

FLORIDA CRACKER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

2021 NEWSLETTER (AUGUST, 2021)

Greetings! The Florida Cracker Cattle Association's annual GATHERIN' and SALE will be held on OCTOBER 2, 2021, at the SUMTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET, 524 N. Market Blvd, Webster, Florida.

> This will be our 34th Annual Gatherin' <

Your Board of Directors decided to forgo the Friday evening Gatherin' this year due to the unfortunate spread and threat of the COVID virus. We will greatly miss the fun, fellowship and programs of the Gatherin' at Withlacoochee and look forward to doing that again next year.

We were Blessed to have a great Sale at the Sumter County Livestock Market last year and they have agreed to host our Sale this year on Saturday October 2, 2021. We will have the FCCA Annual Business Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Sumter Market Sales Area. The meeting will include a review of FCCA activities, a treasurers report and an election of officers. Get ready to discuss Heritage Breed Accreditation by the Livestock Conservancy. There will be time to look at the consignments and have lunch before the Sale starts at 1:00 p.m.

We will have missed our "Cracker Stuff" fundraiser auction on Friday night for two years. This helps to fund our FCCA Mike Duane Memorial Scholarship Program. So we are looking for a couple of "big ticket" items to start the sale off with to help our Scholarship Program. Please think hard on this. . . . Thanks to all who have donated generously in the past! The FCCA Scholarship represents an opportunity to help students be successful. The application is on our website!

The Horse and Cattle Sale on Saturday will be our 32nd Annual FCCA Sale of these "living links" to Florida's rich agricultural heritage. Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the Sale should contact the Sale Manager immediately. See additional details on the following page and request a Consignment Form. We have had strong demand for these horses and 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 every breeder.

Don't forget about the Florida Ranch Rodeo Finals & Cowboy Heritage Festival on September 24-25, 2021, in Kissimmee. This is a great event and good venue to promote Cracker Cattle and Cracker Horses. Learn more at www.floridacattlemen.org and plan on attending.

HELP! The Sumter Market location is different and we need your help. We need volunteers to assist with logistics, signage, consignment paperwork, directing public to the buyer registration office, and running the membership and promotions table. This is your Gatherin' so please get involved. Although this is a one-day event, it is helpful if you will let us know your plans. Please call us or e-mail us at fcca@crackercattle.org.

Our Best Regards,

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OCTOBER 2, 2021 - MEETING DETAILS

NOTES:

Buyers Registration will be in the office of the Sumter Livestock Market – please go there to register and get your sale catalog. Plan your day so that you have plenty of time to see the stock, participate in the meeting enjoy the restaurant and be ready to bid on animals at 1:00 pm.

Consignments to the Sale:

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact the Sale Manager asap. The sale catalog deadline is September 22, 2021. All stock must be registered or eligible for registration if weanlings. Registration paperwork for each animal must be presented to sale staff before cattle or horses are unloaded! Horses must have proof of a current and negative “Coggins” test. 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 condition or extremely small, relative to their age, will not be accepted. Seller commission is 10% of gross sale. Commission is due on all animals that are sold, whether inside or outside of the sales ring. The “No-Sale” fee is \$20.

Membership Dues:

The FCCA Secretary reports that many of us need to pay our annual membership dues. Please settle up with Angela Pridgen. Dues are \$25 per year unless you are a one of our beloved Lifetime Members. Only paid members are eligible to vote on association matters.

Location: Sumter County Livestock Market: 524 N. Market Blvd, Webster, Florida

AGENDA

FRIDAY, October 2, 2020

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Delivery of Sale Animals to the Sumter County Livestock Market
(A \$50 per hour fee may be imposed if Market Staff have to wait for late arrivals).

SATURDAY, October 3, 2020

8:00 – 11:59 a.m. Viewing of Sale Animals

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Buyer Registration in Market Office
(Office Entrance is on the West Side of the Building)

10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting in the Sales Arena

1:00 p.m. SALE of Cracker Horses and Cattle

Immediately Following the Sale Settling with Sale Clerk
Sellers and Buyers Exchange Registration Paperwork prior to Load-Out of Sale Stock

Many Thanks to Mark Harrell, the Sumter County Livestock Market Board of Directors and the Market Staff for hosting the Florida Cracker Cattle Association this year!

FYI – The Sumter County Farmers Produce Market will be operating on that date (same location) and there is a fabulous “country cooking” restaurant on site!



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