



Hereford Breeders Celebrate 'Year of Efficiency'

Hereford enthusiasts traveled to Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 20-22 to participate in the American Hereford Association (AHA) annual meeting activities. More than 400 Hereford friends enjoyed the event.

Genetic defects, Association update

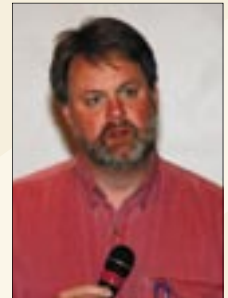
State presidents and other association leaders attended the state presidents' meeting that kicked off the weekend on Saturday morning. Phillip Moon,

2008 State Presidents Council officers (l to r) are: Phillip Moon, chairman, Harrison, Ark.; and Leslie Bennett, vice president, Connell, Wash.



Harrison, Ark., State Presidents Council chairman, led the meeting.

The first agenda item was a discussion regarding increasing membership and participation at the state level and in AHA events. State leaders shared ideas such as letters to new AHA members from their state, newsletters, directories, brochures, booths at state beef industry events and Web site advertising options. Some challenges discussed were how associations could maintain members and how state groups could make membership opportunities worth the dues paid.



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Jon Beever, University of Illinois, gave an update on the recessive genetic defect idiopathic epilepsy (IE). He explained the current status of his research to identify the markers for genetic abnormalities.

Copies of the AHA rules and regulations governing genetic defects were distributed. An updated version of the rules and regulations can be found on *Hereford.org* under the "Records" tab. You will also be able to find a list of carriers under the "Genetic Abnormalities" tab.

"We can't solve this problem without your assistance," Beever said. He requested semen samples for testing and encouraged reporting of suspect animals. For more on IE see the May 18 issue of *Hereford eNews* and the July *Hereford World* Pages 16, 18 and 70.

Questions and discussion followed Beever's presentation.

David Mehlhaff, AHA director of communications, shared information about AHA's marketing and



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Guests of honor during the AHA open house on Saturday night, Oct. 20, were Century and Golden Hereford Breeders. Hereford enthusiasts spent the evening touring the Association headquarters and talking about Hereford history.

promotion plan for the next year. Participants then had a chance to ask AHA Board members and staff questions about current programs and issues.

The meeting ended with election of officers. Moon was elected to serve as the 2008 chairman and Leslie Bennett, Cornell, Wash., was elected vice chairman.

Other Saturday activities

Following the state presidents' meeting was the delegate orientation, which included presentations from the six Board candidates.

Hereford breeders then made their way to the American Royal complex for the Ladies of the Royal sale. See Page 37 for results.

Saturday evening Hereford breeders had a chance to visit the AHA headquarters and enjoy an evening of Hereford fellowship.

Herefords in the ring

Sunday morning junior Hereford exhibitors paraded 59 females before judge Bill Conley. The national Hereford show followed the junior show. Judge Hampton Cornelius evaluated the 183 bulls and females. See Page 38 for highlights of the show. For complete placings of both shows, go online to Hereford.org under the "Shows" tab.

Sunday evening Hereford enthusiasts put on their best for the fifth annual "Harvest Gala." The evening included the presentation of scholarships totaling \$37,000 to 14 National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members (see Page 34). Other highlights were live and silent auctions that raised more than \$70,000 for the foundation. See Page 32 for more gala highlights.

Hereford breeders honored

Monday was the Annual Membership Meeting at the Hilton President Kansas City. The meeting included the election of three new directors, announcement of new officers and recognition of Century and Golden Hereford Breeders and Hall of Fame and Hall of Merit recipients.

The pages that follow highlight the weekend's activities. **HW**



State delegates cast their votes for the three Director positions.

★ AHA Salutes Century, ★ Golden Breeders



M Bar Ranch, Winfield, Kan., was recognized as a Century Hereford Breeder during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting Oct. 22. Pictured (l to r) are: Jack Evans, 2007 AHA president; Dwaine and Theresa Waite; and Jack Ward, AHA chief operating officer and director of breed improvement.

The American Hereford Association (AHA) rolled out the red carpet at its Annual Membership Meeting in Kansas City Oct. 22 to recognize Hereford breeders who have stood the test of time and have been dedicated to raising Herefords for more than 50 and 100 years.

Dwaine Waite and his family of M Bar Ranch, Winfield, Kan., was recognized as a Century Hereford Breeder.

"The Century Hereford Breeder award represents a tremendous milestone and we commend the dedication and longevity of Dwaine and his family," says Jack Ward, AHA chief operating officer and director of breed improvement. "It is a true honor to celebrate this achievement with Dwaine."

The Association also recognized 15 families who have spent more than 50 years producing Herefords. "The Golden Hereford Breeder award represents a tremendous milestone and we commend the dedication and longevity of these families within the Hereford breed," Ward adds.

Golden Hereford Breeders recognized were:

- **Steve Asmus**, Asmus Herefords, Audubon, Iowa;
- **Byron Bayers**, Bayers Hereford Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont.;
- **Eddy Beery**, Beery's Land and Livestock, Vida, Mont.;
- **James Corbett**, James Corbett and Son, Belmont, Ohio;
- **Glynn, Perry and John Ross Debter**, Debter Hereford Farm, Horton, Ala.;
- **Richard Gebhart**, Beacon Hill Ranch, Claremore, Okla.;
- **Donald G. Gray**, Brookville, Ind.;
- **Vincent Kauflin**, Kauflin Farms, Bonne Terre, Mo.;
- **Jim Kuhlman**, Kuhlman Herefords, Mason City, Iowa;
- **Ed, Judy, Kyle and Jodi McMillan**, Rustic Oaks, Ohio, Ill.;
- **Les Midla**, Flat Stone Lick, Marianna, Pa.;
- **James Murray**, Murray Herefords, Oxford Junction, Iowa;
- **Harlin Sell**, Springfield, Mo.;
- **Robert Wade**, Wade Hereford Farm, Bolckow, Mo.; and
- **Johnny Woolfolk**, Woolfolk Farms, Jackson, Tenn. **HW**

