

Dear Senepol Breeders:

The SCBA Board of Directors will have their next Board meeting in Kissimmee, Florida April 20 & 21, 2007. One of the main items on the agenda will be to finalize arrangements for the 30th Annual SCBA convention scheduled for June 14-16, 2007 at the Clarion Resort (407-846-2221) in Kissimmee. We have already heard from Senepol breeders in Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil and Panama who are planning to attend the SCBA Annual Meeting. On Thursday, June 14th, we are scheduled to visit the two largest Senepol Breeders in the United States, Prime Rate Ranch and Sacramento Farms. We also plan to visit the Brookvilles Subtropical Agricultural Research Station, where the original research work on the Senepol cattle started in 1976. Please start making your travel and hotel reservations now. Bring your family and also enjoy Disney World only 19 miles from our hotel.

From February 28th to March 3rd, 2007 I attended the Houston Livestock Show and was very pleased to obtain copies of a large poster titled "U.S. Beef Breeds", produced by USLGE, listing Senepol as one of nine breeds on the poster. I was able to discuss the Senepol breed with many cattlemen and women and highly recommend that SCBA set up a booth next year in the "International Room" promoting Senepol cattle.

The weekend of March 17, 2007 three SCBA Board members attended the David Agricultural Fair in Panama. During the "Fair", one hundred head of Senepol cattle were exhibited and Senor Jose Bueno Perez, a livestock cattle judge from Venezuela evaluated the Senepol cattle. We look forward to a very positive report from the SCBA Board members that attended the fair.

The Panama Senepol Association is also planning, in conjunction with the SCBA, to host a Senepol Symposium the weekend of November 17th, 2007 in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Senepol Cattle Breeders Association. The attendance of as many cattle breeders and researchers as possible from different countries would be a great boost for the Senepol Breed. If you know of any research work being done in your area on Senepol cattle or would like to make a report on your experiences, please inform the SCBA office.

SCBA has recently agreed to accept parentage information from Bovigen, LLC as well as our original provider, MMI Genomics. The cost to have your parentage done will differ depending on the company with whom you choose to go. Our contract with MMI Genomics will remain the same as will the process to have the information on your cattle input into the SCBA database. Bovigen's rate is \$25 per sample for parentage. You can call Bovigen directly (877-BEEF-DNA) for the parentage kits & tenderness kits, but make sure you tell them you are with SCBA. Our contact at Bovigen, LLC is Mr. Calvin Gunter. We are excited to provide this option to our breeders. We will have more details in our next edition of Senepol World Magazine.

Please e-mail the SCBA office or my office on any Senepol matters that you wish to discuss.



Sincerely,
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President - SCBA