

FLORIDA CRACKER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

2016 NEWSLETTER (SEPTEMBER, 2016)

Greetings! The Annual Florida Cracker Cattle Association GATHERIN' and SALE will be held on OCTOBER 14-15, 2016 at the Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center near Brooksville, Florida.

> This will be our 29th Annual Gatherin' <

We are looking forward to another great Gatherin' and Sale. You can help by letting others know about these events! We will begin with a FCCA Board of Directors Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon. The Friday evening program will include the Association's Annual Business Meeting, election of officers and review of FCCA activities. We will have a presentation about the revisions to the FCCA Breed Registry! The Friday evening auction will be held again this year so bring some exciting "Cracker stuff" to contribute. The Horse and Cattle Sale on Saturday will be our 27th Annual FCCA Sale of these "living links" to Florida's rich agricultural heritage. Information is posted on the FCCA website FloridaCrackerCattle.org.

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact Stephen Monroe immediately. See additional details on the following pages. We have had strong demand for these cattle at the past few sales. It is every consignor's responsibility to recruit potential buyers and bring them to the sale. Developing our markets should be a priority for all.

The new FCCA Scholarship represents an opportunity to help some student be successful - the application is on our website! Please participate in the Florida Ranch Rodeo Finals & Cowboy Heritage Festival on September 30 & October 1, 2016 in Kissimmee. We will host the Iris Wall Cow Camp there to visit with folks about our culture. The Crescent J Ranch will provide Florida Cracker cattle for the "Team Doctoring" event each night of the rodeo. FCCA members need to be there to help promote Cracker Cattle and Cracker Horses. Learn more at www.floridacattlemen.org and plan on attending.

The Florida Cracker Horse Association always has a lot of good stuff going on to promote Florida' Heritage Horse Breed. Contact James Levy, FCHA Executive Director at 850-575-6522 or check their web page at www.floridacrackerhorses.com.

HELP! If you've helped with registration, sale ring, sale clerks, signs, logistics etc., we thank you and ask that you please jump in and help again this year. ... We need some new volunteers too! This is your Gatherin' so please get involved. We look forward to another great Cracker Gatherin'. . . let us hear from you! We want to plan for you and we need your involvement to make this event successful. Please RSVP - don't assume that we know your plans - call or e-mail Stephen at 850-410-0944 or Stephen.Monroe@FreshFromFlorida.com.

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Forest Service are our hosts at the Withlacoochee Training Center and P.K. Ranch. We enjoy these facilities and we appreciate Commissioner Putnam's support in the preservation of Cracker Cattle and Cracker Horses.

Our Best Regards,

Frank

Frank Batey,
President

Stephen

Stephen Monroe,
Executive Director

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OCTOBER 14-15, 2016

MEETING DETAILS

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RSVP:

You must RSVP so that we can prepare meals lodging, etc. **Registration (pay on site) is \$30.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (12 and under) and includes meals Friday evening through Saturday at noon. Lodging in the Withlacoochee Training Center is \$30.00 per adult.** It has been the tradition of the Association that lodging for children (16 and under) is complimentary. The facilities are dormitory style but we manage to accommodate most requests. Please call so that we can prepare for you. PLEASE CALL STEPHEN to let him know your plans. Don't assume that we know what your plans are – call. Many enjoy the camaraderie of stayin' in the forest. There are hotels in the area for the "city-slickers."

Consignments to the Sale:

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact Stephen immediately. The sale catalog deadline is October 5. All stock must be registered or eligible for registration if weanlings. Registration paperwork must be presented to sale staff before cattle are unloaded! Consignments should be top quality representatives of the breed and in good condition. We will only accept a limited number of bulls. The Association reserves the right to screen all consignments. Animals that are in poor body condition or extremely small relative to their age will not be accepted. Each animal must have a current health certificate from a licensed veterinarian. Top cattle and horses will be consigned from Department of Agriculture herds as the Department's goal is to share this stock with others who are interested in the preservation efforts. We will have consignments from State Herds and expect consignments from private producers as well. Seller commission is 10% of gross sale. The No-Sale fee is \$20.00. Full commission is mandatory on any animals which are sold outside the ring.

Dues:

The FCCA Secretary reports that many of us need to pay our annual membership dues. Please settle up with Burgess Jackson. Dues are \$25.00 per year unless you are a lifetime member. Only paid members are eligible to vote on association matters.

Locations:

Friday - Withlacoochee Forest Training Center: The Center is located at 24059 Childs Road, Brooksville, Florida 34461. This is North of Brooksville off of US 41 about 1.5 miles north of the intersection of US 41 and SR 476.

Saturday – P. K. Ranch Sale Site: Located at 8132 Croom Rital Road, Brooksville, Florida at P. K. Ranch. Directions: Go East 1 mile from Interstate 75 on Hwy 50, then 2 miles north on Croom Rital Road. The P. K. Ranch entrance is on the East side of the road and will be marked.

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2016 GATHERIN' & SALE

AGENDA

FRIDAY, October 14, 2016 at the Withlacoochee Training Center

- 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Receiving of Sale Cattle, Horses and Paperwork**
- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration and time for visiting in the camp**
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. FCCA Board of Directors Meeting - (Training Building)**
- 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Supper - (Dining Hall)**
- 7:00 - 7:10 p.m. FCCA Gatherin' & Opening Remarks - (Training Building)**
- 7:10 - 7:40 p.m. FCCA General Session & Business Meeting**
- 7:40 - 7:45 p.m. FCCA Scholarship Applications are Being Accepted**
- 7:45 - 8:00 p.m. Member Reports on Success with Cracker Cattle**
- 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Preview of the New FCCA Cattle Registry Software
Dr. Tommy Perkins, CEO, Genetic Performance Solutions**
- 8:30 p.m. until Auction of "Cracker Stuff"**
- Even Later Gatherin' Around the Campfire**

SATURDAY, October 15, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Withlacoochee Training Center Dining Hall**

Move to P. K. Ranch

- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Viewing of the Horses and Cattle for Sale**
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration of buyers and membership sign-up**
- 11:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Ceremony**
- 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. SALE of Cracker Horses**
- 12:00 noon Lunch at P. K. Ranch Sale Site**
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. SALE of Cracker Cattle**
- Immediately Following the Sale Settling With Sale Clerk**

Sellers and Buyers exchange Registration Paperwork prior to load-out of Sale Stock

The Association recognizes the significant contributions to the preservation of Florida Cracker Cattle and Florida Cracker Horses by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in hosting these annual events each year. We appreciate the support of Commissioner Putnam and his capable staff in the preservation of Florida's heritage breed livestock.