

NORTH EAST TEXAS HORSEMEN'S ASSN. OFFERS MARE AND STALLION SEMINAR WITH THEIR STALLION SERVICES AUCTION JANUARY 9, 2008.

January 19, 2008, the NETHA is teaming up with the TAMU-C Equine Sciences program, to offer a unique activity to the horse industry. The activity will offer both informal and formal educational presentations, 35 outstanding stallions for public auction, an opportunity for attendees to network with leading horse breeders in the state, plus to find out more about one of the fastest growing horse organizations in Texas, the NETHA. The activity will run from 8 am -5 pm and will be held at the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center.

The 8-10 am session is for informal education and viewing of the stallions in the stall area and/or in the riding arena.

TAMU-C Equine Sciences Program Booth- Here attendees can visit with faculty, staff and students; view horse research posters; pick up program materials to find out more about college activities for 2008; and get technical mare, foal and stallion publications.

Purina and Preifert Horse Weight Estimation Contest- Here pick up a body weight estimation card, and listen to the "Weight Estimation" presentation at 10:00 am. During the stallions viewing, from 10:30 am -2:00 pm, attendees will estimate the weight of the designated contest stallions. **The official weights of the stallions will be provided with electronic scales, courtesy of Preifert.** The three horsemen with the most accurate eye for weight will split ½ ton of horse feed, courtesy of **Purina.**

Progressive Feeds Hay Judging Contest- Attendees will pick up a hay evaluation card at the TAMU-C booth, listen to a 5 minute presentation on hay evaluation at the Progressive Booth, then will rank the four samples of hay with their estimation of the crude protein content of the hay. The horse person(s) with the most accurate eye for hay will receive Progressive Feed Products.

Goods and Services Trade Show- Other educational booth vendors will be NETHA, The Equine Co., Purina, Merial, Intervet, Farnam, plus Agr. Power/John Deere, Tractor Supply, Brian Tolliver Ford, and Lone Star Dodge, Forrest Photography, and Bioniche.

Mare and Stallion Seminar- From 10 -12 am, hear four presentations: "Update on the TAMU-C Equine Sciences Program"- Dr. David Crenshaw, "Estimation of Body Weight and Degree of Condition in Breeding Horses"- Dr. Doug Householder, and "Before During and After Parturition"- Dr. Jon Allen. The keynote presentation is "A Review of Technological Advances in Stallion Reproduction" by internationally known stallion reproductive specialist, Dr. Dickson Varner.

Lunch- Attendees will enjoy a traditional "Hopkins County Stew/Cornbread" meal, compliments of the NETHA; visit with speakers; and will continue to visit booths, the stallion alley and fill out their contest cards.

The Stallion Auction, at 2:00 pm, will be preceded by a 1:00 pm Parade of Auction Stallions. Here the stallions will come through the sales arena while a short resume is given on each horse. This will help buyers see all the stallions at one time. Door prizes will be given and contest winners will be announced during and at the conclusion of the sale.

Kim McCool, NETHA member, stallion owner, and Chair of this activity says: “We are thrilled to offer this activity and have had a huge response to point. To be able to go stallion shopping and make 35 ranch/farm visits in one stop; seeing the stallions, their offspring, and visiting with owners, etc. is an incredible service to mare owners”.

Dr. David Crenshaw, TAMU-C, NETHA Director and Co-Chair of the educational offerings says “ _____ ”

For more information go to www.NETHorsemen.com or call Kim McCool at 469.667.1030.