



AHA Opens for Business at New Headquarters

The AHA moves north in Kansas City, Mo., from its downtown location.

The American Hereford Association (AHA) opened for business Monday, Feb. 5, at its new headquarters location, 11500 N.W. Ambassador Drive, Suite 410, Kansas City, MO 64153, in the Kansas City Northland. The location is just east of I-29 near the Kansas City International Airport.

The AHA closed on the sale of its 1501 Wyandotte Street office building on Jan. 18 to KC Hotel Developers LLC.

“This is an exciting move for our members,” says AHA President Kevin Schultz, Haviland, Kan. “Our new headquarters will be more accessible for Hereford breeders. We are looking forward to our members stopping in to visit with staff and conduct business. I think they’ll enjoy its location near the interstate and improved parking. The new headquarters will also offer the flexibility needed to serve our growing membership.”

Kansas City heritage

The Hereford breed established its roots in Kansas City in 1920 when it became the first beef breed

association to own its own headquarters. The original office was located at 300 West 11th Street.

In 1953 President Dwight D. Eisenhower dedicated the second AHA headquarters at 715 Hereford Drive before the Association moved to the Wyandotte Street location in 1986.

The AHA began the process of negotiation to sell its 1501 Wyandotte Street office three years ago, resulting in an expedited move in early February upon closing on the sale. While the Association is operational, a portion of the office space has yet to be completed — including the museum. Plans are in place for the completion of the new AHA headquarters by mid-April.

AHA Executive Vice President Jack Ward says, “The Hereford breed has strong ties with Kansas City. From our new location, the AHA will continue to provide exceptional service to Hereford breeders across the U.S.” **HW**

