

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2012-2013

Since the 2012 IMZA Annual Meeting in April of 2012, the IMZA has sponsored four extremely successful Miniature Zebu Youth Shows. It is the opinion of the Show Committee that our youth are our future, and these shows are the best way to reach and support the next generation of Zebu enthusiasts.

The first show sponsored by the IMZA was the 2012 Spring Fling Cattle Show held May 5th and 6th, 2012, in Wauchula, Florida. All the major beef breeds were represented, and a total of over 200 animals were shown. IMZA-registered Miniature Zebras were well represented with over a dozen youths showing 17 Zebras. The zebu exhibitors included youths of ages up to 18 years of age, and exhibitors as young as three!! A great time was had by all the children, as well as a group of very proud parents, family, and friends. The Zebras were the hit of the show, with easily the most visitors. The banners and ribbons were provided by the IMZA, and the participants were extremely grateful for the IMZA support.

The Spring Fling Zebu show winners were:

Grand Champion Bull --Shown by Layton Pharis
Reserve Champion Bull -- Prince, shown by Lanson Collins
Grand Champion Heifer -- Bogle Farms Cinnamon, shown by Nicole Bogle
Reserve Champion Heifer -- Bogle Farms Lola, shown by Zachary Bogle

The weekend of December 7th and 8th, 2012, over 300 animals, representing all of the major beef breeds, were shown by over 75 youths at the Hardee County Preview Show in Wauchula, Florida. For the first time, and with the IMZA sponsorship, Miniature Zebras were included. Nineteen really nice Miniature Zebras were shown; and, as at every show, the Zebras were the hit of the show.

Several hundred exhibitors and spectators came by to look at the zebus, and you could not even begin to count the number of youths that said "I want to show a zebu next year!" These youth shows expose a whole new generation of open-minded cattle owners to the wonders of Miniature Zebu. Plus, a large number of parents were thinking how much easier and cheaper it would be to show miniatures! The support of the IMZA was announced twice during the show, and several different parents and children came by to personally convey their thanks.

These young showmen/show-women showed that Miniature Zebras are an outstanding alternative to the full sized breeds!

The Preview Show winners were:

Grand Champion Bull -- Homer, shown by Cade Crosby
Grand Champion Female -- FX Bar Belle, shown by Misty DeVane

Reserve Champion Bull -- Cheg's Little Bond, shown by Zachary Bogle
Reserve Champion Female -- HB, shown by Layton Pharis.

We enjoyed another very successful IMZA-sponsored show on January 4th and 5th, 2013, at the Florida Fat Steer Show, in Kissimmee, FL. There were about 200 animals there, dozens of youth exhibitors, and 14 IMZA-registered Miniature Zebus. The kids all had a great time; and, as always, the Zebus were the hit of the show, especially in the area where they were tied. Dozens of people came by just to look and pet them. Needless to say, the other breeds did not enjoy this type of attention!!

Here are the Florida Fat Steer show winners:

Grand Champion Bull -- Bogle Farms Prince shown by Lanson Collins
Reserve Champion Bull -- Cheg's Little Bond shown by Zachary Bogle
Grand Champion Female -- FX Bar Moo Moo shown by Siera Hylton
Reserve Champion Female -- Bogle Farms Cinnamon shown by Nicole Bogle

Next, the IMZA sponsored the Zebu show at the Polk County Youth Fair in Bartow, Florida, January 31, 2013. Again there were around 200 animals from all of the major beef breeds, but the 17 Zebus easily won the popularity contest. It was great publicity for the IMZA, and the children were truly appreciative.

The Polk County Youth Fair winners were:

Grand Champion Bull, Buddy, shown by Shelby Peterson
Reserve Champion Bull, FX Bar Doughboy, aka %Thorn,+shown by Megan Handley
Grand Champion Heifer, FX Bar Moo Moo, shown by Sierra Hylton
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, FX Bar Abigail, shown by Mike Devane

In addition, we are sponsoring the 2013 Spring Fling coming up May 4th and 5th, 2013, where we expect another great group of youth exhibitors.

All in all, 2012-2013 has been a great show year, and we are planning an even greater show year in 2013-2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bogle, Show Committee Chairman