

# Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association

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## Upcoming events:

- August 6—Homeplace Producers Feeder Calf Board Sale, Hattiesburg, MS
- August 10—Deep South Stocker Conference, Meridian, MS
- September 1—MBCIA Fall Bull Sale nomination deadline
- September—Beef Cattle Economics Learn at Lunch sessions
- October 25-27—Artificial Insemination School, Mississippi State, MS
- November 8—MBCIA Bull and Heifer Sale, Raymond, MS
- November 9—South MS Grazing School, Meadville, MS
- November 15—Improving Calf Value Short Course, Starkville, MS

## Deep South Stocker Conference Headed to Meridian

The fourth annual Deep South Stocker Conference returns to Mississippi. This year's conference will be held **Friday, August 10, 2012** at **Kahlmus Auditorium on Mississippi State University's Meridian campus**. This conference is a joint effort between the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Mississippi State University Extension Service, and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

This year's conference will be a one-day event with several educational seminars in the morning, and a tour of a stocker operator that afternoon. Registration for the conference will cost \$75/person or \$100/couple.

The seminars will cover pertinent topics in economics and marketing, forage management, health, and nutrition. In addition, a trade show will be held in conjunction with the conference to allow stocker operators the opportunity to network with industry professionals and to become aware of products and services that can improve their profitably and product quality.



The conference schedule is as follows:

7:30 a.m. Registration begins (trade show opens)

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction  
Dr. Brandi Karisch, MSU

9:15 a.m. Forage production systems for Southeastern stocker producers  
Dr. Vanessa Corriher, Texas A&M University

10:45 a.m. Break and visit trade show

11:15 a.m. By-product feeds for stocker production  
Dr. Darrell Rankins, Auburn University

12:00 p.m. Lunch and visit trade show

1:00 p.m. Update on parasite control  
Dr. James Hawkins, Parasitology Consultant

1:45 p.m. Health management of high risk calves  
Dr. Daniel Scruggs, Pfizer Animal Health

2:30 p.m. Price analysis of Mississippi feeder calf board sales  
Dr. John Michael Riley, MSU

3:15 p.m. Break and travel to Miller Cattle Company

3:45 p.m. Tour of Miller Cattle Company, Meridian, MS

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## Options for more information or to register:

- 1) Visit [deepsouthstocker.com](http://deepsouthstocker.com)
- 2) Contact Brandi Karisch at (662) 325-7465 or [bbourg@ads.msstate.edu](mailto:bbourg@ads.msstate.edu)

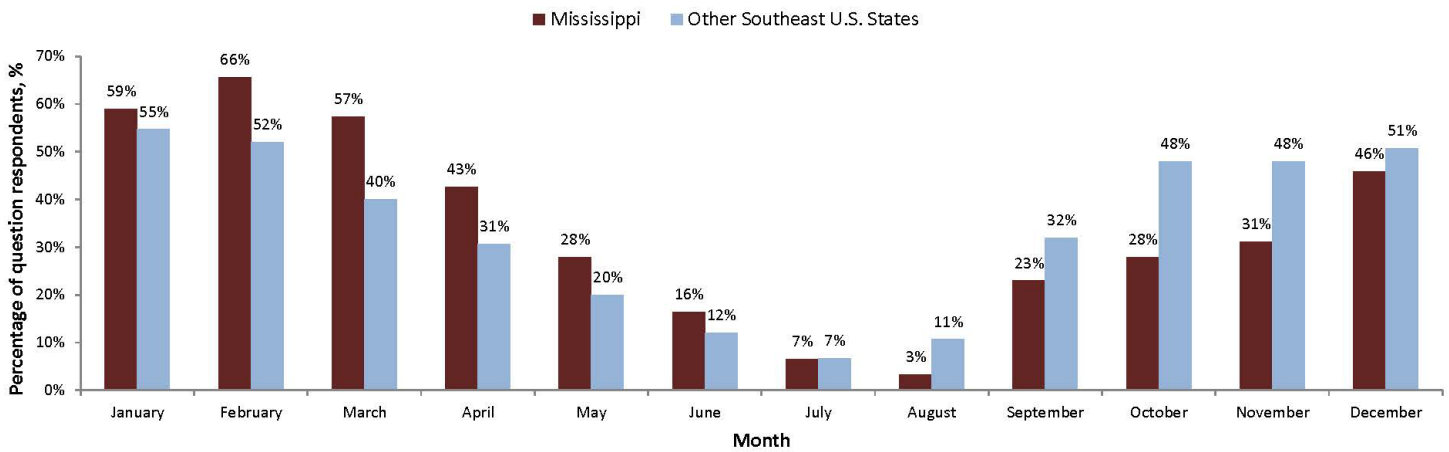


## Beef Cattle Producer Survey Results—Calving, Weights, Cow Cost

Last month's MBCIA newsletter presented recent Mississippi and Southeast U.S. beef cattle producer survey benchmark results. This month calving seasons, cattle weights, and annual cow cost from the survey are highlighted. Once again this give producers information with which to compare their own

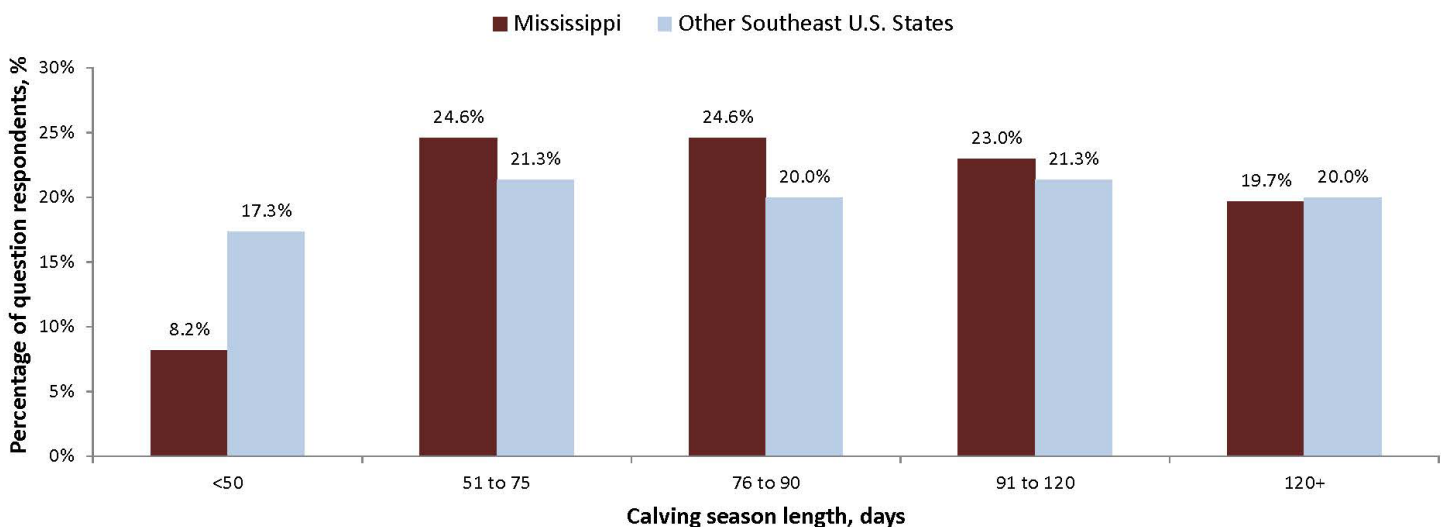
data to see how they compare to other beef producer in these areas. The other Southeastern U.S. states represented in the responses included Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

### In what months are calves born on your operation?



MS: n = 61; Other states: n = 75

### How many days does your operation's calving season last?



MS: n = 61; Other states: n = 75

### Producer Survey Results (Cont.)

What is the low, average, and high weaning weight in pounds for your male (bull or steer) calves?

#### Beef Cattle Producer Location

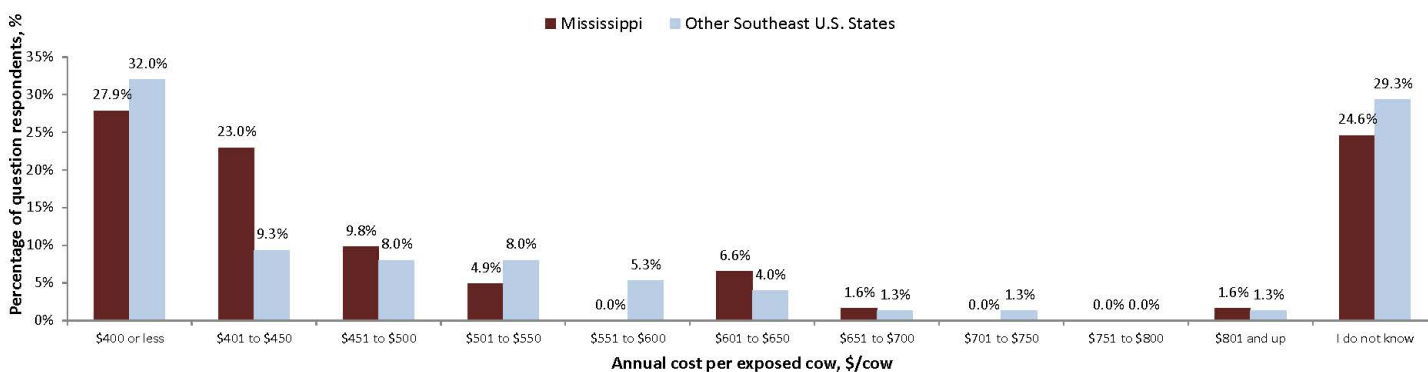
Male Calf Weaning Weight Category	Mississippi (n = 52)	Other Southeast U.S. states (n = 60)
Low	471.9	432.1
Average	566.5	535.3
High	665.7	658.0

What is the low, average, and high weight in pounds for your mature breeding females?

#### Beef Cattle Producer Location

Breeding Female Weight Category	Mississippi (n = 23)	Other Southeast U.S. states (n = 28)
Low	905.2	931.3
Average	1,092.4	1,116.3
High	1,293.5	1,299.1

#### What is your annual cost per exposed cow on your operation (including the cost of raising a calf)?



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## MBCIA Membership Application

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) Seedstock:  Commercial:

Cattle breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Completed applications and \$5 annual dues or \$100 life-time dues payable to Mississippi BCIA should be mailed to:*

*Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association  
Jane Parish, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist  
Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762*

## Farm Safety Videos Online for Mississippi Producers

The most common farm tractor- and machinery-related accidents result in approximately 20 fatalities annually in Mississippi. These include tractor rollover, improper use of a front loader, backwards flip of the tractor from hitching to other than the stationary drawbar, operators and extra riders being run over, and roadway collisions.

The Mississippi State University Extension Service produced and offers online video clips representing a composite summary of real situations that have occurred most frequently during the past 20 years as determined by analyzing death certificates from accidents. Drowning in a farm pond is also a leading cause of farm-related deaths in the state.

The following public service announcements are presented as brief videos on MSUCAres.com to emphasize the dangers associated with these hazards and suggest safer ways to accomplish the task at hand:

- Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning
- Danger! Farm machinery on roads
- If you smell propane gas
- Lighting gas grills
- Never store pesticides in unlabeled containers
- Transporting propane cylinders
- Water safety



- Tractor safety
  - ✓ Avoid rollovers
  - ✓ Falling objects
  - ✓ Front loaders
  - ✓ Lifting heavy loads
  - ✓ No extra riders
  - ✓ Proper hitching
  - ✓ Rollover protective structures
  - ✓ Safe turns

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