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KPHA Board Votes to Go Dormant

On Feb. 18 the Kansas Polled Hereford Association (KPHA) Board of Directors voted to allow the KPHA and its activities to set dormant for three years.

After three years, the association can once again become active or maintain its dormancy. This conclusion was reached on the following reasoning:

- 1) It was discussed that two separate Kansas Hereford associations is not necessary, nor economical. A single association would give our breed ONE strong voice.
- 2) Our national organization, and several other states have developed single, unified organizations at each level.
- 3) The slow decline in membership has resulted in fewer and fewer attendees at KPHA functions.

This does not mean the association is going to be dissolved at this time. The association will merely be dormant to allow members the opportunity to either save some money during this time or potentially join the Kansas Hereford Association and begin a fellowship with new friends while maintaining existing friendships.

A letter explaining the decision has been sent to all current KPHA members along with 2009 due checks if they have been submitted. If you have concerns or comments, the board would like to hear from you.

Sandhill Farms Continues Winning Tradition

Sandhill Farms, Haviland, took top honors during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) pen show in Denver Jan. 15.

Excitement was also at an all-time high in the Denver Yards for the crew from Star Lake Cattle Ranch, Skiatook, Okla., as they proudly exhibited the champion carload for the 10th consecutive year.

Mrnak Herefords, Bowman, N.D., showed the reserve champion carload and Delaney Herefords Inc., Lake Benton, Minn., showed the reserve champion pen.

Herefords boasted the most cattle of any breed exhibited at the NWSS. There were more than 640 Herefords competing, including 475 entries on the Hill in the open and junior shows along with six loads, 30 bull pens and seven heifer pens in the Yards.

Sandhill Farms returned to the champion spotlight in the 2009 pen show, having captured grand or reserve the last four years. The group of bull calves sired by SHF Rib Eye M326 R117 averaged 1,167 lb. with a 3.49 WDA. The bulls had average expected progeny differences (EPDs) of birth weight (BW) 3.3; weaning weight (WW) 56; yearling weight (YW) 91; maternal milk (MM) 17; and milk and growth (M&G) 45.

Jensen Bros., Courtland, Kan., exhibited the reserve spring calf division pen.

To view complete results of the 2009 National Western National Hereford Show visit Hereford.org. The "Shows" menu on the left includes "National Show Results."

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Cowan Named AHA Director of Youth Activities

The American Hereford Association (AHA) has chosen to promote within and select Amy Cowan as the new director of youth activities and foundation. Cowan has served the Association in various capacities since she graduated college in 1998. Most recently she worked as the marketing and national shows coordinator, where she worked closely with Chris Stephens, former youth activities director.

AHA Executive Vice President Craig Huffhines says, "I can't tell you how excited I am that Amy accepted the job. I don't think we'll skip a beat with the growth and excitement in our Hereford youth program."

As director of youth activities, Cowan will oversee the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA), which is one of the largest youth organizations in the country with more than 2,000 members, and the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA). HYFA is a not-for-profit organization, which financially

supports youth education, scholarship and research.


Specifically, Cowan will be mentoring youth, planning special events, organizing educational events and youth shows, fund-raising and retaining corporate level event sponsors. She will also be responsible for mentoring, advising and coordinating all activities of the 12-member NJHA board of directors.

Cowan was raised on a registered Shorthorn and commercial cattle operation in Quimby, Iowa. She graduated from South Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture journalism and animal science.

In 1998 she began work for the AHA and Hereford Publications Inc., as the communications coordinator, then in 2001 was promoted to Hereford World editor. In 2003, she accepted her current role as AHA coordinator of marketing and national shows.



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Ford County Feed Yard Inc., Ford, Kan., was presented the AHA Hereford Industry Innovator Award during the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Pictured following the presentation are: Craig Huffhines, AHA executive vice president; Colleen and Danny Herrmann of Ford County Feed Yard; and Bill King, AHA president.

AHA Announces Spring 2009 Gold TPR Breeders

More than 80 Hereford breeders from 29 states achieved Gold TPR™ (Total Performance Records) status for Spring 2009, the American Hereford Association (AHA) recently announced.

The Gold TPR Breeder recognition is presented to progressive Hereford breeders who have measured traits and collected and promptly submitted performance data at all levels of production.

“The reason the Gold TPR program was established was to recognize those breeders who go the extra mile to collect data at all levels of production and report that data in a timely manner,” says AHA Chief Operating Officer and Director of Breed Improvement Jack Ward.

Since the program’s inception in 2005, Hereford breeders have increased their data collection efforts.

Breeders must meet a specific set of requirements in order to be eligible for the program. They are:

- Herd inventory submitted prior to date inventory surcharge goes into effect.
- Complete reporting of calving ease and reproductive status for each dam on inventory.
- Complete reporting of birth weights for all live calves recorded in the calf crop.
- Complete reporting of weaning weights for all live calves recorded in the calf crop.
- Complete reporting of yearling weights for all live calves recorded in the calf crop.
- Complete reporting of scrotal measurements for each bull calf with a recorded yearling weight.
- Ultrasound data reported on 25% or more of the calf crop.

Note: For weaning and yearling weights, disposal codes are

accepted if the animal has been removed from the herd.

The following Kansas Hereford breeders, were recognized as spring 2009 Gold TPR Breeders:

- Bookcliff Herefords, Russell Brannan & Reinhardt, Otis EE Ranches, Fall River
- Mike Flory, Lawrence Gustafson Herefords, Junction City
- Frank Hug & Sons, Scranton
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- May 22-23 Kansas Junior Hereford
Show, Abilene
- July 6-11 Junior National
Hereford Expo, Tulsa,
Okla.
- Sept. 11-20 Kansas State Fair,
Hutchinson
- Sept. 25-28 Kansas Junior Livestock
Show, Wichita

Valek, Jones to Exchange Vows

Mick and Donna Valek of Agenda, Kan., announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandy Leigh Valek, to Christopher Ipson Clinesmith Jones, son of Dennis Jones and Susan Jones of Lakin, Kan.

The wedding will be March 28, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the College Avenue United Methodist Church, Manhattan, Kan.

A social, dinner and dance will follow at the Houston Street Ballroom.



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