

Montana Hereford News

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From Your President, Ken Jackson

I just wanted to share with everyone a few things that have been bouncing around my head. A few years ago, I felt as though I was too busy to make it to most any of the Hereford related activities in the state. I just didn't have the time. But after attending some and getting the chance to see how many really good Hereford cattle are right here in Montana and learning a whole lot from some interesting speakers and forging some friendships that will last a lifetime, not to mention the business contacts I've made just by being at these events and just thoroughly enjoying myself, I've come to the realization that these activities are one of the best things about being in the profession that I am. I now find myself looking forward to the next event on the calendar.

So I would just encourage all of you to plan your next weekend getaway around that sale you've always wanted to go to, but felt you couldn't. Visit a Montana Hereford breeder's place and look at their cattle. Plan to attend the NILE. Make time to go on the next Montana Hereford Tour. And of course the can't miss event of the year is the MHA convention in November. Circle it in red ink on your calendar! I guarantee you won't regret it, and you just might forge some friendships and grow your business in the process.

Ken

Membership Dues

Just a reminder, that if you have not yet submitted your 2006 membership dues, please do so as soon as possible so we can keep our active membership current with the newsletter and any other items of interest that need to be passed along.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a membership form. If you have not already done so, please take the time to fill out the form and mail your fee back to me as soon as possible.

Thank you! **Lorrie**

2006 - 2007 MHA Directory is on it's Way

The 2006 - 2007 Montana Hereford Association Directory went to print the week of March 27th. The directory package was sent into Creative Services at the AHA on February 2nd, with the goal of directories being printed and out by the 2nd week of March, but the turn around was not as quick as we had hoped. Each Director will have a supply of the directories, so be sure to contact one of them if you need a supply for a specific event. Approximately 4500 directories will be bulked mailed directly from the AHA to confirmed purebred and commercial breeders in surrounding states. Remember, if you are a breeder, you are required to be a member of the MHA in order to advertise in the directory, so please be sure that your dues are current and that you have paid for your ad. Thanks to everyone who supported this project.



Directory Committee

Montana Delegates for 2006 Annual Convention

The delegate nomination cards will be mailed out by the AHA to all "Active Members" about April 21, 2006. Individuals interested in going to Kansas City as a Montana Delegate at the annual convention in October, please notify Lorrie or Ken. Lorrie will keep a list of "potential nominees" so she can share that information with members as they complete their nomination card. If you are completing your nomination card and don't know who the potential nominees are, check with Lorrie.

Please consider attending the 2006 Annual Convention as a delegate, it is a GREAT experience!

If you think you are an "Active Member" and you don't receive a nomination card, please call Mary Ellen Hummel at the American Hereford Association office (816) 842-3757 and she will check it out.

Hereford Females Wanted!!!

Straight Hereford females wanted for a large scale AI program to produce F-1 Black Baldies.

If you are interested or for more information, contact Tom Hogan at (406) 672-0670.

"Rest satisfied with doing well, and leave others to talk of you as they please."

Pythagoras!

MHA Website Update

Since Pat retired from the responsibility of working on the website, I have been struggling to try to keep the site updated. If you have any information that you would like to see on the website, please let me know and I will do my very best to get it posted. There is a version difference between my software

and the program in which the website was originally set up that sometimes causes some technical issues in the updates. The Board is looking into other options for maintaining the website (and hopefully jazzing it up a bit). Your patience is appreciated –
Della Ehlke



Thank you for your patience -
 Della

MHA Committees

The following committees were established by the MT Hereford Association Board at their December 2005 meeting. If you have any questions regarding these committees, or would like to be involved in one of the committees, feel free to contact any of the committee members.

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

Byron Bayers
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DIRECTORY - Della Ehlke, Chair
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Cody Haber, Chair
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FINANCE

Lorrie Wacker

SALES

Stacie Buzanowski, Chair
 Bernie Buzanowski
 Ken Jackson

NILE - Ken Jackson, Pen Show Superintendent
 Bernie & Stacie Buzanowski, Open Show Superintendent

If you are interested in being involved with any of the committees, please contact a committee member.

Awesome Herefords Showcased

The 2006 "Cowtown Beef Breeders Show" in Miles City and the "Best of the West" Beef Showcase in Sidney were very successful. The Hereford breeders represented the breed very well. There were big crowds around the Hereford pens and lots of interest in the breeders' programs. It's really exciting to attend these

types of shows and hear all the interest from the people of other breeds either going to Herefords or sticking with Hereford bulls on their cows.

Hereford breeders in Miles City at the "Cowtown Beef Breeders Show" included Diemert Ranch Inc., Beery's Land & Livestock, J Bar E Ranch, Jackson Polled Here-

fords, Shock Polled Herefords, Sidwell Ranch, and Snowshoe Cattle Co.

Representing the Herefords in Sidney at the "Best of the West" Beef Showcase was Beery's Land & Livestock, J Bar E Ranch and K.L. Slagsvold Herefords.

NILE Merit Heifer Program

The 2006 NILE Merit Program awarded 25 heifers to 25 young people across the region as a way for young people to start their own herds. The heifers were donated by ranches and businesses.

The most requested breed of the young winners of heifers was Hereford. It is too bad

there were not enough Hereford heifers donated by Hereford breeders so that the number one choice of all the winners could have received Hereford heifers.

This would be a great opportunity for Hereford breeders to look to the future expansion of the Hereford

industry by helping young people start their herds with Hereford cattle.

If you are interested in learning more about the NILE Merit Heifer program or donating a Hereford heifer this year, please contact Bill Pelton at (406) 671-5100.

New Addition to Your MHA Newsletter

I would like to add to the MHA Newsletter, stories about our Hereford breeders across the state.

Please send me any stories and a picture of Hereford breeders, past or present, who have been involved in the industry.

Items that could be included in the story are:

when and where they started, what lines of cattle they have, how they marketed their product, and anything else of interest to the Hereford industry.

"The most requested breed of the winners of the NILE Merit heifer program was Hereford!"

These are just some suggestions. I am interested in hearing and being able to print your stories.

Thank you!

News from the American Hereford Association

Interested in having an AHA Fieldman attend your sale?

The AHA gets questions throughout the year from state associations about the amount of advertising required to have an AHA fieldman attend a state association sponsored sale. The amount required is \$1,000 in HW advertising or a combination of \$1,000 spent with the HW and Creative Services

throughout the year, with a minimum of \$500 spent in the HW (*A sale by an individual or partnership requires \$2,000 for an AHA fieldman to attend the sale.*) Creative Services possi-

bilities include your sale catalog, post cards, promotional brochures, state newsletters or state directory. Feel free to contact Caryn Vaught or Joe Rickabaugh if you would like a quote for your print projects.

If you have any questions on what the AHA can do for you, give them a call (816) 842-3757.

AHA Letter

Services offered by HW/Creative Services

HW/Creative Services has the ability of creating customized mailing lists for your sale events. Mail lists are selected from combination of the following five mailing lists — **adult member, junior members, tabloid requesters** (commercial cattleman that have requested to receive the *Hereford World* tabloid four times per year), **bull buyers**

who have had one or more bulls transferred to them in the past two years and **female buyers** who have had one or more females transferred to them in the past two years. These searches are conducted in 50 mile radius increments from a specified zip code. A summary of the search results is made available to help with the final selection of the mailing list. This service is offered

exclusively to Creative Service clients at no charge. Additionally the mail list will be updated annually by an outside firm. This will include updating RR and Box addresses to 911 standards and CASS certify the list for correct addresses and zip four. Also it will monitor the national change of address data bank for address changes.

AHA Letter

Michelle Clogston joins Creative Services

Recently hired to coordinate Creative Services projects is Michelle Clogston. AHA is excited to have Michelle on staff.

Michelle, Caryn Vaught and Kelly Hale, the Creative Services team, welcomes the opportunity to work with state associations.

If you have any questions, give them a call (816) 842-3757.

AHA Letter

Montana Junior Hereford News

Montana Junior Beef Expo set for June 8 - 10

The 15th Annual Montana Junior Beef Expo has been set for June 8-10, 2006. This annual youth event will again be held at the Central Montana Fairgrounds in Lewistown. Many events are being lined up to keep everyone involved and busy. Some of the many events include the jackpot steer show, open showmanship, eight individual breed shows, team fitting contests, team sales contests and don't forget the annual exhibitor/family BBQ. Entries will be sent out the beginning of May. If you did not receive entry information last year or have any questions, please contact Mike Vanek or Mardi Linhart at 406-538-2164 or send an e-mail to mmcattle@midrivers.com. If you have a heifer or steer in your show pen, come to Expo, meet some new friends and have some fun.

Mardi Linhart

Montana Junior Beef Expo

**Mark June 8 - 10 on your calendars
for the MJBE in Lewistown. You
won't want to miss it!**

Brand an Animal for 4-H

The Montana 4-H Foundation "Brand an Animal for 4-H" program expands learning opportunities for more than 12,000 4-H youth throughout the state. By branding an animal for 4-H, you can assist clubs and councils at the local level, and help offset the costs of statewide events and activities, enabling more kids to experience 4-H.

The brand can be obtained by contacting your local County Extension Agent. Once branded, the animal becomes the property of Montana 4-H. When each animal is sold, the State Brand Inspector overseeing the sale will see that proceeds are sent to the Montana 4-H Foundation as the registered owner of the brand. Funds will be split with the specific County 4-H Council, to support local programs. Donors who complete the enrollment form will receive a decorative plaque, and will be listed in various publications and recognized 4-H events.

To obtain an enrollment form, contact your local County Extension Agent or the Montana 4-H Foundation at 211 Taylor Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.

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From Your Secretary, Lorrie Wacker

I would like to thank the Montana Hereford Association Board of Directors and it's membership for allowing me to work with our Association. It is a **GREAT** personal honor for me to be the Secretary of the MHA.

If you have any news items you would like to be included in upcoming newsletters, please don't hesitate to contact me about them.

Thank you!

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