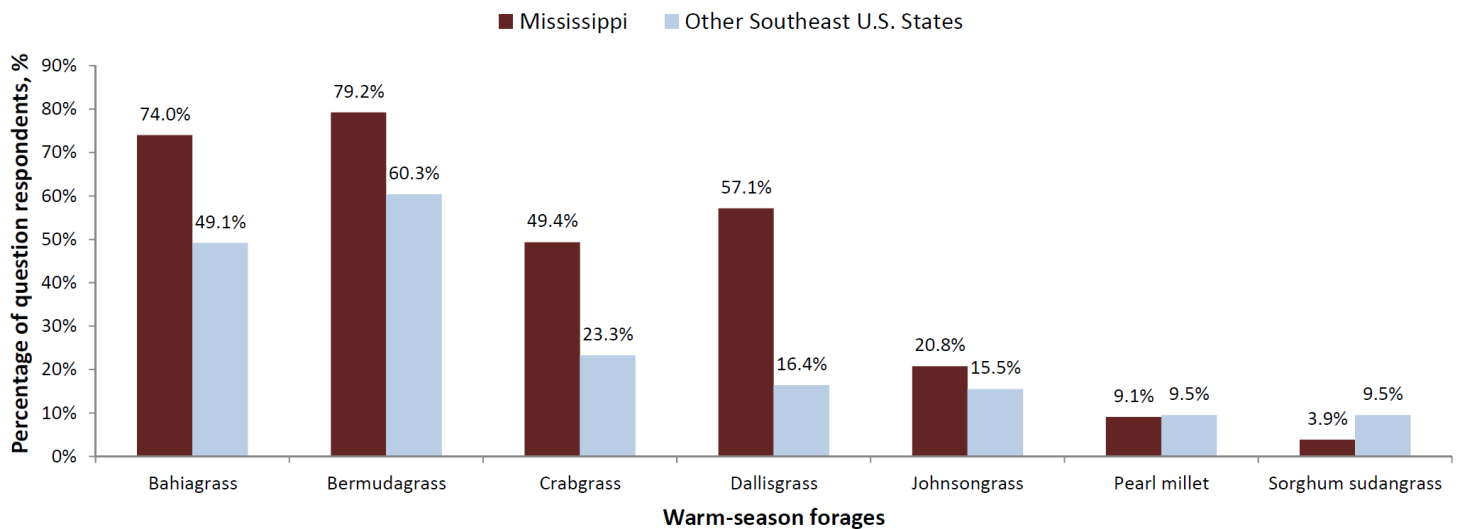
Last month’s MBCIA newsletter presented recent Mississippi and Southeast U.S. beef cattle producer survey information technology use results. This month winter forage use is highlighted including cool-season and warm-season forage use.

The Mississippi data are compared against the data compiled for other states in the region. The other Southeastern U.S. states represented in the responses included Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

### What cool-season forages do you utilize?



### What warm-season forages do you utilize?



MS: n = 79; Other states: n = 116

## Time to Fatten Cattle for Fed Beef Challenge

The 2013 Mississippi Fed Beef Challenge is a contest open to Mississippi beef cattle producers. It is a beef carcass contest organized as a jackpot with award banners. Fed cattle are to be delivered to the Mississippi State University Meats Laboratory on March 25 and 26, 2013. Each carcass will be fabricated to producer specifications. The time to fatten cattle for the contest is underway, and the contest is limited to the first 12 entries. Contact Dr. Brandi Karisch at [bkarisch@ads.msstate.edu](mailto:bkarisch@ads.msstate.edu) or 662-325-7465 for more information or to enter the Fed Beef Challenge.



## Multi-County Beef Cattle Production Meeting—December 6

A multi-county beef cattle production meeting will be hosted at the Monroe County Extension Office on Highway 145 N in Aberdeen, MS. The program will be on Thursday, December 6, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and includes lunch. Topics to be covered include:

- Nutrition
- Weed control
- Herd health

- Marketing
- Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
- USDA programs

Additional information about the program is available by contacting B.J. McClenton at 662-369-4951 or 662-369-8683. If you plan to attend the program, please call in advance to RSVP for meal planning purposes.

## Wild Pig Damage Workshop—December 4

The Mississippi State University Extension Service is partnering with Wildlife Services, and Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to present a Managing Wild Pig Damage workshop. This workshop is designed to provide an overview of the wild pig population expansion in Mississippi and the Southeast. Speakers will review the history of wild pigs in the U.S., review the damage caused by pigs, and allow workshop attendees see the most effective pig trap designs. Attendees will also receive the Wild Pig Landowner's Guide Extension Publication. The program is scheduled for December 4, 2012 at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Raymond, MS. Registration information and the workshop agenda are online at: [www.cfr.msstate.edu/workshops/wildpig/index.asp](http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/workshops/wildpig/index.asp)



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## MBCIA Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) Seedstock:  Commercial:

Cattle breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Completed applications and \$5 annual dues or \$100 life-time dues payable to Mississippi BCIA should be mailed to:*

*Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association  
Jane Parish, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist  
Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762*

## MBCIA Seeking Bull and Heifer Nominations for Spring Sale

The Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull and Heifer Sale programs encourage production and identification of genetically superior cattle by purebred breeders and purchase and use of these cattle by purebred and commercial producers. The MBCIA promotes the advantages of purchasing breed-leading genetics and environmentally-adapted cattle locally.

Starting in 2008, Mississippi BCIA hosted a Spring bull sale on the first Thursday in March in conjunction with the Hinds Community College Bull Test Sale. The Hinds Bull Test/Spring Mississippi BCIA Bull Sale partnership has been a great success. The Mississippi BCIA is pleased to continue to offer this spring bull marketing opportunity with its 6th annual sale. New for 2013, bred heifers will also be offered for sale at the spring auction.

Preparation is now underway for the Spring 2013 Mississippi BCIA Bull and Heifer Sale to be held on March 7, 2013 at 12:00 noon at the Hinds Community College Sales Facility in Raymond, Mississippi. This sale will once again be held in conjunction with the Hinds Community College Bull Test Sale on the traditional Hinds Bull Test sale date.

Mississippi beef breeders are encouraged to nominate quality bulls and heifers that meet all the

requirements for the sale. Rules and Regulations for the BCIA Bull Sale along with a nomination form and other current bull sale information is posted on the BCIA website at: [msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/bcia\\_bullsale.html](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/bcia_bullsale.html)

Heifer sale information is online at:  
[msucares.com/livestock/beef/heifer.html](http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/heifer.html)

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*Bull and Heifer Breeders*

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