

Take Advantage of Junior AI

The Junior AI Program offered by the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) is a remarkable program that offers many rewards to those involved. The main focus of the program is to encourage youth involvement in the Hereford breed in order to generate membership and keep the organization strong. However, not many youth capitalize on the outstanding incentives the program offers.

The Junior AI Program provides an easy way for youth to establish their breeding programs with superior genetics. One of the most exceptional benefits associated with this program is that those who participate receive high-quality semen free of charge. The semen that is given to the youth provides them with easy access not only to the trend-setting sires of today but also to the most respected and proven sires within the Hereford breed.

To complement this, each program participant receives a free AI certificate. Sire owners donate the semen used in the program. This program is a wonderful way for Hereford breeders to support Hereford youth while promoting their genetics.

The Junior AI Program also supports youth involvement in the showring. At the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), additional premiums are awarded to those who show offspring resulting from participation in the AI program. This added incentive encourages youth to take responsibility for their projects and to work hard in order to be competitive at the national level.

Further, by competing at the JNHE, youth who are new to the breed not only are provided with the opportunity to meet new friends but also are able to establish pivotal connections with the breeders and the supporters of the Hereford breed.

It is very easy for any youth who is interested to capitalize on this program that is offered through the American Hereford Association (AHA).

To participate in the program, you must be a NJHA member, must show a Hereford female at a

qualifying junior show and must submit a nomination form by Jan. 15. The AHA must authorize qualifying junior shows. Regional Hereford shows, state association field days and national Hereford shows are examples of shows that are sanctioned by the AHA and qualify as authorized shows.

All nominations and sire selections that are received prior to Jan. 15 will be eligible for the program. Each youth is responsible for obtaining the semen and paying shipping charges. The association does not help with the insemination process.

Moreover, it is important to mention that the free semen does not have to be used on the female that was nominated in the qualification process. The semen can be used on any animal in the junior member's ownership.

This program provides a terrific opportunity for youth to become involved in the mating and selection process of AI sires. Through the Junior AI Program, AHA provides youth with access to superior genetics and an excellent opportunity to establish proven sires within their own herd. **HW**

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Take Me Back to Tulsa

The 2009 Junior National Hereford Expo will be July 4-11, 2009, at the Expo Square, Tulsa, Okla. Look for more information in upcoming *Hereford World* issues.

Hotel information:

Doubletree Hotel Tulsa at Warren Place (headquarters)

6110 S. Yale Ave.

Tulsa, OK 74136

(800) 222-1317

Room rate: \$99

Ask for AHA Junior National Hereford Expo room block.

Embassy Suites Hotel Tulsa

(918) 622-4000 or 1-800-Embassy

Room rate: \$109

Ask for reservation code JAH.