

Junior AI Program Deadline Jan. 15

Howdy! Have you ever thought about enrolling in the Junior AI (artificial insemination) Program? Does it sound too hard or time-consuming? Well, actually, it is a very beneficial and interesting program for the junior members to invest in.

The Junior AI Program is one of the many programs the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and American Hereford Association (AHA) offer to help juniors start or increase their herds.

This program provides juniors with a rare opportunity to have access to the breed's leading sires. The juniors who participate in the Junior AI Program have the ability to select from a wide array of leading sires in the industry. The best thing about this program is that juniors receive the semen and breeding certificates absolutely free. The only cost to the juniors would be the AI technician and shipping charges.

This is a unique, long-range program that encourages youth to

study and develop a plan involving sound management techniques in an effort to establish their own genetically sound breeding programs. All you have to do is be an AHA junior member, show a female at any qualifying junior show and nominate her to the AHA youth department by Jan. 15. Youth then wait for approval and instructions on how to get their semen.

A qualifying junior show is the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) or a junior show held in conjunction with a national Hereford show.

If you are interested in this amazing program, you can get nomination forms and a sire list online at JrHereford.org or from AHA youth director Amy Cowan at acowan@hereford.org or 816-842-3757. The sire list is usually available by Dec. 15.

American Royal

The NJHA board had a full and exciting trip to the AHA Annual Meeting and American Royal in

Kansas City in late October. The board is working very hard to make the 2011 JNHE even better than the one last year.

During the American Royal and Annual Meeting, the board had an awesome time and learned a lot from the educational seminars that were conducted on Saturday. There were some outstanding speakers who are prominent in the beef industry and really knew what they were talking about.

We would especially like to thank David Albin and family for purchasing the street sign to put outside the AHA building. Auctioning the sign is one of the fund-raisers the NJHA board has throughout the year, and we greatly appreciate all of the support.

Thanks also to Hereford breeders who purchased calendar ads. Selling ads is our largest fund-raiser of the year and the proceeds allow us to travel to Hereford events throughout the year.

We hope to see you in Denver! **HW**

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