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GCCPA Spotlight: 2010 Board of Directors

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Holly, along with her husband Todd and son Ky, own and operate Oleo Ranch in Bowman, GA.

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Carolyn, along with her husband David and daughters Katie and Taylor, own and operate Gazda Cattle Company in Athens, GA.

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Carole and her parents, along with Kyle Knight, own and operate Visionary Cattle in Statesboro, GA.

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Director (09'-11') – Patrick Steed

Patrick, with wife Melanie and daughters Logan and Baylee Jo, own and operate P & M Cattle in Carrollton, GA.

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Doug, along with father David and brother Derek, own and operate Turnpike Creek Farm in Milan, GA.

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Kurt and wife Christy own and operate Blackwood Mountain Farm in Calhoun, GA.

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GCCPA Spotlight: 2010 Board of Directors (cont.)



Director (10'-12') – Sondra Moser
Sondra, along with husband Tim and children Morgan and Clint, own and operate Moser Cattle Company in Meansville, GA.
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Director (10'-12') – Jason Thrasher
Jason and wife Casey own and operate Thrasher Cattle Company in Chester, GA.
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Director (10'-12') – Lee Crump
Lee, along with his brother Paul and daughter Lea, own and operate Crump Club Calves in Calhoun, GA.
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Attention GCCPA Exhibitors!

Please note an important change to the GCCPA point system rules. An official copy of the results of the show must be turned in to GCCPA for the points from that show to be counted. Refer to Rule #2 of the 2010 -2011 Point System Rules : Exhibitors may earn points at any show, regardless of the location (including out of state shows) or size of the show. However, for points to be counted the show must be certified and results from that show submitted to GCCPA.

Semen Tank Care

Reprinted from The Showbarn: Winter 2003

With breeding season beginning right around the corner, semen tank management is essential to keeping your inventory secure. Here are guidelines from Select Sires for maintaining your tank and ensuring semen quality:

- Store your tank on a wooden pallet or board to avoid direct contact with concrete. Keep the tank level and out of drafty areas. Increased air movement around the tank can increase nitrogen consumption and reduce holding time.
- Avoid moving your tank more than is absolutely necessary. If you must transport it, grasp the tank by both handles to maintain its upright position. When transporting a tank in a vehicle, place it on a rubber mat to help absorb road shock, and strap it down securely.
- To protect semen quality, keep canisters as low as possible in the neck of the tank while removing straws for thawing. Exposing frozen semen to warm air temperatures and then re-cooling damages sperm cells and can reduce fertility. A well-lighted area can help in reading bull numbers on cane tops. Also, a semen inventory card will help avoid exposure by allowing you to go directly to the appropriate canister without having to search the entire inventory.
- With proper maintenance, a semen tank should last for 10 years or longer. But as tanks get older, they do become less efficient at holding nitrogen and may need to be filled on a more frequent basis. Increased nitrogen consumption rate is an early sign that your tank is losing its vacuum. Check your tank often for signs of frosting and every other week for nitrogen consumption.

2010 GA National Fair**Top 5 Heifers**

- 1- Dillon Parker – Rabun Co FFA – Crossbred Champ
- 2- Anna Scott – Coffee Co FFA – Angus Champ
- 3- Kendall Bowman – Gordon Co 4-H – Crossbred Res Champ
- 4- Wyatt Chandler – Jackson Co 4-H – Commercial Champ
- 5- Blake Miller – Seminole Co 4-H - % Simm Champ

Top 5 Steers

- 1- Nicholas Mobley – Colquitt Co FFA – Crossbred Champ
- 2- Benjamin Hegwood – Colquitt Co FFA – Chi-Inf Champ
- 3- Taylor Gazda – Oconee Co 4-H – Crossbred Res Champ
- 4- Wyatt Chamdler – Jackson Co 4-H – Charolais Champ
- 5- Carson Goldman – Lincoln Co 4-H – Charolais Res Champ

2010 GNF Junior Invitational**Top 5 Heifers**

- 1- Wyatt Chandler – Jackson Co 4-H – Commercial Champ
- 2- Evan Royster – Barrow Co 4-H – British Champ
- 3- Austin Floyd – Hart Co FFA – Continental Champ
- 4- Brent Gentry – Perry High FFA – Commercial Res Champ
- 5- A. C. Talton – Perry High FFA – Commercial 3rd

Top 5 Steers

- 1- Wyatt Chandler – Jackson Co 4-H – Continental Champ
- 2- Brent Gentry – Perry High FFA – Crossbred Champ
- 3- Jonathan Mobley – Colquitt Co FFA – Crossbred Res Champ
- 4- Jonathan Mobley – Colquitt Co FFA – Continental Res Champ
- 5- Alicia Jones – Barrow Co 4-H – Continental 3rd

Letter from GCCPA Executive Secretary

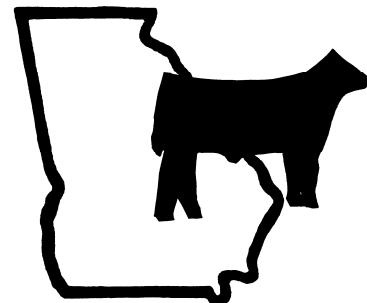
Greetings fellow GCCPA members! I hope that this letter finds each of you well. The thermostat has certainly dropped here in southeast Georgia and it is finally feeling like fall. Just wanted to mention a few items of note and some upcoming GCCPA events:

- I still have 2010-2011 GCCPA tags for sale! It's not too late – just remember that the tags have to be in the calf's ear to claim the points.
- GCCPA Apparel for sale – check website for listing!
- The **GCCPA Steer Show**, held in conjunction with the State 4-H and FFA Steer Show, is coming up. If you would like to help sponsor this event please contact me or Steer Show Chairman – Sondra Moser – moserlandscaping@gmail.com.
- Begin thinking about the *Club Calf Sale* – nomination info requests will go out in December along with membership renewals. Patrick Steed (patanmel@msn.com) will be serving as this year's Sale Chairman.
- Also we will begin putting the 2011 GCCPA Directory together after the first of the year – look for ad rates and info with the membership info next month!

GCCPA Apparel makes great Christmas Gifts!



I look forward to seeing you around the showbarns! - *Carole*



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Calendar of Events

- November 13 – Peach County Heifer and Steer Show – Perry, GA
- November 13 – UGA Cattlemen's Bulldawg Showdown – Athens, GA
- November 19-20 – Southern Classic Show – Perry, GA
- December 10-12 – Wiregrass Winter Classic – Nichols, GA
- December 11 – Elbert County Steer and Heifer Show – Elberton, GA
- December 12 – UGA Livestock Judging Jackpot – Athens, GA
- January 14-15 – Carroll County Young Farmers Show – Carrollton, GA
- January 22 – Screven County Moo-Moo Classic – Sylvania, GA
- February 16-19 – 4-H / FFA State Heifer and Steer Show – Perry, GA
- February 17 – GCCPA Steer Show

About Our Organization...

The overall objective of GCCPA is to enhance the Georgia Junior Livestock Program by providing special award programs to 4-H and FFA youth who exhibit GCCPA calves and to assist its membership in the production and marketing of genetically superior show cattle.

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