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Spring cow herd inventory deadline extended

Due to the challenging winter weather conditions experienced across much of the country, the American Hereford Association (AHA) has extended the spring cow herd inventory deadline one month from March 15 to April 15. AHA encourages all breeders to turn in their active cows and bulls to the AHA by the deadline to avoid a \$2-per-head increase in the cow inventory fee.

Test for epilepsy gene found

Jon Beever, molecular geneticist at the University of Illinois, has confirmed his finding of the causative gene for idiopathic epilepsy (IE) in Hereford cattle. He reported his finding to the AHA Board in Denver and confirmed that proper validation is complete, providing 100% confidence in the test. Breeders interested in testing suspect sires, dams or progeny for the causative gene, can contact Beever at (217) 333-4194 or jbeever@uiuc.edu for test kits. For more about IE see Page 10.

Calling for Hereford photos

Hereford Publications Inc. is sponsoring a Hereford photo contest for photographers of all ages. The contest will include two categories: 1) Hereford cattle and 2) scenic. All photos must include a Hereford.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in both categories — first, \$100; second, \$75; and third, \$50.

Contestants can enter up to three photos per category. All photos become property of the *Hereford World* and can be utilized in future issues of *Hereford World* or other Hereford publications.

Photos can be submitted as 5×7 or 8×10 prints. Mounting is not necessary. If photos are in digital format, please also submit them on CD or DVD. Photos may not be altered or image enhanced in any way.

Entries must be postmarked by June 1. Send entries to Angie Stump Denton, *Hereford World*, 1501 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, MO 64101. For more information, contact Denton at adenton@hereford.org or (785) 363-7263.

Watch for Delegate Nomination Postcards

The postcards will be mailed to all American Hereford Association (AHA) active members in late April. Replies must be postmarked by May 31, 2008.

Hall of Fame, Merit nominations due May 1

Nominations for the Hereford Heritage Hall of Fame and Hereford Hall of Merit are due May 1.

The Hall of Fame honor recognizes Hereford breeders who've dynamically influenced the direction and advancement of the Hereford breed. Hall of Merit recipients aren't necessarily Hereford breeders but have, in their own ways, greatly influenced the Hereford breed and the cattle industry.

For information on how to nominate deserving individuals for the 2008 induction at the AHA Annual Meeting in November, see Page 18 of the March *Hereford World*, or contact Mary Ellen Hummel at (816) 842-3757.

Plan to attend national tour

Hereford enthusiasts are invited to attend the 2008 National Hereford Tour May 20-24 in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. Look for more information on Page 14 and online at Hereford.org.

Canada to host BIF meeting

The 2008 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Research Symposium and Annual Meeting will be June 30-July 3 at the Hyatt Regency in Calgary, Alta., Canada.

A tentative schedule and registration information is now available by clicking on the BIF meeting link at www.canadianbeefbreeds.com.

Burns Polled Hereford Farm recognized

The AHA recently recognized Burns Polled Hereford Farm, Coulterville, Ill., for more than 50 years in the Hereford business. The Burns family received the Golden Breeder medallion for its commitment to the Hereford breed. **HW**