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Dear Cattle Breeders:

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write to you for your superior consignments for the February 10, 2018 Dixie National Simmental Sale to be held at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, Jackson Mississippi. This is a great opportunity to come and show at the Dixie National, plus market an animal in the Sale. This year we look for the Dixie National Sale to be bigger and better than ever. As everyone knows across the country, the Mississippi Simmental Simbrah Association hosted a great AJSA Jr. Nationals. Let's continue the enthusiasm onto the Dixie National Sale and Show.

REMEMBER THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE YOUR BREEDING PROGRAM AND TO PROMOTE SIMMENTAL, SIMBRAH, ANGUS, RED ANGUS CATTLE. SO OFFER YOUR BEST TO MAKE THE SALE A BIG SUCCESS!

We are looking for performance pedigreed cattle with good EPD's and exceptional quality. This sale will offer a variety of Simmental genetics including blacks and reds, fullbloods, purebred and percentage, plus all classes of livestock bred open, pairs embryos packages and bulls. A new continued feature to this year's sale is to add a few breeds, such as, Angus and Red Angus. Sale is open to Angus, show prospects or bred. If you consign percentage females, they must be registered with the ASA. If you choose to enter a bull you must also have at least one female in the sale. All bulls must be under thirty (12) months in age and must be semen tested at sixteen (16) months or older. All of the cattle must be halter broke. we welcome your participation.

Please log on the ASA website to view your sale animal regarding genetic status. If you have concerns, it is suggested that you contact ASA directly. Many of you have already ordered the kits or have hair sample sent in on these animals, but those of you that have not yet done this, please see the ASA website for list of labs. Also, do not forget to check for homozygous black if needed.

The following are deadline requirements for the upcoming Dixie National Sale:

- Nomination Forms – December 14, 2017 or earlier. Fill out all information on the forms, BW, WW, AI Sires and their ASA Numbers with your footnotes. Send a copy of the registration paper with each nomination forms (all animals must have registration papers prior to the sale). You can also go on-line to office@dpsalesllc.com and fill out nomination forms.
- Pictures for ads in the Register and the SimTalk are needed by Mid-November to December 1st.

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- Catalog Pictures – January 1, 2018. Email photographs with valid I.D. and Tattoo Numbers. Please send in good quality photographs. If you need assistance in getting good quality photos, contact Andy Higgins (615) 330-6446 or Chris Mitchell (334) 695-1371 or another professional to schedule a date.

Again please consign your best to make the Dixie National Sale Simmental Sale a positive and successful event. If possible, please call or email with your intent to be involved into the Mississippi Simmental Simbrah Association Sale. If questions regarding your consignments, please contact the following: Matt Karish Sale Chairmen @ (979) 249 6172, Johnie Davis Angus contact (662) 316-0771, Ron Ladner (662) 418 2624 Red Angus contact or Mississippi Simmental/Simbrah Association, Mark Smith, President (601) 310-6695. If you have any questions, please give me a call or email with your intent to be involved in the Dixie National Sale.

Cordially,

Doug Parke

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DIXIE NATIONAL/HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. **REQUIRED (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING): OFFICIAL PERMANENT I.D. TAG**

- Metal (Silver) Staple or “Brite” Tag: Your Veterinarian should have these tags accessible and can place them during the above mentioned testing. Please include the staple number on the Health Certificate,
- 840 Series RFID Tag: The 840 series button tags are approved. As mentioned with the other forms above, please include the tag number starting with 840 on the Health Certificate.

2. All sale animals should be tested for the following. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND A TB TEST TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO ALLOW THESE ANIMALS INTO THE STATE OF DISTINATION**

Brucellosis:

- From Certified Herd: Test NOT required, record herd number on CVI.
- Calfhooed vaccinated female: Less than 24 months, test NOT required. 24 months and older should be tested within 30 days.
- Bulls and non-vaccinated females 6 months and older, test REQUIRED within 30 days.

Tuberculosis:

- Accredited Herd: Test NOT required, record herd number on CVI.
- Bulls and Female cattle 6 months & older, test REQUIRED within 60 days.

Trichomoniasis (BULLS):

- Bulls under 12 months of age must have a “Virgin Bull Statement” or a negative Trich Test.
- Bulls 12 months of age or older must have a negative Trich Test.
- Bulls for exhibition only may enter without a Trich Test, but if sold while in the state must have a negative Trich Test.

3. All bulls must be semen tested and results stated on certificate and accompanied by a BSE.

4. All bred females must have confirmation of pregnancy on health certificate.

Other Reminders:

1. Please bring your registration papers.
2. If you have a video on your lot/lots, please email Holli the link or video.
3. *Genetic Monitoring:* Please log onto the ASA website to view your sale lots to make they are genetically clean. If you have concerns, it is suggested you contact ASA directly. Many of you have already ordered the kits or have hair sample sent in on these animals, but those of you that have not yet done this, please see the ASA website for list of labs.
4. All live lots Consignors need to contact Sales Management prior to leaving premises to inform locations and/or status of trucking on their consigning lots.
5. All embryo lots, the donor in question must have DNA/Parent verification on file.
6. All Sale cattle will be entered in the appropriate breed show at the Dixie National Show by DP Sales Management.