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July 22, 2019

Dear Blue Breeders,

What a crazy year this has been with spring flooding and summer record heat waves from Iowa to Texas. This has created many challenges for many of our breeders with crops, hay and now grain. Cattle prices have not been as good as we have seen in previous years and this always puts a struggle on selling breeding stock. I encourage everyone to fight the fight and keep your head high and continue to improve your cattle so that when the cattle prices return, and they will, you are in a good position to promote the American Blue Cattle.

Fall is always fun to spend time with kids and family showing cattle. This year there will be American Blue Cattle Shows at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, August 16-18, and also the National show at Tulsa Oklahoma, September 25-29. I encourage everyone that has the opportunity to attend and meet many good people and breeders that work hard to promote the cattle.

As we continue to grow the Association, please remember that I am always just a phone call away if you ever have ideas or suggestions that you are passionate about helping push our breed forward.

Sincerely,
Steve Dollarhide,
President

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American Blue Cattle

BREED: American Blue Cattle

COLOR: White, blue roan, or black.

ANCESTRY: The American Blue began as the Belgian Blue, which originated in central and upper Belgium when the local red-pied and black-pied cattle were crossed with Durham Shorthorn in the late 1800s. Some Charolais influence during the 19th century is also suggested.

HISTORY: Originally a dual purpose breed, beef production became the focus following World War II, when Europe's economy demanded increased beef quality and quantity. During the 1950s, the Belgian cattle underwent a selective genetic breeding and development program conducted by Professor Hanset at the AI Center in the Province of Liege. This program created their unusually heavy muscling.

The first Belgian Blues were imported to the United States in 1978. Today, American Blue Cattle are their own fullblood registered breed, independent from their Belgian relatives after years of

breeding for easier calving, lower birth weights, and improved structural soundness.

BREED CHARACTERISTICS: Large framed cattle with exceptional muscling due to an inactive myostatin gene, and therefore high-yielding carcasses. They are known for quiet temperament, early maturity, short gestation, hardy calves, adaptability, excellent feed conversion, and tender lean meat.

QUALITY AND YIELD: Yield mostly 1s, grade 80% Select due to lack of marbling, but tenderness overrides the lower grade in taste tests.

WEIGHT: Mature fullblood bulls can average up to 2750 lbs., and fullblood mature cows to 1650 lbs. Average birth-weight for fullblood Blues is 96.8 lbs. and 79.9 lbs. for a crossbreed.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND REGISTRY: The American Blue Cattle Association located in Nacogdoches, Texas. For more information: Visit the association website at www.americabluecattle.org or call 936-652-2550.

Feeding the Blues

The Blues are very unique. Feeding and breeding is the most important concept to keep in mind. From a birth of a full blood calf to raising the young stock is very important. The new born calf must have colostrum within the first few hours of life either from the mother or a commercial mix in a bottle.

As the calf is growing up feeding is important. Free choices of a 16% protein feed and good hay is essential. The normal formula is 3% of body weight would be required. When the calf is weaned, maintain the 3% of body weight rule up until the animal is 24 months of age.

Do not breed the full blood heifers until they are 24 months of age. Full blood bulls are not ready for breeding until they are 24 months of age. The full blood animals do not mature until they are 5 years of age. That is why most breeders breed the heifer to a small out cross such as angus for the first two

calves and then the third calf the cow will be 5 years old.

Feeding the mature animals is very important. Feeding silage or grain up until they are 4 months pregnant is alright. After 4 months only hay, grains and minerals are all you can feed the pregnant full blood. With this program you should avoid any calving difficulties unless a breech birth or a twisted leg. Selenium is important to maintain in their diets.

Half breeds and low percentage can be cared for like any other animal.

Knowing your genetics is extremely important in full bloods and high percentage animals. Make sure you use low birth weight bulls at all times. Some of the old genetics produce large calves so one must stay with proven genetics and low birth weight. There is always the possibility of a genetic mix up that could produce a larger calf.

2018 Premier Breeder - SRD American Blue Cattle



It was an exciting experience to win the 2018 Premier Breeder award at Tulsa in September 2018. SRD American Blue Cattle is owned and operated by

Steve Dollarhide and family from Harworth, OK. We have worked hard for many years to achieve quality cattle that can complement anyone's breeding program. The American Blue Cattle Association and its wonderful members have been a great organization to help raise our kids in and allow them to form excellent responsibility and work habits. In the process we have all formed many lifelong friendships. We have been in the Association since 2002 and I would like to thank everyone that has helped us through the years.

2018 Premier Bull - SRD Alex's Dagger Too ET



SR American Blue Cattle Farm was honored to have raised and shown the 2017 and 2018 Premier Bull, SRD Alex's Dagger Too ET. His sire is a British Blue bull named Balleygrange Alex. The dam is Blue Ice who has

produced many progeny and has always had her calves naturally. SRD Alex's Dagger Too ET is owned and shown by Steve Dollarhide along with his daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Derek Anderson.

2018 Premier Cow - BGB Starbuck



BGB Starbuck

BGB Starbuck is co-owned by Larry and Sandie Hull and Angie Barnes. She is shown by Angie Barnes. We are extremely honored to win the 2018 Premier Cow award. She is out of SRD Black Diamond and BGB Bonnie. We all would love to thank you for presenting this humbling and exciting achievement.



2019 Tulsa National American Blue Show

Tulsa State Fair Grounds

Arrival: May begin arrival Wednesday, Sept. 25, 8:00 am
Must be in place by Thursday, Sept. 26, 12:00 noon

Check In: Superintendent will check in cattle at stall areas

Show: Judging begins Friday, Sept. 27, 12:00 noon., in OK Ford Dealers Arena 1

Release: Will be Sunday September 29
Must be out by 8:00 pm

Entry Deadline: August 30, 2019. All entries must be submitted online at www.tulsastatefair.com

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Courtyard By Marriott Tulsa Central, 3340 S 79th E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74145, 918-660-0646. Please mention American Blue Cattle Association to get the special rate of \$ 85.00 per night plus tax. Breakfast is included. Reservation deadline is September 5th at which time rooms will be released and rooms will be on a first come first serve basis.

ANNUAL MEETING, BANQUET AND AUCTION:

The annual meeting, banquet and auction will be held at Oklahoma Joe's BBQ located at 6175 E 61st St. Meeting will begin at 5 pm.

BGB

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2018 National Show Results

2018 TULSA STATE FAIR SHOW RESULTS

STEERS

*Prospect Low % Steer: 1/2
Blood or Under 400-900 lbs.*

1. 2/S Bandit
Chris Sutton

GRAND CHAMPION

Prospect Low % Steer
2/s Bandit
Chris Sutton

*Prospect High % Steer: 1/2
Blood under 15/16 - 400-900
lbs.*

1. Chopper
James Allgood
1. BGB Twister
Lane Hull

GRAND CHAMPION

Prospect High % Steers
Chopper
James Allgood

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Prospect High % Steers
BGB Twister
Lane Hull

*Market High % Steers Over 1/2
Blood under 15/16 - Over 900
lbs.*

1. DMB Black Pepper
Mitchel Taake

FEMALES

*Halfblood Females - February
1, - May 31, 2017*

1. 2/S Black Velvet
Chris Sutton

*Halfblood Females -
October 1, 2015 - September 30,
2016*

1. 2/S Suade
Ashley Sutton

GRAND CHAMPION

Halfblood Female
2/S Suade
Ashley Sutton

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Halfblood Female
2/S Black Velvet
Chris Sutton

*High % Females -
February 1, 2018 & After*

1. SKSL IN CRISTAL I F
Steve Kinser
2. 2/S Bentley
Chris Sutton
3. 2/S Steel Grey Shelby
Ashley Sutton
4. EGKK P.S.P II
Wilber Kehrli

CHAMPION

High % Calf
SKSL IN CRISTAL I F
Steve Kinser

2018 National Show Results

RESERVE CHAMPION

High % Calf

2/S Bentley
Chris Sutton

High % Females -

February 1 - May 31, 2017.

1. 2/S Boo Raie Tay
Chris Sutton
2. 2/S Black Diamond
Chris Sutton

CHAMPION

High % Yearling Female

2/S Boo Raie Tay
Chris Sutton

RESERVE CHAMPION

High % Yearling Female

2/S Black Diamond
Chris Sutton

High % Females: Cow/Calf

1. EGKK Palmers Surprise
Factor
Chris Sutton
2. Ruby Red
Chris Sutton

CHAMPION

High % Cow/Calf Pair

EGKK Palmers Surprise Factor
Wilbur Kehrl

RESERVE CHAMPION

High % Cow/Calf Pair

Ruby Red
Chris Sutton

GRAND CHAMPION

High % Female

EGKK Palmers Surprise Factor
Wilbur Kehrl

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

High % Female

SKSL IN CRISTAL1 F
Steve Kinser

*Purebred/Fullblood Female –
February 1, 2018 & After*

1. SRD Black Moon Too
Steve Dollarhide
1. 2/S Mercedes
Chris Sutton

*Purebred/Fullblood Female –
October 1, 2017– January 31,
2018*

1. SRD Blue Ribbon Bear
Steve Dollarhide
2. EGKK Abby 8
Wilbur Kehrl
3. SRD Black Jubilee
Steve Dollarhide
4. SRD Black Bella
Steve Dollarhide
5. BGB Sissy
Lane Hull
6. BGB Abby
Lane Hull

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Calf

SRD Blue Ribbon Bear
Steve Dollarhide

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Calf

EGKK Abby 8
Wilbur Kehrl

2018 National Show Results

Purebred/Fullblood Female – June 1 – September 30, 2017

1. BGB Starbuck
Lane Hull
2. SRD Black Aurora Bear
Steve Dollarhide
3. BGB Lexi
Lane Hull

Purebred/Fullblood Females - February 1 - May 31, 2017

1. ECG Tempting Toots
Charlie Weddle
2. CCW Moon Beam Blue
Charlie Weddle

Purebred/Fullblood Female – October 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

1. BGB Raven
Lane Hull
2. BGB Bella
Mitchel Taake

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Female

- BGB Starbuck
Lane Hull

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Female

- SRD Blue Ribbon Bear
Steve Dollarhide

Purebred/Fullblood Female – October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016

1. BGB Rachels Cherry
Limeade
Lane Hull

2. SRD Newalla
Steve Dollarhide

CHAMPION

Purebred Senior Female

- BGB Rachels Cherry Limeade
Lane Hull

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred Senior Female

- SRD Newalla
Steve Dollarhide

GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female

- BGB Rachels Cherry Limeade
Lane Hull

BULLS

Halfblood Bulls –

February 1, 2018 and after

1. SRD Black Caboose
Steve Dollarhide
2. SKSL IN AZURE
Steve Kinser

CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull Calf

- SRD Black Caboose
Steve Dollarhide

RESERVE CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull Calf

- SKSL IN AZURE
Steve Kinser

GRAND CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull Calf

- SRD Black Caboose
Steve Dollarhide

2018 National Show Results

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull Calf

SKSL IN AZURE

Steve Kinser

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls –

February 1, 2018 & After

1. CCW Money Mad Max

Charles Weddle

Percentage Bulls –

February 1, 2018 and after

1. SKSL ROYAL LANCER

Steve Kinser

2. BGB Bingo

Lane Hull

3. 2/S Shades of Blue

Chris Sutton

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls –

October 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018

1. SRD Blue Chubs

Steve Dollarhide

2. BGB Toby

Lane Hull

3. BGBKash

Lane Hull

Percentage Bulls –

October 1, 2017 - January 31, 2016

1. Swagger Babe Stud

Wilbur Kehrl

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf

SRD Blue Chubs

Steve Dollarhide

CHAMPION

Percentage Bull Calf

Swagger Babe Stud

Wilbur Kehrl

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf

CCW Money Mad Max

Charles Weddle

RESERVE CHAMPION

Percentage Bull Calf

SKSL ROYAL LANCER

Steve Kinser

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls –

June 1 - September 30, 2017

1. BGB Jax

Lane Hull

GRAND CHAMPION

Percentage Bull

Swagger Babe Stud

Wilbur Kehrl

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls -

February 1 - May 31, 2017

1. EGKK Black Roe

Wilbur Kehrl

2. SRD Black Max

Steve Dollarhide

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Percentage Bull

SKSL ROYAL LANCER

Steve Kinser

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls -

October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017

1. SRD Alex's Dagger Too-ET

Steve Dollarhide

2018 National Show Results

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Bull

SRD Alex's Dagger Too-ET

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Bull

EGKK Black Roe
Wilbur Kehrli

GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull

SRD Alex's Dagger Too
Steve Dollarhide

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull

SRD Blue Chubs
Steve Dollarhide

Best Pair of Females

1. Lane Hull
2. Steve Dollarhide
3. Wilbur Kehrli
4. Chris Sutton
5. Chris Sutton

Best Pair of Bulls

1. Steve Dollarhide
2. Wilbur Kehrli

Get - Of - Sire

1. Alex's Dagger ET
Steve Dollarhide
2. BGB Rachels Cherry
Limeade
Lane Hull
3. 2/S Mercedes
Chris Sutton

Produce of Dam

1. BGB Rachels Cherry
Limeade
Lane Hull
2. 2/S Black Velvet
Chris Sutton
3. 2/S Boo Raie Tay
Chris Sutton

Best of 5 Head

1. EGKK Black Roe ET
Wilbur Kehrli
2. SRD Alex's Dagger Too ET
Steve Dollarhide
3. BGB Rachels Cherry
Limeade
Lane Hull
4. 2/S Black Diamond
Chris Sutton



2018 National Show Results



**2018 National Grand Champion Female
owned and shown by BGB Blues**



**2018 National Reserve
Grand Champion Female
owned and shown by BGB Blues**



**2018 National Grand Champion Bull
SRD Alex's Dagger Too
owned and shown by Steve Dollarhide**

Scenes from 2018 National Show



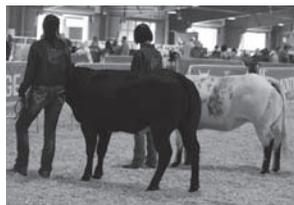
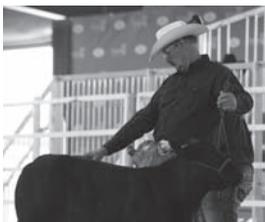
Scenes from 2018 National Show



Scenes from 2018 National Show



Scenes from 2018 National Show



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Judging Blue Cattle



Fullblooded Bull

Most of what we accept for conformation is the same with all beef breeds. Well set legs at the four corners, not too straight or cow hocked, not set too far behind the hips. Good, strong feet not turned out or in. Strong top line, deep ribbed, clean fronted without excess leather and exhibiting a proper amount of either femininity or masculinity. Mobility is important, an animal with good flexibility and ease of movement. We want animals that can travel and stay sound out in the pastures where they work.

Here are some traits that might be different with the conformation of Blues. First, a thinner hide is desirable. They are usually lighter boned than on some breeds. This is in part due to Blues goal for higher yielding cattle. A long sloped hip with higher tail set is also acceptable. This is partially due to our extra muscling and has been argued by some to increased calving ease by opening up the calving canal. Nature seems to have selected for a sloped hip if we look at deer and elk.



Fullblooded Bull



Fullblooded Cow

The main difference is on the Blue's emphasis on muscle and yield. One of the first differences is circles. With many breeds, the terms straight, flat and square are common. Blue's muscle is always round and to add more muscle and yield we try to stack more muscle on the sides of the animal. If standing front or behind the animal, it is desirable to see circles. When looking at the hips, they should be rounded to express the extra muscle that is stacked on the sides of the hips. The ribs will also be rounded. The shoulders also should be well muscled and rounded with extra muscle stacked on the sides. The loin eye is thought to be a strong determinant of muscle, so the top should be long and thick. It can round above the backbone so that if you cup your hand and put your fingers on the backbone, the loin will fill your hand. The loin eye should stay thick all the way until it disappears between the shoulder blades. Another indication of muscle is the budding muscle at the top of the hip. When viewed from the side, the round should show good muscle definition and the muscle should fill out even the bottom of the round, a circle.

Bulls must be functional breeders. It seems that high muscle has a tendency to cause smaller testicles. So slightly smaller testicles can be expected but must still have enough size to be productive.

With many breeds judging is only visual, with Blues it should be hands on.

American Blue Cattle



Full blood bull



Full blood female



100% American Blue cow and calf



Full blood bull



100% American Blue cow



100% American Blue cow and calf



100% American Blue cow and calf



Full blood female

American Blue Cattle



Full blood calves



Halfblood calves



Full blood calf



Halfblood calf



Halfblood bull



Halfblood bull



Halfblood bull



Halfblood calf

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Sample of Our 2019 Blue Sale Prospects...

Abby II
with 2019
star bull
calf



Champion high percentage cow
Tulsa 2018 with 2019 heifer calf



2019
Panda
full blood
heifer



2019 Prospects



Full blood bull
prospect for your
consideration

Raising American Blue Cattle

Recommendations from experienced breeders:

American Blue bulls for a cross breeding program we do not recommend putting them on first calf heifers. If you are using them on mature animals you will not see any calving issues that you would not see in any other breed. We have many breeders crossing the blues on multiple other breeds with no calving issues other than the obvious ie: foot back, head turned back, backwards, etc. Raising fullblood American Blue cattle tends to take a little more time and care. Below is some of the things that have been successful for experienced breeders.

- Blues need to be on a continuous very good mineral program that is high in selenium and other minerals if your area has poor nutrients.
- Young females need good nutrition (14-16% protein) for the season until they are old enough to breed for their first calf to a low birth weight breed. Some breeders breed them their first 2 calves to a low birth weight breed.
- Breed heifers at approximately 20 - 24mths depending on their size.
- When heifers have bred, taper them off of feed on to grass, hay, and minerals watching body condition until they calf.
- Good body condition is very important and if you need to feed mature animals make sure they are not fed past the 4th month of pregnancy. An occasional hand full just to keep them coming up maybe. If you have extremely high protein grass it may be necessary to dry lot them and feed hay and mineral the last 3 months, again watching their condition. (Don't try and starve)
- When calves are born under stress you can give Multi-Min 90 or just selenium, and banamine, and LA 200 or Nuflur as a precaution for under developed lungs. For buckling legs give added vitamin A & D.
- When calf is born, make sure the calf gets either mother's milk or commercial colostrum with in the first couple of hours, even if you have to give it in a bottle.
- Most breeders feel it is important to feed calves as they are growing to make them reach their full potential.
- Bulls usually are not mature enough to breed until they are approximately 24 months old. American Blue animals do not mature until they are 5 years of age.
- Knowing your genetics is extremely important in full bloods and high percentage animals. Some of the old genetics can produce large calves so one must be selective for low birth weight bulls in their breeding. There is always the possibility of a genetic mix up that could produce a larger calf.
- Household sugar can be used to reduce swelling if a calf has a thick tongue.
- Get heifers or cows back on protein as soon as possible after calving to help with breed back time. Some also give cows a Multi Min 90 shot to help with vitamins and minerals.

2018 Jr. High Point Exhibitor



Congratulations to our 2018 Jr. High Point Champion Lane Hull.

Lane Hull is the son of Larry and Sandie Hull of Ardmore, Okla.

Lane is currently attending Murray State College aspiring to complete his Associates degree, while balancing

a part time job. Afterwards transferring to UCO to further his education towards law enforcement. Lane is extremely grateful for the American Blue Cattle Association for its comradery, sportsmanship, and warm friendships made along the way.

Breeding Up To Fullblood Status

In order to breed up to Fullblood status here are the requirements:

Fullblood bulls are those that are 96% American Blue and above and will be recorded as Fullblood.

Fullblood Females are those that are 93% American Blue and above and will be recorded as Fullblood.

To be recorded as fullblood the grade up animals must be DNA tested to have two copies of the myostatin gene. If the animal has only one copy they remain in the purebred status.

Purebred Bulls are those that are 15/16 or 93.75% up to 96% American Blue.

Purebred Females are those that are 7/8 or 87.5% up to 93% American Blue.

All Fullblood and Purebred cattle must be DNA tested. If the fullbloods are parent verified from birth by DNA testing, they will have an elite status. Those cattle that are bred up to fullblood status must have all generations of the American Blue lineage verified and have a parent verified status. All purebred cattle with parent and previous generations of American Blue testing will have the status of "Parent Verified".

Percentage animals must be registered in order to be shown, but it is up to the breeder if they want to DNA test these animals or opt out of the DNA testing on any percentage animal up to purebred status.

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American Blue Beef

Healthy & Flavorful

The final judgment as to the success of a beef breed lies in the hands of you, the consumer. Today's beef consumer is more health conscious than ever before and is increasingly educated about the food and beef industry. American Blue Beef purebred meats have been repeatedly shown to contain less fat, less calories, and less cholesterol than skinless baked chicken breast, while still maintaining all the high nutritional elements for which beef is renowned.

The same genetic trait that results in a healthy meat item also creates a tender, moist, flavorful product as well. A cross-section of American Blue meat will contain more and shorter muscle fibers than traditional beef. This sig-

nificantly contributes to meat tenderness. Since there is minimal fat content, American Blue beef has greater moisture content. These two items together help establish a base for an exceptionally flavorful product.

Beef up your herd with American Blue Cattle the terminal sire of choice for commercial and dairy herds. Blue Cattle are bred for high yield lean meat with less fat and cholesterol than chicken. Their docile temperament makes them an excellent choice for club calves.

Membership Benefits

As a member of the American Blue Cattle organization, the following are some of the many services and programs we offer members.

- Complete Registry
- Youth Program
- Scholarship Program
- State Affiliates
- Listing in the Membership Directory
- Internet Advertisement in the Membership Directory
- Link your site to ABCA
- Listing on the ABCA Website Members Directory
- Free Newsletter and Classified Ads
- Breeder Referrals
- Parent Verification & DNA Testing
- Internet Updates
- Advertising on the Internet
- International Recognition and ABCA is a member of the American Blue International (BBI) Association



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American Blue Cattle
Application For Membership

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Fax 936.569.6641
info@americanbluecattle.org

Applicant Name: _____

Ranch Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Residence Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web Site: _____

Signature Of Applicant: _____

Membership Choices

Please Choose One + RANCH REGISTRATION if you would like to register cattle

- _____ Lifetime Membership \$2,500.00 (No Annual Fees)
- _____ Active Membership \$60.00 (Owner of Cattle - Voting Privileges)
- _____ Junior Membership \$35.00 (Must Be Under 21)
Birth date Required for Junior Membership
- _____ Ranch Registration \$25.00 (**One Time Fee** – for members wishing to register cattle)
Include 3 Choices for Ranch Prefix (3-4 letters)

Remittance of \$ _____ is enclosed for Membership fee and/or Ranch Registration.
(** New members, please remember to include the **Ranch Registration** fee if you wish to register cattle.)

Return Completed Form and Payment to:

American Blue Cattle
Pam Lee
P.O. Box 633404
Nacogdoches, TX 75963

Application will not be processed until full payment is received.

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ABCA American Blues Junior Awards

ABCA has developed an awards program for it's Junior exhibitors. The purpose of this program is to encourage development of our Junior cattlemen and women and to promote the American Blue breed.

To be eligible for the program the youth should not have reached his/her 21st birthday.

Awards will be given for the top Junior and the Reserve Junior. To be awarded the honor of top Junior, the young man or woman must be a Junior member of ABCA and accumulate points on the following scales. Open show sanctioned for youth points is: Tulsa State Fair - National Show. Cattle must be family or farm owned for at least 30 days prior to the show. Entry must be in juniors' name to qualify for class and overall points.

Showmanship points are only earned at sanctioned shows.

National Show Class Placings

- 30 points 1st Place
- 25 points 2nd Place
- 20 points 3rd Place
- 15 points 4th Place
- 10 points 5th Place
- Additional 30

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- Additional 20
points Overall
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Champion

Showmanship

- 25 points 1st Place
- 20 points 2nd Place
- 15 points 3rd Place
- 10 points 4th Place
- 5 points 5th Place

All other shows, including **county fairs, state fairs, 4-H & FFA, Expos and Open Show Class Placings:**

- 20 points 1st Place
- 15 points 2nd Place
- 10 points 3rd Place
- 5 points 4th Place
- 3 points 5th Place
- Additional 20
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Rate of Gain

- 20 points 1st Place
- 15 points 2nd Place
- 10 points 3rd Place
- 5 points 4th Place
- 3 points 5th Place

Presentations

Any display or speech (at least 10 minutes in length) that promotes the Blue breed.

- 1-10 people 20 points
- 11-50 people 30 points
- 51+ people 40 points

Presentations must be verified in writing by person in charge of event such as FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader. Displays/presentations points can only be earned at one event at each fair.

Points are accumulated beginning in January and must be turned into the ABCA office by December 15.

Juniors may show any number of head at each show but points will only accumulate for four head.

Verification

To receive points the junior exhibitor must submit verification in the form of show results signed by the show superintendent or show results intended for public knowledge such as photos or articles in the media.

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