



The Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association (TLBGCA) invites you to participate in the 2024 TLBGCA Winchester Futurity & Calcutta. This event will be held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission located at 6097 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, Texas. The venue is about half a mile east off Hwy 6 on the north side of Bryan (some maps show the location on the west side of Hwy 6 so be aware of this when using your GPS). This is a great location for our event with close proximity to the Dallas/Ft. Worth and Houston areas.

Last year's futurity was a huge success that began at the sale barn with a record number of 220 head of quality Texas Longhorn cattle competing from 60 participants, with Calcutta bids that were almost triple compared to the previous year, and with an overall enjoyable day spent with great people that concluded at our host hotel with a nice banquet and award ceremony.

Plans and preparations are well underway for the next TLBGCA Winchester Futurity. It is our goal to build off of last year's success to make the next one in 2024 even better. We were able to secure the entire ballroom space this year which will provide more sitting space for everyone during the banquet and the hotel bar will be equipped with more staff to better accommodate everyone. In addition, since we will not be hosting the Cattle Baron Sale in 2024, we have shifted the futurity on our schedule from Friday to Saturday. Follow us on our Facebook page for the announcement of our judges along with other updates.

If you would like to support our event, we have several opportunities: sponsorships, silent auction donations, raffle tickets, and cow patty bingo. While sponsorships help cover the cost of the banquet and awards, 100% of the money raised from the silent auction, raffle, and cow patty bingo goes into our scholarship fund. Nearly \$10K was raised at last year's sale and futurity; and since 2018, we have awarded \$125,500 in scholarships to provide college support to youth that have participated in showing and promoting the Texas Longhorn breed! We could not have done this without the generous support of our sale and futurity participants.

We look forward to kicking off the 2024 Futurity Season and hope you will save the date and plan to join us for some fun-filled competition! Complete details and online entry, payment, and sponsorship forms can be found at [Winchester Futurity \(tlbgca.com\)](http://WinchesterFuturity.tlbgca.com). All entries must be paid in full by the February 10, 2024 deadline. Please contact me if you have any questions. The TLBGCA looks forward to seeing you in Bryan, Texas this upcoming March. We appreciate your participation and support!

Best regards,

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