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Hello Highlanders

By David Embury

Hope all is well with everyone. Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a good New Year. It is getting very cold here in Missouri outside, the wind is getting pretty strong and the temperature is dropping. Having to put out hay for the Highlands since there is snow on the ground now and am having to do that sometimes after dark as my new job keeps me busy hauling wheat, soybean meal, cotton seed and other grains to the feed mill. Some weeks I am driving to TN, IL, and AR. Long hours on the road six and seven days. The annual meeting is nearing, only three months away. Want everyone to be thinking about who they want to nominate for the Lee Wolfgang Recognition Award for promotion and education of the Highland cattle. Remember, everyone at one time or another promotes and educates someone about the Highland breed.

I would like to thank the Auction Committee for working so hard in such a short period of time trying to get information to the Board for a Highland auction. Everyone involved sure did a great job, but there needs to be more information before the Board can make a decision as well as there needs to be more funds

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendar for the HHCA annual membership meeting to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Branson Towers Hotel, 236 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson, MO. The day will begin at noon with registration and reception in the Table Rock Room, followed by a speaker at 1:00 pm. At 2:00 pm there will be introduction of all attending HHCA members and a round table discussion by members of concerns and comments on marketing of Highland Cattle for them in their area. Following the round table discussion the annual meeting will be held with election of officers and Board of Directors. Old and new business will be conducted. The evening banquet

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appropriated for this type of venture. Anyone wanting to help and get involved with the auction committee, please do so.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting on Saturday, March 5th in Branson, MO. Each year more members attend the meeting and more networking and friendships are made. Remember to bring your pictures of your Highlands. It's fun to see everyone's Highlands.

Happy 2011 Highlands,
David Embury, HHCA President

will be held in the Gazebo Room at 6:30 pm. This year there will be two Highland beef entrees served at the banquet. After the banquet, the Lee Wolfgang Education & Promotion Plaque will be awarded. To make your reservations at the Branson Towers Hotel, call 800.683.1122 or 417.336.4500 and reserve your room by February 15th, 2011. The room rate is \$52.95 double occupancy for a block of rooms for both Friday and Saturday night. When making your reservation, inform them that you are with the Heartland Highland Cattle Association to receive the special rate.

Weaning Option: Fenceline

By Gary Digiuseppe, OFN

PROS AND CONS TO WEANING ALONG THE FENCELINE

Will the future of cattle production include fenceline weaning? "I would hope so," U of MO Extension Livestock specialist Dona Funk told me. "I really see that it works a lot better than some of the other methods, and (the calves) don't seem to get as sick...The people that I have that are trying tit really like it, and many of them won't go back to anything else—unless, of course," she added with a laugh, "something happens."

That "something" would be bad weather and a lack of grass. In fenceline weaning, the calf is separated from its mother only by an impenetrable fence; they can see and hear each other, and make nose-to-nose contact. Funk said an electric fence is often used—"It has to be a pretty strong fence, because you've got your cows that will jump, or your calves that will get through"—but the stress on the animals is reduced. "Both watching it myself and from what I read," she said, "it doesn't take very long for those calves to go out and start grazing. I've seen some successful places where the water is a little bit further away, where they have to at least go off the fenceline—not too far away, where they're not

going to go drink, but they have to get away from that fence to go drink—and then there's grass there.

So, many times that first day or so, you'll see the calves grazing right along the fence, but as it goes they start spreading out a little bit further." Although the calves can stop eating for a week or more, Funk, said they usually "quit with the walking the fenceline and the screaming, that kind of then," in 2-3 days. The cows linger a little longer—"I've seen 3-4 days, really, for the cows to settle down and go out and graze." The benefit appears to be reduced post-weaning weight loss—one California study showed calves that had been fenceline weaned weighed on average 23 lbs. more than those that were completely separated—and reduced illness.

"A lot of people just put the calves in a dry lot, give them food and hay, and water," Funk said. A lot of time if it's too dry, we'll see some respiratory problems with that because they're getting a lot of dust and when they start bawling for their mothers it tends to agitate the respiratory system, so it makes things worse." Partial separation, she said, doesn't work. The animals are too hard to sort, and "I think they're

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What a Fundraiser!!!

By Gloria Asmussen

Thank you to all the members who purchased, advertised, or sold the 2011 HHCA Calendars.

The HHCA calendar fundraiser profited \$1300 by selling 125 calendars. The membership's dedication and willingness to participate was overwhelming. **It is so nice to see Highland animals born, bred, and raised in the United States on a calendar.** We can toot our own horn.

With that said, the board voted to make another 2012 HHCA calendar for next year's fundraiser. So again I will be sending out the photo contest information and where to email your photos. We have a wonderful printer that works with us so we don't have to order hundreds of calendars at a time. Also business card size ads will be available again for \$25 on the calendar. There are 36 spots and a full bottom page spot for \$100. If interested, send me your business card or we can use last year's ad and \$25 by February 28, 2011. This is a



great fundraiser and an inexpensive way to advertise your farm as the calendars are vastly circulated throughout the country. Watch for the contest information in the mail. Also, if you don't have a computer, you may send your photos and they can be scanned. Your photo may be the winning front cover of the calendar. So send in those photos.

HHCA Auction Update

By Gloria Asmussen

As you all are aware, a survey was sent out last fall asking for your input on the HHCA sponsoring a Highland auction in the spring. There were 40 survey responses returned. Many of them stated they may or may not have animals available to sell; also stated too far in advance to know if they could or would attend; weren't sure whether or not they would be able to purchase. But the overall consensus was they thought a Highland auction would be a good marketing tool and one comment was that it was better for the Association to be proactive, rather than reactive.

Unfortunately, after the auction committee and Board compiled all the info for holding an auction, the Board voted to table a spring auction as the finances weren't available for the cost of facilities and all the other cost associated with sponsoring an auction at this time. The Board asked that the committee check out more possibilities for auction facilities, auctioneers and the cost of advertising and promotion. There will be a discussion about an auction at the annual meeting on March 5, 2011, in Branson.

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The Udder Side of the Story

Reprinted by Dr. Tim O'Neill

The Necessity of Vaccinations

This last week I have had two calls about cattlemen losing animals. This is not that uncommon, but when an animal dies, you have lost all chance of profit from that animal.

The first case was about cows slipping late term fetuses. This is a late term abortion. There are a lot of reasons for a cow to abort, problems from infectious to traumatic, to genetic. When we have good samples, the fetus, the placenta and blood from the mother our labs still only find a definitive cause for about 40 percent of the cases turned in. This is not very good odds. What really helps is a detailed history and records for the herd.

In this case, the cows were aborting late term calves. Most of them had eye lashes and/or part of their hair. If a calf is aborted at six months of gestation, they will be hairless, but have eye lashes. They get their hair in the last trimester.

After visiting with the owners, I asked what vaccines were being used and when were they given last. The answer was no vaccination has ever been given. This information leads me to two different diseases, Brucellosis or Leptosptosis. By knowing the cattle I rule out Brucellosis, that and also knowing that AR is a class-free state for Brucellosis. This leaves Lepto and the No. 1 option.

The aborted fetuses had already been disposed of, so with no chance for any samples. I have to go with my No. 1, Leptosptosis. When in a situation like this, the

only thing to do is to vaccinate the herd. I choose to vaccinate the herd with a killed vaccine for vials, IBR, BVD, P13, and BRSV. This vaccine also has a 5-way lepto bacteria with lepto Hardjo. Lepto Hardjo is the main variety of lepto causing problems in the US. I also vaccinated every animal with a 7-way Blackleg with Pinkeye in it. This herd will have to booster the virals and lepto vaccine in two to four weeks to confer immunity that will last for longer than six to eight weeks. From now on, this herd will need vaccination every six months.

The other case was a post-mortem examination on a 350 to 400 pound heifer calf. The results showed Blackleg. The owner admitted that he hadn't got them vaccinated yet. I recommended him getting vaccinated at least for Blackleg. And if he used any Blackleg vaccine besides the one I recommend they would need a booster in two to four weeks. There are two Blackleg vaccines on the market that do not have to be boosted in two to four weeks. Please, read the fine print on your Blackleg bottle.

Both of these cases are very unfortunate, but they can be avoided by vaccination. As far as cost, if one calf costs \$500, how many head can you vaccinate for that price?



Membership Renewal

Sixty members received their HHCA membership renewal application mailed to them in early December. Your HHCA membership will expire January 15th. Please be sure to send in your HHCA renewal application and \$20 dues by 1-15-11 to keep your membership active.

If you can't find your renewal application, please email me and I will email you an application or **go to page 6** in this newsletter for a printable copy.

Thank you, Gloria Asmussen, HHCA Secretary
highlandcattle@centurytel.net

Education and Promotion Award

For those of you that are new members to the HHCA, the Lee Wolfgang Education & Promotion Award goes to a deserving member of the HHCA who has spent much time promoting, educating and sponsoring new members to the HHCA.

There is a form sent to each member in your annual meeting announcement that enables you to choose a member of the association or to choose yourself for this award. The criteria is that you have promoted the Highland breed by either displaying Highlands at events, such as Scottish Festival, agricultural events, farm tours and Highland Field Days, written and published Highland articles that have been in farm circulations, or handed out flyers about Highlands at events; spoke about Highlands at any type of these events, shown Highlands at the fair or held some kind

of information forum on Highland cattle. You can have done any or all of these or not any of this but have promoted Highlands in another way, BUT if you don't inform us, either by written information or pictures, there is no way we know about your accomplishments.

If you don't let us know what you do with promotion and education, we don't know what you do, so please contact us about yourself or some other Highland breeder you know. Any information you give people on Highland cattle, certainly qualifies you as a candidate. Please fill out the form and return it so we have some applicants to choose from. The Recognition Plaque will be awarded at the Annual Meeting Banquet.

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smarter than we think they are sometimes, and they figure out what's going on."

However, producers who use a grazing system can "forward graze" the calves, erecting the fence so the calves are on the better grass ahead of their mothers. It can be important to get the calves to good quality grass, preferable with some legumes to add protein and energy.

"They do have a nutritional requirement that's pretty high because they're growing, they're putting on muscle and bone," Funk said. "They're not getting a whole lot from their mothers at the end of lactation, but they're getting a little bit...you want to make sure

they've got a little bit extra out there, versus just our standard fescue pastures."

Fenceline weaning doesn't fit every operation. "It just kind of depends on how heavily people stock their farms," she said. "If they don't have room for it, there's no way they're going to do it."

But Extension discourages "truck weaning," picking the animals up in the middle of the pasture and hauling them to the sale barn. "We want to make sure they're pre-conditioned," said Funk, "so that they're going to eat when they go to their new homes. But I really wish more people would try fenceline weaning. done so well for them.

The Hay Baby

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Phyllis Campbell at 417.582.0100 or by email at phylliscampbell114@aol.com

Welcome New Members!

Arkansas

John & Amy Rambadt, Gravette; *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble*

Iowa

Lynn Padellford, Pleasantville
Devan Rhum, Mount Pleasant
Sarah & Thomas Scott, Waverly

Kansas

Randy Winchester, Wellsville, KS; *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble*

Nebraska

Steven & Kimberly Crook, Crab Orchard, NE

Missouri

David Affholder, Mansfield
John & Connie Howe, Huntsville; *sponsored by Gloria Asmussen*
Terry & Linda Bandle, Mansfield; *sponsored by Ron & Phyllis Campbell*
Roger & Martha Thayer, Cabool; *sponsored by Steve Stewart*
Bill Dickey & Ladena Bough, Stockton; *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble*
Brent Coursey, La Plata; *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble*
John Nichols, Springfield
Roy & Ruth Wood, Ash Grove, MO; *sponsored by Gary Cheek*
Gary & Stella Maddox, Springfield; *sponsored by Gary Cheek*

Mel & Kathy Kean, Aurora

Debbie & Johnathan McMahon, Springfield; *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble*

Mississippi

Michael P. Mills, Oxford

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Bryan and Paulette Hulet, Haworth; *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble*

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Texas

Bryan S. Mills, Paradise; *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble*

West Virginia

Gary J. Smith Parkersburg

Wisconsin

Blue Storm & Skye Zithus, Richland Center; *sponsored by Greg & Sybil Roberts*

A sincere Thank You to all the HHCA members who sponsored some of these new members. When they sold their Highland cattle, they sponsored the buyer a HHCA membership. It is only \$15 to sponsor a new member. Sponsorship gives the new members information and networking within the Association as well as many other benefits. Think about sponsorship when you sell your Highlands.

Highland Cattle Forum

Just a reminder that an HHCA member has created a Internet-based discussion forum. There have been some good topics discussed on the forum. This is a good venue for newbies and seasoned Highland breeders to help answer some of the questions that newbies may have. Help one another network and get to know other Highland breeders.

Check out the forum at <http://highland.mysticplains.org>

There is also a link on the HHCA webpage if you forget the address.
Check it out and get in on some of the discussions.

Board of Directors and Officers' Contact Information

Board of Directors

Year	Name	Location
2011	Linda Betterton	Choctaw, OK
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Check out the HHCA website!

www.heartlandhighlandcattleassociation.org

On the site you will find updated classified ads, membership page of new members, and the Events page with the Calendar of Events and pictures from the events.

Remember, the website receives over 50,000 hits per month. This is a great place to get and give information about your farm and Highland cattle.

Use your FREE ad and get exposure and results.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Please remit **\$20.00** yearly (12 month) membership dues to:

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Tunas, MO 65764

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Secretary, Gloria Asmussen at 417.345.0575

HHCA Recipes

Highland Beef Soup – Prepared and Submitted by T. Thompson

Since winter is upon us, a comforting dish like soup is always welcome. What better way to chase away the winter blahs.

Ingredients:

1-2 pounds soup bones

1 pound stew meat

6 cups water- you may want to add a couple chicken bullion cubes to the water

2-4 cups assorted vegetables of your liking

1 can (any size) chopped tomatoes

Turn oven to 400 degrees. Spray a heavy roasting pan or lightly grease with oil. Put soup bones in the roasting pan. Bake one hour. Please do not omit this step. By roasting the soup bones you will get a much richer broth for your soup.

While the bones are roasting, dice up the stew meat and put in slow cooker. Add 5 cups of water and the chicken bullion cube(s). Turn slow cooker to high.

Clean and dice your vegetables. I like onions, celery, potatoes, carrots, and maybe some corn.

After your bones finish roasting, Carefully put them into the slow cooker. Place roasting pan on stove with burner on medium to low. Add about a cup of water to de-glaze the pan, make sure you stir to loosen the bits stuck to the pan.

Pour all that into slow cooker. Add a couple beef bullion cubes if you don't think your broth is strong enough. Cook on high for about 3-4 hours. Turn down to low and add the vegetables. After an hour, add the can of tomatoes. The soup is ready when it comes back up to a simmer.

You can do this in a heavy pot on the stove as well.

For flu and cold protection, add a couple cloves of crushed garlic when you add the vegetables.

A cup of uncooked barley can also be added to give it a real stick to your ribs feel. Add it when you add the vegetables.

Play around with the vegetables you use as well as the amount of bullion you add.

Have fun cooking and make memories with your families.

I have always told my kids to do a recipe by the book the first few times that way you know how the dish should be. But after awhile, play around with it. Change things up. Turn kitchen time into fun time and you will begin to love to cook.

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There will need to be more information provided on facilities to hold an auction at. Auction barns verses fairgrounds; cost factors for facilities, auctioneers, sponsorships and advertising. If any member is interested in being on the committee to help or has ideas, please contact Gary Trevorrow or Jerry Delcour. To offset cost, anyone who could volunteer auctioneering services, clerking the sale and working at the auction would greatly help and be appreciated. This would help defray some of the expenses. Also advertising your business card or farm ad would be a help defray the cost of printing the auction for sale catalog. Promotion and advertising this event will be the major cost. We will need to sell ads to Highland

breeders and any companies we as breeders do business with. So your help will be greatly appreciated. The decision for holding an auction sponsored by the HHCA will be made at the March Board of Directors meeting which will be held following the annual meeting. For more information and input, please contact Gary Trevorrow 417.464.8856 or email at gdtrevorrow@yahoo.com or Jerry Delcour at 417.369.0505 or email at hairycows@centurytel.net This is another way the HHCA networks with its members to help promote and market your Highland cattle.

HHCA Classified Ads

CHECK OUT ALL THE ADS ON THE HHCA WEBSITE AT www.heartlandhighlandcattleassociation.org

Use your FREE membership ad on the website classified section and in the newsletter, your ad will pay off.

There are always SOLD signs being placed on ads.

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Kansas

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