

Celebrate Hereford

History made and in the making.

I hope you enjoyed celebrating July 4 and the freedoms we continue to enjoy since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Moving through the summer months, I hope those affected by the widespread drought find some relief.



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Every issue of *Hereford World* aims to provide readers with timely and timeless information they can use. For instance, this month you'll find everything from how breeders use genomics to benefit their own herds and those of their customers to a reminder from the Hereford Women of a legacy movie starring the Hereford breed.

AHA Board Actions

The American Hereford Association (AHA) Board of Directors acted on several issues during its spring board meeting in Kansas City, Mo. You can reference the May/June issue for details about proposed amendments to AHA bylaws regarding remote meeting participation and voting.

Here are other highlights from the meeting:

- The board voted unanimously to support Craig Bacon, Ark., as a replacement to Ed McMillan on the *Certified Hereford Beef*® board of directors.
- The board unanimously voted to adopt the following rules governing Gene Editing:
 - 1) The AHA may accept registrations of Hereford animals that have an intentional genomic alteration (IGA) produced by genome editing, subject to the following restrictions. Eligibility for registration will be restricted to those animals possessing an IGA that has been appropriately reviewed and approved by the applicable regulatory agency, which is currently the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Additionally, animals with an IGA applying for registration will be subject to review

and approval by the AHA Board of Directors, who will consider the impact of introducing the IGA into the purebred Hereford population, informed by scientific and industry standards and practices at the time application is reviewed.

2) Application for registration: Members submitting registration applications for a genome-edited animal must follow all current rules for registration of Hereford animals. Additionally, all animals resulting from genome editing must be parent verified through the AHA official service laboratory. The member applying for registration must provide documentation describing the IGA introduced and the proposed functional difference the IGA creates in the genome-edited animal.

3) Animal naming: PB (Precision Breeding) will appear in the name of all genome-edited animals.

- The board voted unanimously to support the following National Show judges:
 - American Royal - Tom Hawk, Ill.
 - North American International Livestock Exposition - Andrew Foster, Mich.
 - Western States Hereford Show - Shane Werk, Kan.
 - Cattlemen's Congress Bull and Female Show - Matt Copeland, N.M.
 - Cattlemen's Congress Pen Show - Sam Shaw, Idaho; Bruce Thomas, Mont.; and Keith Phillips, Ky.
 - Ft Worth Stock Show - Harlan Yocham, Okla.
- The board accepted a recommendation from the Member Service Committee to list animals through AHA online systems that are potential carriers of a known genetic abnormality. **HW**