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ARTIST	FRANKIE MILLER
TITLE	Blackland Farmer - The complete Starday Recordings, and more
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16566
PRICE-CODE	CH
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 165664
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-343-8
FORMAT	3-CD digipac with 100-page booklet
GENRE	Country / Rockabilly
TRACKS	96
PLAYING TIME	212:32



KEY SELLING POINTS

- Contains every Starday recording – previously issued or unissued – by Texas honky tonk legend Frankie Miller, including alternate takes, including the giant 1959 hit *Blackland Farmer...* a hit again in 1961!
- Contains more than two dozen previously unissued Starday demos, false-starts, and original session chatter plus many other songs never available on CD.
- Includes a wealth of vintage photographs and clippings, newly researched biography, and complete discography.

SALES NOTES

Frankie Miller is no longer a mainstream figure in country music, and some even confuse him with the Scottish rocker of the same name. But country and rockabilly collectors have waited decades for this reissue. They value Frankie's original singles and albums, and want more information about the artist. This 3-CD-set is a radical expansion of Bear Family's now highly collectible 1983 LP of Frankie's Starday recordings. By then, he was retired from the music business, his earlier hits all but forgotten. Now he gets his due!

Doing right by Frankie's incredible Texas honky tonk legacy, Bear Family reissued his Columbia and 4-Star recordings (BCD 15909) in 1996. Since then, there has been a steady clamor for the complete Starday recordings. Now they're here... and much more! 'Blackland Farmer' includes every 45RPM and album track Frankie Miller recorded for Starday Records plus the gospel EP and unissued material including alternate takes. In addition, this 3-CD-set includes live performances from the Big D Jamboree, plus Frankie's pre-Starday sides for the Cowtown Hoedown label, as well as all of his recordings – both issued and unissued – for both the United Artists and Stop labels. Finally, the set includes Frankie's vocal/guitar demos from the Starday era. These sides, never intended for commercial release, offer an unprecedented look into the development of individual songs, as well as Frankie's distinctive vocal style. Even Frankie (who participated enthusiastically in Hank Davis' production of this reissue) was amazed to hear these tracks, many of which he had forgotten over the years.

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No one has done more than Bear Family to document the Texas honky tonk scene... from big stars like Bob Wills and Ernest Tubb to underground classics and collectors' favourites, like Frankie Miller.

TRACK LISTING

CD1

1. Blackland Farmer
2. True Blue
3. Poppin' Johnny
4. Family Man
5. The Money Side Of Life
6. Reunion
7. Baby Rocked Her Dolly
8. Rain, Rain
9. Strictly Nuthin'
10. Young Widow Brown
11. Two Lips Away
12. Out Of Bounds
13. I'll Write To You
14. Richest Poor Boy
15. Lookin' Around Downtown
16. A Little Bit's Better (Then Nothing At All)
17. The Cat And The Mouse
18. It's Not Easy
19. Losing Again
20. If I'd Known Then
21. Just For You
22. Prison Grey
23. Tornado
24. Big Talk Of The Town (LP version)
25. Reunion (w/o harmony)
26. Baby Rocked Her Dolly (w/o harmony)
27. Rain, Rain (w/o harmony)
28. The Cat And The Mouse (alt)
29. Faded Bible
30. Who Do You Think
31. Trust The Saviour
32. Valley Of Death
33. Family Bible

CD2

1. Gotta Win My Baby Back
2. The Picture At St. Helene
3. Losing By A Hair
4. I Miss Her Every Way
5. One Excuse Is As Good As Another
6. The Party's Over
7. Too Hot To Handle
8. A Little South Of Memphis
9. Fifteen Acres Of Peanut Land
10. Out Of This World
11. Mean Old Greyhound Bus
12. It Took A Lot Of Love To Let Her Go
13. Starving For Love
14. I Can Almost Forget
15. Big Talk Of The Town (Single version)
16. Truck Driving Buddy
17. Bringing Mary Home
18. Country Music Who's Who
19. A Tough Row To Hoe
20. Charlie's Got A Good Thing Going
21. She's My Antibiotic (In White)
22. Fickle Hand Of Fate

23. True Love Stays
24. Starving For Love (alt)
25. Maybe You Would Love Me Then
26. It Took A Lot Of Love To Let Her Go (alt)
27. Pain
28. I Put The Blue In Her Eyes
29. Wrong Side Of The Tracks
30. World War III

CD3

1. Just For Spite
2. Give A Purpose To My Love
3. I Should Be
4. Don't Make Me Miss You
5. Impersonations (live) Always Late/Lord Gave Me Help/
I Walk The Line
6. Katy Malone
7. It's Not Easy
8. Peppermint Candy
9. Family Man
10. Blues Of Yesterday
11. I Remember Dad
12. House Down The Road
13. A Little South Of Memphis
14. I'd Rather Have You
15. Tears Of Time
16. Funny Way Of Lovin'
17. Let's Forget It
18. Fall Of The Alamo
19. I'll Get Over You (Still Keep Hoping)
20. A Tough Row To Hoe
21. The Wagon Yard
22. Out Of This World
23. She Put The Misery On Me
24. Lonesome Time
25. Keeping Up With The Jones
26. Nothing At All
27. Two Lips Away
28. Blackland Farmer (live)

Conversations with Hank Davis:

29. Meeting Elvis at the Hayride
30. Memories of Tommy Hill
31. Creating Hoofbeats
32. The Blackland Farmer Tape
33. Headlining a Rock Show