



# The Branding Iron

**NETLA** NORTHEAST TEXAS  
LONGHORN ASSOCIATION

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Dear NETLA Members

Hoping that May finds you warm and energetic. It has been a long cold winter and we are finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully, your calves are hitting the ground and thriving with this warm weather. Pastures are starting to green up so the cows are happy meandering around the pasture, finding the green grass. This edition of the branding iron has a lot of exciting things for the next few months. It also has highlights on last month's youth activities. Included is information on the requirements for the sale animals along with an agenda for the sale. Also included are the new forms for the two day show and new futurity info.

Remember if you have any suggestions, ideas for events, fundraisers or would like to help at any of the existing events please see one of the board of directors. We would love the help along with new ideas for other events.

Hope to see you at the events.

Jodi King

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## Membership Notice

There are a number of members that have not paid their membership dues this year. Remember NETLA membership runs for the calendar year. If you have not paid your dues, there is a membership form enclosed, along with information on where to send it. We are trying to start up a new system where we will start sending invoices as reminders. If you are not sure if you paid or not, please contact June Cohron. You may receive this Branding Iron, even if you have not paid membership. This is a complementary edition in order to get information out to our members.

## NETLA Committees

**Show Committee:** Lizz Huntzberry

**Youth Committee:** Renee Shifflett

**Ways and Means Committee:** Jodi King and Rebecca Scott

**Sale Committee:** Jodi King and Lizz Huntzberry

**Futurity Committee:** June Cohron

**Promotional Committee:** Samantha King

## 2018 Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Shows and Events

NETLA Sale: June 2, 2018. New and exciting things coming to the sale. Increased advertising, discounted rates for animals, incentives for buyers.

NETLA Qualifying Shows – 2 shows in 2 days

June 23 & 24, 2018 Frederick Fairgrounds, 797 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD

- Youth shows Saturday and Sunday 9am – judges pending
- Haltered and open shows Saturday and Sunday following the youth show
- Saturday's judge – Mike Tomey, Sunday's judge Larry Smith
- Potluck dinner Saturday night following the show and before the futurity

Show entry forms and show rules will be included in the next Branding Iron and available on the [NETLALonghorns.org](http://NETLALonghorns.org) website.

Washington County Show: July 14, 2018, Boonsboro, MD - Starts promptly at 9AM in Boonsboro, MD. The judge for this show will be Keith Berkley. Online registration opens up on June 3 and runs until midnight June 24th. All animals need to have RFID ear tags. Contact for the show is Jeff Wiles or Dwayne Dinsmore at 240-329-8885.

WV State Fair: August 12, 2018, Lewisburg, WV

Montgomery County Fair: August 18, 2018, Gaithersburg, MD

Frederick Co Fair: September 22, 2018. Frederick Fairgrounds (changed back to original weekend)

York Fair: September 16, 2018, York Fairgrounds York PA

ITLA Convention: October 24-27, 2018, Chisholm Trail Expo Center, Enid, OK

November 17 NETLA Annual Banquet. This will be the annual meeting as well.

## Board Meeting Dates

Please get any concerns to your board member before the meeting. June 22, 2018: 7PM at the Frederick Fairgrounds, September 21, 2018: 7 PM at the Frederick Fairgrounds and November 17, 2018 at our annual banquet. This will be the annual meeting as well.

## FORMS

### Included in this issue:

Membership 2018

June 23 & 24 NETLA Qualifying Show Entry Form

June 23 & 24 NETLA Qualifying Show Information

2018 Futurity

## RFID Reminder

PLEASE NOTE ALL MD SHOWS AND FAIRS WILL NEED TO HAVE THE NEW RFID IDENTIFICATION EAR TAGS. THESE WILL NEED TO BE ORDERED AND IT WILL NORMALLY TAKE AT LEAST 10 DAYS TO GET PREMISE ID AND THEN THE EAR TAGS ORDERED AND SHIPPED. MAKE SURE YOU PLAN ACCORDINGLY. THERE IS A LIST OF WHO TO CONTACT AS WELL AS HOW TO GET THEM INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING. (See Specifics in this issue)

## NETLA 2-Day Show and Futurity June 23 & 24, 2018

This year in the two day show we have two great judges: Mike Tomey and Joel Dickinson. We also have new futurity rules and format. There will be a bull futurity and heifer futurity. This futurity will be a one day futurity so it will not be in conjunction with the Frederick Fair. One great bonus for this futurity is that it is one of the qualifying futurities for the ITLA All Star Futurity in OK. If your animal gets first or second it is eligible for the All Star one in the fall.

In this newsletter I have included the entry form for the show, futurity and sponsorship. Get those entries in since the deadline is coming up soon. Youth will be have a bake sale, soda and chip sale.

## NETLA Sale June2, 2018

Remember the NETLA sale is coming up June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There have been a number of people asking about the requirements for cattle in the sale. All sale animals need to be TB tested and Brucellosis tested. They also need to have either metal ear tags or RFID ear tags. They need to have health papers from your vet within 30 days of the sale. They also need to have the registration papers in order for us to transfer ownership. Make sure you plan on coming to the sale to get some great animals. Cattle arrive at the sale June 1<sup>st</sup> and preview of the cattle is either Friday night or Saturday before noon. Remember dinner by Bud is on Friday night after 6:30pm. So come hungry. It is also an opportunity to ask questions about the cattle from the owner. There will also be a silent auction during the sale to benefit NETLA, make sure you bring your items.

## NETLA Youth

The NETLA youth had a great time at the Cherry Blossom Sale. They worked the food stand and raised over \$ 700. We want to thank everyone who donated food, supplies and their time. John and Kenzie did a great job running the stand. All the other youth helped in the background and they did a great job. This was the first time we tried something like this and it was a success. We had plenty of food and once we figured out the breaker situation everything ran very smoothly!

### NETLA YOUTH DONATION:

The NETLA Youth want to THANK Todd and Rozi Spaid for their generous donation of a great young herd sire. Information on the bull is below. Make sure you come to the sale in order to get a great chance at this bull. Remember the easiest way to improve your herd is by the bull, not by a cow. This bull can easily improve confirmation and horn growth in your herd.

TH Mr. Bombastic

DOB: September 5, 2016

This is one awesome little guy, with a disposition that is second to none. His sire Hubbells Rio Dynamite is a 3 time Horn Showcase Bronze winner, who is working magic on our herd. His Dam is the over 80 " ttt twisty horned SH Sundance Bunny. She's an easy keeper that raises beautiful healthy calves.

This is a donation lot for the NETLA Youth Foundation. For you chance to own this bull, come out to the NETLA sale at Four States Livestock Auction in Hagerstown, Maryland on June 2, 2018. This guy will be ready to go to work. If you like what you see, show up at the NETLA sale, help support a great cause and pick up your next herd sire!





# RFID

There is a new requirement for RFID tags for all cattle at all Maryland shows

Annapolis, MD- The Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Program has issued a policy that all cattle and swine shown at Maryland exhibitions must have an official USDA approved Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) ear tag for 2017 and beyond.

**Who needs RFID tags for 2017?** All exhibitors of cattle and swine in Maryland including both open class and 4H exhibitors.

**How do I get official RFID Tags?** After obtaining a Premise Identification Number (PIN), a list of available official USDA approved RFID tags manufacturers can be obtained from this USDA website:

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT\\_device\\_ain.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf)

**How do I get a premise identification number (PIN)?** You may request a Premises Identification Number (PIN) with our Premises Registration Form. Your premises identification number will arrive on a card in the mail 7-10 days after we receive the Premises Registration Form. Call 410-841-5810 with any questions.

**How do exhibitors get official RFID ear tags?** Two ways: 1. Veterinarians can tag animals when they perform the required health inspection prior to exhibition. 2. Exhibitors wishing to obtain their own premises tags may do so by obtaining a Premises Identification Number (PIN) and then purchasing RFID tags from an approved USDA distributor.

**Can producers give out their own tags to other producers?** No... Because of animal disease traceability purposes, any official USDA RFID ear tags assigned to a specific PIN cannot be given to other producers. Producers are responsible to insert in their cattle and swine only the RFID ear tags designated for their PIN alone and no other.

**Who should tag exhibition livestock?** It is best that livestock be tagged at the farm of origin. Having an official RFID tag in place before exhibition is the exhibitor's responsibility. A veterinarian may apply official tags to cattle and swine while performing a health inspection or the exhibitor may purchase official RFID tags and apply them. Be sure to keep records of tags applied.

**What if an animal already has an official tag but not a RFID official tag?** It is unlawful to remove an official identification tag. If an animal does not have an RFID ear tag, the animal can be "double" tagged with a RFID ear tag. This is an allowable upgrade.

**What if tags fall out or get lost?** If it becomes necessary to retag an animal with a new official RFID ear tag (assigned to that premise), every effort should be made to correlate the new official RFID number with the previous official number. A record of this change should be kept on file by the exhibitor. Also, the official RFID ear tag number must correlate to the official identification listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) as recorded by a veterinarian.

**Will animals without RFID tags be rejected?** The 2017 Maryland Fairs and Shows Policy require RFID ear tags for cattle and swine at Maryland exhibitions. 2017 will be a transitional year. Leniency may be afforded at the discretion of each of the exhibition. It is strongly recommended to avoid any inconvenience by having proper ID and paperwork. No exceptions will be made beyond the 2017 season.

From the UMD Extension service.

## 2018 NETLA (Northeast Texas Longhorn Association) Membership Application

All memberships are good for 1 year and run on the calendar year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: (youth members only) \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Active Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Membership (own their own cattle) **FREE** - Includes ITLA membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Youth Membership (do not own cattle) - Includes ITLA membership

If you provided an email address, you will receive "The Branding Iron", the official newsletter of NETLA via email. If you DO NOT want to receive "The Branding Iron" via email and would like a copy mailed to you, please check here. \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark if you would like to be part of NETLA's membership directory. You may choose both options.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be part of the membership directory on NETLA's website at [www.netlalonghorns.net](http://www.netlalonghorns.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a part of the NETLA membership directory in paper form only.

**Active membership benefits include a reduced consignment fee at the NETLA Sale, reduced entry fees at the NETLA Qualifying shows, and a special meal price at the NETLA general membership meeting and awards banquet. Please join today! Membership renewals are encouraged to be paid by March 15, 2018.**

Please make check payable to NETLA and mail to:

June Cohron, NETLA Treasurer  
Rosemont Manor  
211 Draft Avenue  
Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

**Please indicate which shows  
you are entering:**

☐ Saturday, June 23, 2018

☐ Sunday, June 24, 2018

*If your entry is exactly the same  
for both days mark both boxes  
and just fill out 1 entry form.*

**Annual NETLA Qualifying Shows  
June 23 & 24, 2018  
Frederick Fairgrounds  
797 East Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD**

***Official NETLA/ITLA Entry Form***

Single entry form—please duplicate for additional entries.

**Attach one copy of animal's registration certificate  
(front and back) to each entry form.**

**Entries must be postmarked by  
June 9, 2018.**

*Entries postmarked or substituted  
after June 9 will not be printed in  
the program.*

**NO PENDING  
REGISTRATIONS!**

Show: ☐ Youth ☐ Haltered ☐ Non-Halterd (Check one only.)

Class number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal's ITLA Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Calf at side, date of birth (if applicable): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ sex of calf \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Females over 30 months of age must be shown with a calf at side or be palpated safe in calf by a veterinarian, with notation made on the health certificate.  
From Section 3 of the ITLA Standardized Rule Book.)

**Owner's Information**

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's ITLA number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner's name and ITLA number must match the copy of the registration form attached to this entry.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor's Information**

Name of Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor's ITLA number: \_\_\_\_\_

If youth exhibitor date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ All youth exhibitors are automatically entered in showmanship.

☐ Check here if entering Pee-Wee class for youth under the age of 7 as of January 1, 2018.

**Entry Fees - for each day**

Active NETLA members - **\$35** for each Haltered, Group, and Non-Halterd class entry per day. All other entries - **\$40**  
for each class per day. Please make checks payable to NETLA. Youth show entries are free.

**Waiver and Owner's Statement**

*I hereby make application to enter this class; subject to the provisions of the International Texas Longhorn Association and its recognized affiliates and the above named show for which I have made entry. I have read and agree to the rules and provisions contained therein as part of the agreement. I hereby release ITLA, its recognized affiliates, the show staff, and the show facility from any claim or loss to me, my animals or equipment and agree to indemnify and hold all parties harmless from any liability it may incur because of my action or inaction, either solely or with others, which result to an injury to any person, animal, or property.*

*I have entered the above named animal in its correct class. The age of the animal corresponds to the class in which I have entered said animal. I understand that failure to comply with these set parameters and falsifying animals ages will result in the National Show Committee recommending to the ITLA Board of Directors a course of action to be taken against the signatory of this document.*

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND OWNER'S STATEMENT AND I AGREE TO AND COMPLY  
WITH ALL PROVISIONS.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of owner or agent (This entry will not be accepted without signature.)

**Please send all entry forms with fees to: June Cohron, 211 Draft Avenue, Stuarts Draft, Virginia 24477  
postmarked before June 9, 2018.**

## 2018 NETLA Qualifying Shows

June 23 & 24, 2018

Frederick Fairgrounds    797 East Patrick Street    Frederick, MD

- Separate loose, haltered, and youth shows on Saturday and Sunday. Shows begin at 9am with pee-wee, youth, haltered, & loose.
- Saturday's judge is Mike Tomey. Sunday's judge is Joel Dickinson. The youth show judges will be announced ASAP via Facebook and on our website.
- Fairgrounds will be available after 1 on Friday, June 22. Cattle must be in place by 8am Saturday June 23 for Saturday's show or 8am Sunday June 24 if entered only on Sunday. Futurity cattle must be in place by 5pm Saturday evening if not entered in Saturday's show. Cattle are excused at the conclusion of each day's events.
- Entry fee - \$35 per class per day for active NETLA members. \$40 per class per day for all others. Registered cattle not registered with the ITLA must pay a one-time \$5 additional fee. Group classes are \$35/\$40 as designated above. Youth show entries are free.  
PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE SAME ANIMAL IN BOTH THE YOUTH AND THE OPEN SHOWS. (This would really help me!)
- Bring your own bedding, feed, and hay – straw and shavings OK but no chips. You are responsible for cleaning out your pens after the show.
- Health requirements – All cattle must be identified by a federally recognized ear tag. The state of Maryland now requires RFID tags so please make sure all newly placed tags are RFID tags. Brands and tattoos are not acceptable forms of identification for a certificate of veterinary inspection. Maryland residents must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within the last 60 days. All other states must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within the past 30 days. ALL exhibitors must also complete the LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS SELF-CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH and have it with your cattle at the show. This form is available at <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>
- Pregnancy palpation information must be listed on the veterinary health certificates. If this information is not on the health certificate it will not be included on the judge's cards.
- The name of the youth exhibitor must be listed on the youth show entry form. This exhibitor can be changed at the show if another eligible youth member wishes to show the entered animal.
- A copy of the registration paper must accompany each entry. Any animal entered without a registration number will forfeit any ITLA points awarded at these shows.
- Exhibitors are not required to be NETLA or ITLA members but membership is encouraged. Member-rate entry fees will be accepted if a NETLA membership application and dues are submitted with entry forms.
- As these shows are ITLA sanctioned shows, the rules and policies of the ITLA will be enforced.
- Contact June Cohron, 211 Draft Avenue, Stuarts Draft, VA, 540-290-2884, [drjune@comcast.net](mailto:drjune@comcast.net) for more information.

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How about sponsoring our show? Sponsorships range from \$25 per class, \$50 per division, and \$100 for All-Age Championships!!

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name for program \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this along with your check payable to NETLA to June Cohron, 211 Draft Ave., Stuarts Draft, VA 24477.



**2018 NETLA FUTURITY FOR HEIFERS AND BULLS**  
**June 23, 2018    7:00pm    Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, MD**

**Open to Junior and Senior heifers (born January 2016 through December 2017) and bulls born January 2016 through December 2017.**

**First and second place class winners are eligible for the ITLA International All Star Futurity Finals to be held at the ITLA Championship Show October 25-27, 2018.**

**Rules:**

1. Cattle must be registered with the ITLA or TLBAA.
2. Cattle must be entered in at least one of the NETLA qualifying shows June 23 or June 24 (at the same location) in their respective age classes in either the haltered or non-halter show.
3. Heifer classes will be divided into junior and senior divisions based on ITLA classifications. Within these divisions the heifers will be divided into groups (not to exceed 3) and these classes will be placed. The respective class winners will compete for an overall championship in each division.
4. Bull classes will be divided into groups (not to exceed 3.) These classes will be placed and the respective class winners will compete for an overall championship.
5. Bulls will be judged at halter. Heifers will be judged loose and grouped together for their classes.
6. Premiums will be paid through fourth place in each class. The top winning breeder/owner in each class will receive an additional premium. Each champion will receive an additional premium and a belt buckle (or similar prize.)
7. The judging panel will be made up of 3 individuals, of which at least 2 are ITLA approved judges. Judging will take place by ballot and the futurity committee will tally the results. Prior to judging one judge will be randomly selected as the tie-breaker in the event of a tie within the classes.
8. Entry fee is \$100 per animal. Entries must be postmarked by June 9, 2018. Late entries will be taken until 6:30pm June 23, 2018 at a fee of \$200 per animal.

**ENTRY FORM**

HEIFER ( )      BULL ( )

Name of Animal \_\_\_\_\_

Registration number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ ITLA number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry form, a copy of the registration (front and back), and entry fee to June Cohron, 211 Draft Avenue, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477. Entries must be postmarked by June 9, 2018 to avoid the late fee.

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