

PERFORMANCE BEEFMASTER GENETICS

from the Founding Family



BEEFMASTERS—BRED FOR PROFIT

The first American composite breed (a combination of three or more breeds), Beefmasters were developed by Tom Lasater beginning in 1931 in South Texas. In 1954, the USDA officially recognized the Beefmaster breed, and today



The L Bar brand has been used continuously in Texas and Mexico since 1892.

(Nelore from Brazil, Gir and Guzerat from India). Tom Lasater closed his herd in 1937, and no outside genetics have been introduced into the Foundation Herd since that time. Eighty years of intense selection for economically important traits has created a homozygous beef breed with the explosive growth potential of a hybrid.

Beefmaster Breeders United ranks among the largest breed registries in the U.S., with active associations in many countries worldwide.

Beefmasters are a composite breed made up of roughly one-half *Bos Taurus* (Hereford and Shorthorn) and one-half *Bos Indicus*



THE BEEFMASTER PHILOSOPHY

What most differentiates Beefmaster cattle from other breeds is the *Six Essentials*, the breed's founding selection principles: Disposition, Fertility, Weight, Conformation, Hardiness and Milk Production. In the beginning, Lasater made the difficult decision to select only for these six economic traits. Because of this systematic pursuit of the best possible genetics, Beefmasters today are known as "The Profit Breed."

THE BEEFMASTER ADVANTAGE

This revolutionary approach to selecting cattle gave rise to a breed that is unique in many ways. Recognized as a "Dual Purpose" breed, Beefmasters blend strong maternal traits with outstanding growth and carcass abilities. The females make excellent mothers, raising a heavy calf each year, and the bulls are aggressive breeders. The cattle are also heat, drought and insect-resistant. An intelligent, gentle breed, Beefmasters truly are a pleasure to work with.



LEADING THE BREED

At Isa Beefmasters, we take our “performance genetics” slogan very seriously. BBU gives its Pacesetter Award to females that calved before 30 months of age, had at least three consecutive calves with a weaning ratio of 1.05 or better and

116 PACESETTER AWARDS
THE PERFORMANCE HERD
59 EPD TRAIT LEADERS

maintained a calving interval of 375 days or less. This is a very difficult performance threshold, as

it requires both growth *and* fertility. With 116 nods and counting, Isa Beefmasters has earned more Pacesetter awards than any other breeding establishment.

For bulls, BBU publishes the trait leaders for each of the EPDs, and 59 L Bar bulls or sons of L Bar bulls rank as leaders in the Beefmaster breed. That is an unprecedented **40% of all trait leaders** for the entire breed—more than any other breeding establishment! We are also the proud producer of L Bar 5502, a rare three-time trait leader in the Beefmaster breed, topping the charts in weaning weight, yearling weight and scrotal circumference EPDs.

WHY BEEFMASTERS?

ON THE RANCH:

- Low-maintenance females
- Gentle, responsive handling
- Excellent mother cows
- Heat, disease and insect resistance
- Longevity
- Outstanding replacement heifers

IN THE BEEF CHAIN:

- High-growth yearlings
- Low death loss
- Incredible feed conversion
- Long-feed efficiency
- Grade and yield



L Bar En Fuego

THE SIX ESSENTIALS

Beefmasters are completely unique in that they are the only beef breed with a guiding production philosophy. These principles, called the *Six Essentials*, give us a road map by which to maximize production efficiency and improve our cattle. What are these six critical criteria?

DISPOSITION—Gentle cattle are cheaper to manage, sell better, breed better, feed better and calve easier. Cull any animal displaying problematic behavior and their offspring because this trait is highly heritable. As a result the herd will be gentle, intelligent and responsive.

FERTILITY—This is the first among equals and the cornerstone of the philosophy. Cows that do not have a calf every single year are not economically viable. The simple way to select for fertility is to have a defined breeding season.

WEIGHT—Of obvious importance—ranchers sell pounds. Weight is another highly heritable trait. We select for cattle that produce optimum (not necessarily maximum) weight with minimum input.

CONFORMATION—This refers to the visual appraisal of a live animal with regard to carcass merit. We select for long, trim, well-muscled bulls, and smooth, feminine cows that meet industry demands.

HARDINESS—It is critical for cattle to be able to thrive under tough conditions. Beefmasters excel in calf livability, low death loss, low maintenance costs and resistance to disease and parasites.

MILK PRODUCTION—Next to genetics, milk production is the single most important factor in weight. When asked to describe the perfect cow, Tom Lasater said, “She’ll look like a cow that gives a hell of a lot of milk.”



HIGH-PERFORMANCE BULLS & FEMALES

BULLS

Every October Isa Beefmasters hosts one of the largest production bull sales in the Beefmaster breed. The sale is held the first Saturday each October, and it features approximately 140 performance-tested Beefmaster bulls. These bulls represent the absolute top of our weaned calves, and not a single bull has been topped. You can buy the very best bulls we produce. Buyers from across the U.S., Mexico and Latin America attend this truly international event.

Principles developed by Tom Lasater beginning in the early 1930s guide our unique peer-group performance test. We adhere strictly to the *Six Essentials*—Disposition, Fertility, Weight, Conformation, Milk Production and Hardiness—and only the extreme best are sold.

At weaning, the bulls are brought together and spend the first eight months of the Isa Performance Test on native pasture, growing frame and developing the athleticism so critical to their performance in difficult environments.

We then finish with a 50-day Gain Test on a low-energy ration, which is scientifically designed to show genetic



differences in gainability without getting them too fat. Our customers from all parts of the world will tell you these bulls hold up when you get them home.

We provide a complete suite of data in the sale catalog, including all individual performance and performance EPDs, gain results on both grass and feed, as well as a complete carcass sonogram data.

FEMALES

The L Bar Beefmaster herd is unique in many ways. The cattle run on native pastures in a harsh, semi-desert environment in West Texas. They stay on a strict 60-day breeding season, beginning at 13 months. Any female not raising a quality calf each year is removed.

The cattle are line-bred, with all herd bulls chosen from the Isa Performance Test, the Foundation Herd or other herds closely associated with foundation genetics. We use multiple-sire herds to select for libido, and we DNA every calf to evaluate sire production.

Isa Beefmasters enjoys exceptional demand for our L Bar females, and we sell select females private-treaty each year, typically as bred females or open heifers.



Promoting Beefmasters Worldwide since 1964

BEEF PRODUCTION

How do Beefmasters perform in the feedlot and packinghouse? Very well. Our cattle will equal or surpass what any other breed can do.

We were the first beef cattle seedstock operation to own and sell large numbers of breed-specific calves on formula. In the 1990s, our feeding subsidiary NewBeef sold more than 10,000 Beefmaster steers to two feedlots in the Texas Panhandle. The cattle were purchased as calf crops from all over the U.S. and Mexico, and most were sold on formulas to Excel and IBP. The steers were fed a high-quality corn-based ration in two well-managed yards. Beefmasters are consistent and predictable, and the steers equaled or exceeded industry standards in every important category. See results below:

BEEFMASTER FEEDLOT PERFORMANCE

Steer calves fed	10,866	A large, representative sample
Avg. sale weight	1,130 lbs	Ideal carcass size
Avg. dry conversion	6.8	Very good on long-fed cattle
Avg. death loss	1.2%	Good on unpreconditioned calves
Avg. cost of gain	\$52.25	Below industry average
Avg. hot carcass yield	64.7%	1.2% above average
Avg. yield grade	2.6	Way above average on long-feds
Avg. percent culls	4.95%	Industry average 15%
Avg. percent standard	0.45%	Industry average 5%
Avg. percent choice	43.7%	Above average for calf-feds

TEXAS A&M BEEFMASTER SIRE STUDY

Additionally, we have participated in a number of sire-specific carcass evaluations. In a Texas A&M study, L Bar 5502 outperformed 11 other Beefmaster sires. He earned the top ranking in both weaning weight and hot carcass weight, as well as finishing in the top five in six other traits. L Bar 5502's commanding results show the payoff our operation's continued emphasis on carcass and feedlot genetic traits will have.



L Bar 5502 x Angus heifer

L BAR 5502 A&M CARCASS RESULTS

Trait	BW	WW	Carc. Wt.	Ribeye Area	Yield Grade	Marb. Score	Choice & Prime	YG 1&2	Shear Force
5502	75	528	689	12.21	2.93	Sm ⁵⁰	85.7%	50%	6.35
Ratio	1.07	1.09	1.08	1.06	1.09	1.85	1.18	0.97	1.01



IN THE ISA STORE

An all-time best-seller from Texas Western Press, *The Lasater Philosophy of Cattle Raising* is considered one of the preeminent books about cattle selection and livestock enterprise management. Styles come and go, but Tom Lasater's concepts endure, and this book sheds light on his trail-blazing concepts that have withstood the test of time.

In addition to this perennial seller, we feature many other titles, both in print and ebook formats—some in Spanish and even Russian, as well as t-shirts and caps so you can show off your Beefmaster pride. Visit isabeefmasters.com/store to see them all.



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FALL 2021

Promoting Beefmasters Worldwide since 1964

You are cordially invited to our 60th Beefmaster bull sale!

It was 84 years ago this year that Tom Lasater closed his herd to outside genetics, marking the birth of Beefmasters. We have made continual progress over those 84 years and across three generations of Lasaters, using the *Six Essentials* as our roadmap. The result is an incredibly functional, productive and efficient beef breed. We are honored that you have chosen to use Isa Beefmasters genetics in your own cow herd.



In addition, we once again welcome an excellent set of bulls from San Pedro Beefmasters in Carrizo Springs, Texas, and High Lonesome Ranch in Tennessee.

The bulls are currently in the final stages of our unique yearlong performance test, and they are truly outstanding. The enclosed catalog shows their pedigree and performance information to date, including grass gains, on-test weight, carcass sonogram and breed-leading EPDs.

You can also see their gains on grass. We run them very rough on pasture with minimal supplement, so they did it all on their own. This is the secret to how well Isa bulls hold up, no matter in what environment you ranch.

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Why Beefmasters?

BRINGING THE OPTIMUM BALANCE OF TRAITS THAT ACTUALLY MAKE YOU \$\$\$ IN RANCHING:

LOW MAINTENANCE	MAXIMUM HETEROSIS
GENTLE & RESPONSIVE	HIGH-GROWTH YEARLINGS
EXCELLENT MOTHERS	HEALTHY
HEAT & INSECT RESISTANT	INCREDIBLE FEED CONVERSION
LONGEVITY	LONG-FEED EFFICIENCY
OUTSTANDING REPLACEMENTS	GRADE & YIELD



**140 BEEFMASTER BULLS
TOUGH, ATHLETIC & READY
TRICH & FERTILITY-TESTED
BREED-LEADING EPDS
DNA PARENT VERIFIED
GAIN & CARCASS DATA
FREE DELIVERY AVAILABLE**



L Bar Momentum

Sire: L Bar 5150 Reg. #: C1095158 Dam: L Bar 3456
CE BW WW YW MILK MCE SC STAY AFC RFI REA MARB ST SM SFE
2.5 -1 28 50 7.5 2.9 1.0 2.1 -1 .17 .68 .22 \$90 \$17 \$14

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Deploy population genetics to improve herd

By Lorenzo Lasater, President


At Isa Beefmasters, we view females in the herd a little differently: Rather than being a collection of fancy individuals, they are integral parts of the larger factory. This well-oiled machine is comprised of high-performance cows, and we measure the overall performance of the factory by the strength of its calf crop.

We call this concept *population genetics*. Laurie Lasater best illustrates this concept in *The Lasater Philosophy of Cattle Raising*: "This program is called 'population genetics' and involves mass selection for clearly defined principles combined with rapid turnover in both males and females." (p. 62)

So how do we implement population genetics into our breeding strategy? First and most importantly, we breed in a short season to calve at 24 months and raise a calf every year from then on. No exceptions. Magically, it turns out that cattle born out of this program are efficient, fertile, growthy and productive. This simple and free tool can be applied to any cow herd, anywhere, to make huge genetic improvement. The ad (pictured at right) from July 1955's *The Cattleman* magazine shows how long these principles have been at work improving our gene pool.

The use of multiple-sire breeding differentiates Isa Beefmasters from our competitors' programs. This pressure is one of population genetics' secret weapons. Our commercial customers breed in large, multi-sire herds where bulls must fight for order and compete to breed. We believe that the extended use of single-sire breeding by the seedstock industry has decreased the libido in the bulls of many breeds. Our bulls compete to breed, ensuring high

1955 JULY *The Cattleman*



BEEFMASTERS
—bred for results

For nearly half a century, it has been the goal of the Lasater Ranch to produce beef animals of high commercial value at the lowest possible cost. All breeding and management practices have been aimed toward that goal. Six—and only six—characteristics are essential to produce good commercial beef animals. High, rigid standards were set for each of these essentials. Then it was simply a matter of ruthlessly culling all animals which failed to meet every one of these standards, allowing only the fit to survive and reproduce. BEEFMASTERS are the result. For the orderly marketing of this new breed, the unique BEEFMASTER Plan sales contract puts all buyers on an equal footing. Once again, the BEEFMASTER Plan contract covering the annual cow and calf sale at Matheson has been oversubscribed. We appreciate this continued support.

The Six Essentials of BEEFMASTER Breeding

1. Disposition
2. Fertility
3. Weight
4. Conformation
5. Hardiness
6. Milk production


Bulls for sale

We have a few BEEFMASTER bulls of serviceable age available at our Matheson ranch. Phone collect, Matheson 10, for an appointment to see them.

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libido is built into the gene pool. Also, while we carefully choose our herd sires, nature chooses the individual matings. We trust the factory and the system to produce the best product.

At Isa Beefmasters, we strongly believe that females should prove themselves as capable members of the herd before their genetics are replicated through embryo transfer beyond what

is naturally possible. We would never flush a heifer before she's raised a calf nor choose donors based solely on pedigree or phenotype. We always choose them through the lens of herd performance and the *Six Essentials*.

Sometimes in this system, you can lose remarkable individuals before you realize how incredible they are. That was the case of L Bar 1417. This cow quietly



L Bar 9496, who weaned this outstanding bull as her 10th calf this spring, exemplifies the fertility and longevity honed through years of population genetics.



L Bar 9496 birthed an incredible 11th healthy calf last month.

9496 continues to add her performance genes to the herd, as well as profit to our bottom line.



Semen bull L Bar 4519's dam, L Bar 1417, was a Pacesetter that also raised another herd sire plus two top embryo donors. The value of her genetic impact is immense.

raised four calves and achieved Pacesetter status, before coming up open and heading to town. She was long gone before we knew how outstanding those four calves were: she raised a herd bull, a semen bull (L Bar 4519), and two elite donor females (L Bar 6435 and L Bar 3404). It is virtually unheard of that a single female could have that much impact naturally.

L Bar 9496 is another hidden success story. I really hadn't given her much thought until weaning this past spring, when I took the picture above. That calf at side is her 10th in a row, starting at two years old. Look at her perfect udder! And she just had her 11th calf last month. All three daughters she raised are still in the herd, with the oldest being nine years old. This level of fertility and longevity perfectly

illustrates what I mean by being a productive member of the larger factory.

In summary, many of the policies of traditional registered herds run counter to the function and productivity of the cow herd. The emphasis on the individual loses sight of the power of the team. Using single-sire breeding removes critical breeding instincts and libido in bulls over time. Selecting individuals to artificially replicate based on pedigree or phenotype loses sight of their most important job—productivity in the herd.

For more than 80 years and many generations of cattle, we have strived to utilize population genetics to move the genetic needle for critical production traits. Come see for yourself the difference these traits can make in your own herd.



Welcome!

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Something new this year, we are also pleased to present the Isa Index or \$Isa. This exciting tool will help our customers fine-tune their bull selection. For more detailed information, please see page 8.

We will also have available a sortable Excel spreadsheet of the catalog available at www.isabeefmasters.com so you can dig into your advance research. We have also added age of dam to the catalog to help pinpoint those outliers for fertility and longevity.

We will again be providing video of the bulls about a week prior to the sale. The sale will also be broadcast on www.cattleinmotion.com, where you can watch the sale, bid and buy. So even if Covid impacts your ability to travel, you can still join us. The show must go on!

The bulls are backed by a complete health program. They will be Trich- and fertility-tested, and they are fully guaranteed. Volume purchases will be delivered for free anywhere in the US.

As always, if you can't make the sale, we'll be happy to pick out bulls to your specifications and deliver them to you, satisfaction guaranteed. Many customers over the years have remarked how pleased they are with the quality and consistency (not to mention ease!) of the bull packages we've sent them.

We look forward to seeing you in San Angelo on October 2nd!

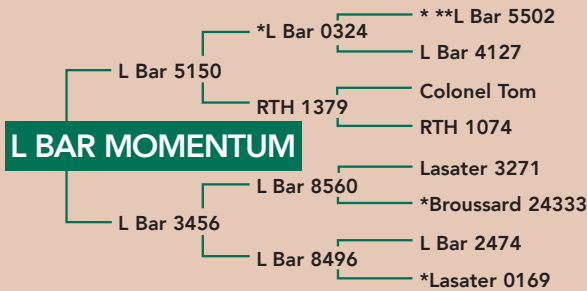
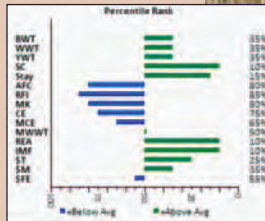
—Lorenzo Lasater

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See website for additional sires available. Quantity limited on some sires. AI certificates \$10. Freight additional.

Blending the great L Bar 5502 line with Lasater and Rancho Tres Hijos genetics, **L Bar Momentum** provides the perfect complementary cross for En Fuego genetics. He really rang the bell in our 2019 Performance Test and Sale: He was the second highest-selling bull overall, gained an amazing five pounds per day on the feed test and had one of the highest carcass scans in the offering. Momentum's EPDs are incredibly balanced—he's in the top 25% of the breed in five categories.



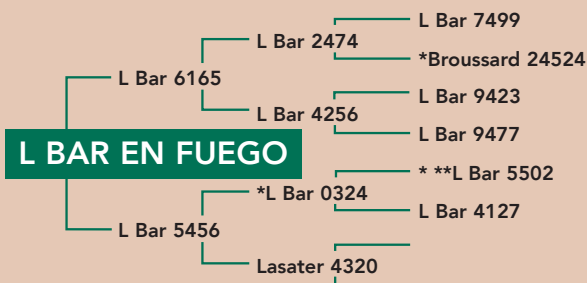
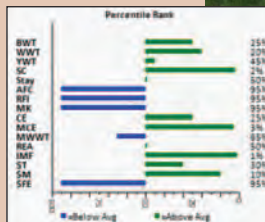
L BAR MOMENTUM



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Momentum2.5	-.1	28	50	7.5	2.9	1.0	2.1	-.1	.17	.68	.22	\$90	\$17	\$14	

Owned in partnership with HH Holmes Ranch

One of our best herd sires to come through in many years! **L Bar En Fuego** sired the high-selling bull in the Isa Bull Sale the last *three* years, including L Bar 4519 and L Bar Habanero. En Fuego is polled and has the ideal conformation, with a U 1/1 classification. A breed trait leader for SC, MCE and IMF, En Fuego produces wonderful females, like the two daughters featured in our donor section. He is straight-topped, perfectly muscled and clean underneath—he's got the look!



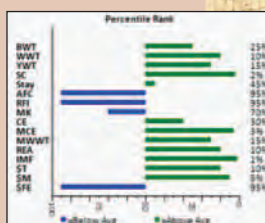
L BAR EN FUEGO



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EPD	CE	BW	WW	YW	MILK	MCE	SC	STAY	AFC	RFI	REA	MARB	\$T	\$M	\$FE
En Fuego	4.6	-.6	34	45	2.1	4.4	1.4	-1.1	1.4	.35	.24	.46	\$84	\$25	\$1

Owned by Willie Earl Washington

The high-selling bull in our 2016 sale, **L Bar 4519** has incredibly powerful and balanced EPDs, ranking in the top 15% of the breed in nine categories. He blends the En Fuego and Essential bloodlines, two of our top maternal sires ever. In the 2016 Performance Test, he was outstanding in every category, including one of the best carcass sonograms in the sale! He is moderate in size, powerful and very correct. We are very excited about the future of L Bar 4519!



L BAR 4519



DNA #9161327045 PV													Reg. # C1050589		
EPD	CE	BW	VW	YW	MILK	MCE	SC	STAY	AFC	RFI	REA	MARB	\$T	\$M	\$FE
4519	4.4	-.5	40	59	8.0	4.4	1.4	-.7	1.8	.39	.66	.48	\$109	\$30	\$6

Owned by Dalton Lowery

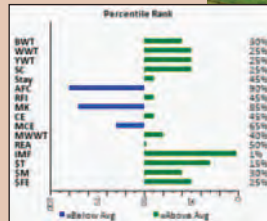
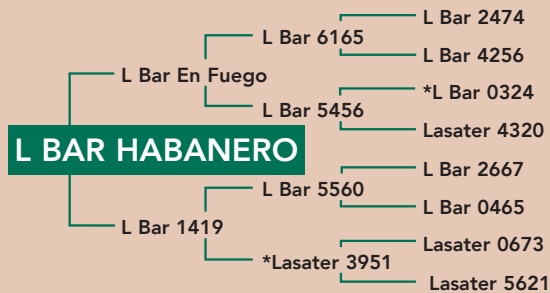
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Put some *heat* in your program with **L Bar Habanero**. This polled En Fuego son has been a top performer in every phase of his development, including earning one of the highest scores in both grass gains and marbling (IMF) in the Isa Performance Test. L Bar Habanero has excellent EPDs—ranking in the top 25% of the breed in six EPDs—and a perfect disposition. In the Maternal, Terminal and Feed Efficiency Profit indices, you'll see Habanero provides a huge boost!

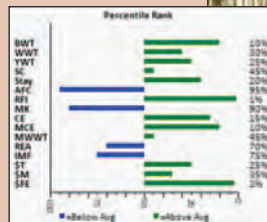
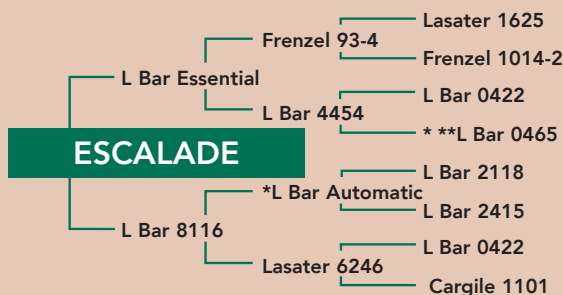


L BAR HABANERO

DNA #6315055299 PV						Classified U1/1					Reg. # C1038019				
EPD	CE	BW	WW	YW	MILK	MCE	SC	STAY	AFC	RFI	REA	MARB	\$T	\$M	\$FE
Habanero	3.7	-2	32	54	7.2	2.9	.7	-.7	.2	.01	.24	.41	\$99	\$18	\$18

Owned in partnership with Dwight Bertrand

If you are looking to scale new heights in performance, **Escalade** (2401) is your bull. He is the son of the great L Bar Essential and out of an L Bar Automatic Pacesetter daughter. Our top calving-ease sire, Escalade is top 15% for Calving Ease and top 10% for Birthweight EPDs, and his other EPDs are stellar, including being a leader in RFI and the new \$FE. Escalade is moderately framed and super clean with a straight top. On top of all that, he'll eat out of your hand.

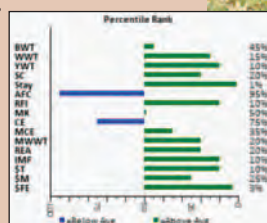
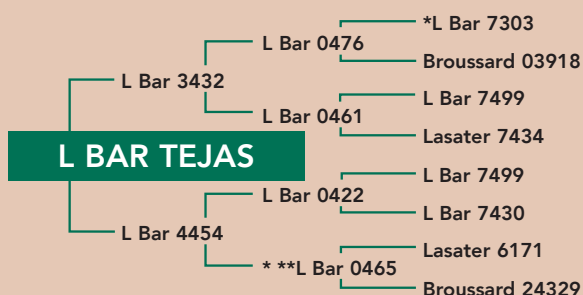


ESCALADE

DNA #713403A PV						Classified U1/2					Reg. # C1028230				
EPD	CE	BW	WW	YW	MILK	MCE	SC	STAY	AFC	RFI	REA	MARB	\$T	\$M	\$FE
Escalade	5.2	-1.3	30	53	6.8	4.2	.5	1.3	.9	-.5	.06	-.08	\$92	\$17	\$30

Owned by Willie Earl Washington

Tejas means Texas in Spanish, and Isa Beefmasters' first E.U.-qualified herd sire does justice to our home state. **L Bar Tejas** was sired by L Bar 3432, one of Isa's great carcass sires, and out of one of our most productive donor females. On both top and bottom, he goes back to the great L Bar 7499, our best maternal line. A trait leader for Stayability and \$FE, L Bar Tejas blends growth, maternal and carcass traits. He is well-muscled with a straight top and perfect underline.



L BAR TEJAS

DNA #3116087889 PV													Reg. # C1082471		
EPD	CE	BW	WW	YW	MILK	MCE	SC	STAY	AFC	RFI	REA	MARB	\$T	\$M	\$FE
Tejas	2.5	.2	36	64	9	3.3	.8	5.3	.4	-.17	.51	.21	\$113	\$19	\$27

Owned in partnership with Doyle Sanders

International agents of Isa Beefmaster genetics

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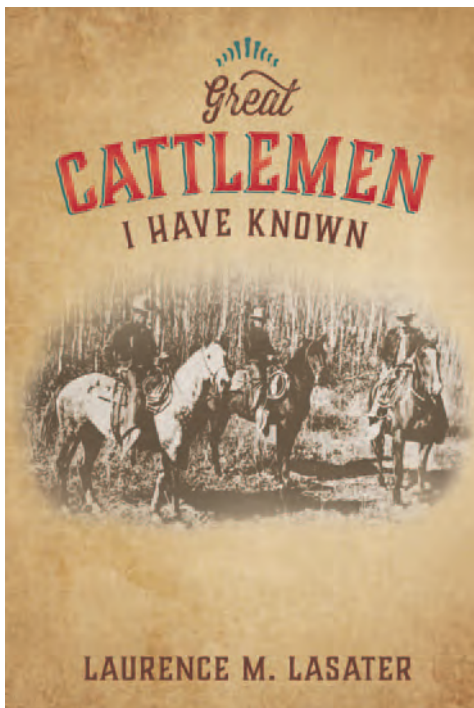
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New book honors industry giants



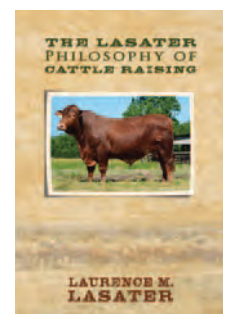
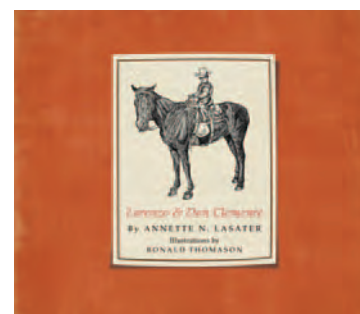
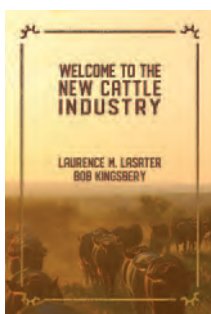
For several years Laurie Lasater's family and friends encouraged him to write down stories of some of the outstanding cattlemen he had met and worked with throughout his 50-year career. Wanting their stories to be preserved for future ranchers, Laurie collected his photographs and anecdotes and selected a handful of these men to profile.

From the jacket: Born into two ranching family dynasties, Laurence Lasater felt the call of his destiny as soon as he could pull on his boots. The eldest son of Tom and Mary Lasater, founders of the Beefmaster breed of cattle, Laurence left his family's ranch in Colorado to establish his own Beefmaster operation in Mexico and later in Texas.

Throughout his 50-year career, Lasater traveled extensively around the world, meeting hundreds of ranchers, touring their operations and learning their stories. Many of these cattlemen made a significant impact on this great industry, as well as Laurence himself.

Great Cattlemen I Have Known chronicles the successes and hardships of twenty of these upstanding characters. With photos and stories collected throughout a lifetime, this book preserves their tales so that the next generation will know these cattlemen who rode the trails before them.

Great Cattlemen is Laurie's fourth book, and it—along with other books and gear—is available on our website: isabeefmasters.com/store



Two milestones in one year

Our 60th bull sale coincides with another big milestone in our family—Dad's 80th birthday.

Next week we will gather in Dallas to celebrate Dad's induction into the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor, recognizing his contribution to the agricultural heritage of Texas. This award caps off various important awards he has received throughout his career, including BBU's 2000 Breeder of the Year and 2016 Beefmaster Hall of Fame awards, as well as many key industry leadership positions, including serving as president of FBA and director of BBU, TSCRA, NCBA and Nolan Ryan Beef.

Mom and Dad began their Beefmaster journey in 1964 in Mexico with a wedding gift of 35 cows and two bulls from his parents, Tom and Mary Lasater, and a dream of establishing the breed in a new country.

Ten years later they relocated their operations to Texas. When they retired after 50 years, Beefmasters were well established in Mexico, as well as on four other continents. And 59 bull sales later, Isa Beefmasters has sold over 21,000 bulls and 17,250 females.

While you might know these high points of his resumé, we wanted to share a little about Dad "off the ranch." A voracious reader, Dad still loves learning. He'll never have enough Winston Churchill biographies or political commentaries. He listens to his favorite '50s rock-n-roll and country greats, such as Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry and George Jones. (Ask him about running into Mr. Jones in an airport pilots' lounge.) He loves playing poker and has taught all his grandchildren to play. He takes it pretty well when they beat him, too. He's credited with teaching two generations to drive—we had no idea he could be so patient, and he even tried golf for several years.

Through the years, Dad has donated his time and resources to many charities, including tutoring disadvantaged junior high students, teaching English to native Spanish speakers and

serving in various capacities as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church.

Dad is a wonderful father who taught us all about ranching, the importance of ethics and generally striving to be a better person. He seems most excited to spend time with his family, which now includes a son- and daughter-in-law, five

grandchildren and one great-grandson, and his enthusiasm for his family is the kind of unconditional love that means the world to Lorenzo and me.

We hope you'll join us this October at the sale to wish our favorite dad a happy birthday!

—Isabel Lasater Hernandez, Vice President



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The Isa Index

We are pleased to introduce the Isa Index, or \$Isa!

\$Isa quantifies a bull's individual performance and his genetic potential. It takes in 24 data points we believe are critical to balanced cattle selection using the *Six Essentials* and synthesizes them into a single number.

We have used what we called "The Score" for many years to evaluate the bulls and put them in sale order. We have never published this number, but it has become apparent as we have added more and more data points (42 in this catalog) that we need a way to distill this ocean of performance data into a single, useful index to help speed up the evaluation process.

\$Isa uses a proprietary weighted formula to achieve what we believe is the optimum balance of growth, production efficiency, fertility and carcass value. We think you'll find that as you evaluate the bulls using your usual system, \$Isa will align nicely with your analysis.

New efficiency EPDs

BBU has just introduced two new EPDs: RFI (Residual Feed Intake) and \$FE (Feed Efficiency Index), which combines feed efficiency (in the form of RFI EPD) and pre-weaning growth.

The data for RFI comes from Growsafe testing (individual feed intake), which Isa Beefmasters has done a fair amount of. The accuracy is fairly low as these are new EPDs with limited records, and we would suggest you put more emphasis on \$FE as it balances RFI with actual growth. Be aware this is a feed efficiency number, so it relates to growth as opposed to female efficiency. BBU has some new data sets on the horizon that will strengthen the cow efficiency side along with \$M.

Redesigned Isa bull sale catalog

After incorporating \$Isa along with the new EPDs, we quickly realized we had run completely out of space in our traditional catalog format! We are in the process of totally re-vamping the catalog. The new version should be as user friendly as the old, but it will provide a full pedigree as well as percentile ranking of EPDs to fine-tune your analysis. We hope you'll love it!

Isa Beefmasters is excited to join forces with Power Source Genetic Alliance, a consortium of seedstock operators. Power Source publishes extensive carcass data annually and will help us spread the word about Beefmasters' profitability. Check it out at: powersourcebulls.com

