



BIF Slated for April

TAMU AgriLife Extension, ABBA to host BIF symposium in Houston April 18-20.

The 44th Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium & Annual Meeting will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Houston April 18-20. This year's meeting is hosted by Texas A&M University (TAMU) AgriLife Extension Animal Science and the American Brahman Breeders Association (ABBA). The symposium's focus is the impact of *Bos indicus* genetics in the United States.

On the evening of Wednesday, April 18, the symposium will host an opening night reception, which will include presentations regarding the influence of *Bos indicus* genetics in the global beef industry.

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The symposium will host a variety of events Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20, including presentations on current beef issues, committee sessions to discuss current research, an educational event hosted by the American Breeds Coalition, and announcements of the Seedstock and Commercial Producer Award nominees.

Registration for the event is \$185, but will increase to \$285 after March 25. Rooms can be reserved at a rate of \$119 per night. For hotel information and to book a room call 1-800-627-6461.

Those who choose to remain in Houston over the weekend have the choice of three optional bus tours to South Central and Gulf Coast ranches for an additional cost of \$50.

To register for the 2012 BIF meeting, go to <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and enter Beef Improvement.

For more information on the BIF symposium, contact Joe Paschal at 361-265-9203 or j-paschal@tamu.edu, or Chris Shivers at 713-349-0854 or chivers@brahman.org.

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