

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2004 World Pork Expo  
June 8-12  
Des Moines, Iowa

NJSA Summer Spectacular  
July 6-10  
Louisville, Ky.

Summer Type Conference  
July 8-10  
Louisville, Ky.

NJSA Barrow Classic  
Sept. 11-12  
Austin, Minn.

National Barrow Show®  
Sept. 12-15  
Austin, Minn.

## Seedstock EDGE DEADLINES

**August 2004 Issue:**  
Early Ad 5%  
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## NSR & NJSA ENTRY DEADLINES

NBS®  
Aug. 10

NJSA Barrow Classic  
Aug. 10

Eastern & Southwest Regionals  
Aug. 13

American Royal  
Sept. 20

Fall Classic  
Oct. 15

## UPCOMING NSR EVENT SCHEDULES

### 2004 World Pork Expo and Junior Show Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa *Junior Events*

*Tues., June 8*  
6 p.m., Earliest entries may arrive  
*Wed., June 9*  
8 a.m.-Noon, Check-in and registration  
9 a.m.-Noon, Barrow weigh-in  
4 p.m., Barrow show  
*Thurs., June 10*  
8 a.m., Showmanship  
1 p.m., Gilt show  
*Fri., June 11*  
8 a.m., Judging contest registration  
10 a.m., Judging contest  
Noon, Novice judging contest and educational class  
*Results to follow senior oral reasons.*  
5 p.m., Earliest dismissal for junior gilts and barrows

#### *NSR Events*

*Fri., June 11*  
7:30 a.m., NSR Purebred show begins (Yorkshire, Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire)  
9 a.m., Spotted, Chester White & Berkshire show begins  
*Sat., June 12*  
9 a.m., NSR Purebred sale begins (Yorkshire, Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire)  
10 a.m., Spotted, Chester White, Poland China Gilt & Berkshire sale begins

### 2004 Summer Type Conference/NJSS Louisville, Ky. *Junior Events*

*Tues., July 6*  
8 a.m., Earliest time hogs may arrive  
*Wed., July 7*  
9 a.m., All junior gilts must be in place  
3 p.m., NJSS Showmanship Contests  
*Thurs., July 8*  
8 a.m., NJSA Showmanship Finals  
10 a.m., NJSS Junior Gilt show  
*Fri., July 9*  
1 p.m., NJSS Judging Contest  
3:30 p.m., Novice Judging Contest  
*Sat., July 10*  
7:30 a.m., Ray Perryman Inspiration Service  
8:30 a.m., NJSS Sweepstakes Award Ceremony  
9 a.m., Calendar Auction

#### *NSR Events*

*Tues., July 6*  
8 a.m., Earliest time hogs may arrive  
*Thurs., July 8*  
9 a.m., Entries must be on the grounds and checked in  
10 a.m., Entries must be on the grounds and checked in  
*Fri., July 9*  
7:30 a.m., Breeding stock shows begin  
*Sat., July 10*  
9:30 a.m., Breeding stock sales begin

### National Barrow Show® News

This year's National Barrow Show® will see changes in the schedule of events and a new junior event. On Sunday, Sept. 12, NJSA members will have the opportunity to participate in the first NBS® junior show, starting with the showmanship contest in the morning and then moving into the purebred (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire) barrow contest in the afternoon.

The Grand Champion Barrow overall will receive \$5,000 and the Reserve Champion overall will receive \$2,500. Each breed champion will receive \$1,000 and the reserve breed champion will receive \$500. Entries are due Aug. 10 and entry forms can be found in the July issue of *Seedstock EDGE*. Junior show barrows are eligible to be double entered in the open market hog show on Mon., Sept. 13.

Changes will also be found in the NBS® breeding stock shows and sales. All eight breeds will hold their respective shows on Tues., Sept. 14, with their sales being held on Wed., Sept. 15.

### DNA Stress Gene Policy Reminder

As a requirement for registration of litters that are farrowed on or after July 1, 2004, all sires (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire) must have a negative stress status on file (by DNA test or parent verification) before the litter can be registered. No animals will be grandfathered in with this policy.

For a complete listing of DNA requirements, see pages 10-12 in the NSR Member Resource Handbook, mailed at the end of May.

### National Barrow Show® Schedule

*Sat., Sept. 11*  
8 a.m., Earliest entries can arrive  
6 p.m., All junior barrows must be in  
*Sun., Sept. 12*  
8 a.m., NJSA Showmanship Contest  
1 p.m., NJSA Barrow Show  
1-3 p.m., Truckloads accepted and weighed  
3 p.m., All open show entries must be on the grounds  
4-6 p.m., Individual Market Hog accepted and weighed  
6 p.m., NBS® Hospitality Night at Holiday Inn  
*Mon., Sept. 13*  
8 a.m., FFA/4-H/Junior College and Senior College Judging Contest in Crane Pavilion  
8 a.m., Check-in of open show entries (scanning to follow)  
1 p.m., Individual Market Hog Show (barrows and gilts are shown separately)  
3 p.m., Truckload show  
*Tues., Sept. 14*  
8 a.m., Breeding Stock show begins  
*North ring:* Chester White, Poland, Spot, Berkshire; *South ring:* Hampshire, Landrace, Duroc, Yorkshire  
*Wed., Sept. 15*  
9 a.m., Breeding Stock sale begins  
*North ring:* Chester White, Poland, Spot, Berkshire; *South ring:* Hampshire, Landrace, Duroc, Yorkshire

## Commercial Services News and Notes

### Latest Sire Summary Trait Leader List available

If you are looking for sires that can move your genetic program in a positive direction, the Trait Leader List offers you the opportunity to select sires that excel in particular traits or combination of traits. This latest edition includes all performance and reproductive records through April 25. Contact the NSR Office for your free copy or access the STAGES searchable database at [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com).

### Breeder Symposium in Des Moines set for late June

Make plans now to attend an informative symposium on June 30-July 1 highlighting enhancements to the STAGES program, an update on the meat quality epd program and one-on-one interaction with the NSR Genetic Advisory Committee. An added feature will be a morning program on July 1 focusing on PRRS and how it impacts the NSR breeder. Prevention, control and eradication steps will be discussed, along with an update on the latest PRRS research. This disease impacts the business of our breeders, whether they are commercially oriented or are in the business of producing show prospects and breeding stock. This program should be beneficial to all.

The symposium will be held at the National Pork Board office in Clive, Iowa, with the support of the National Pork Board. Call Rick Pfortmiller at the NSR office at (765) 463-3594 for more details or to make reservations for this informative program.

## Communications

### Check Your Mailbox

Your 2004 NSR Breeder Directory and NSR Member Resource Handbook should recently have arrived in your mailbox. If you did not receive either, please let us know.

### New opportunity for NJSA members at the American Royal

The American Royal will be partnering with the National Junior Swine Association to add three new events at the 2004 American Royal in Kansas City, Mo. NJSA members can compete in a pedigreed market hog show, a pedigreed breeding gilt show and a skillathon at this exciting show on Oct. 19-21.

Entries are due Sept. 20 to the American Royal office. Exhibitors may enter four market hogs and two breeding gilts (they cannot be entered in both divisions). All market hogs must have DNA validation cards on file in the American Royal office, and will go to slaughter following the show. More information will be available in the July Herdsire Issue of *Seedstock EDGE*.

## Summer Interns Hired at NSR

Megan Townsend of Dansville, Mich., has been selected for the 2004 Summer NSR Communications internship.

Townsend will be entering her senior year in agricultural and natural resources communications at Michigan State University this fall, where she has been active in Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and Block & Bridle.

Townsend has also been active in the purebred cattle show ring.

She currently serves as event coordinator assistant in the MSU animal science department.

Having practical experience in magazine design and writing, Townsend should be a great fit to the NSR Communications department.

Rachelle Bailey of Turlock, Calif., has been named the 2004 NJSA intern.

Bailey is a senior in agricultural studies at Iowa State University, where she is active in Block & Bridle and the Swine Interest Group. She also was a member of the Iowa State livestock judging team and chaired the ISU Block & Bridle Spring Barrow & Gilt Show.

Bailey also served as a student intern at the National Pork Board.

Bailey's experience in show and event planning, combined with her passion and knowledge of the purebred swine industry, will make her an excellent addition to the NSR Junior Activities Department this summer.

## Nominating Procedures for Board of Director Elections

The nominating process for Board of Director elections for the four partners of NSR will soon begin. All four breeds now have boards made up of seven directors, two each from specified geographic districts, and one director at-large.

The boundaries of each district are based on membership, recordings and geography. All four breeds operate on the same fiscal year, which is the calendar year, and all breeds hold their elections during the November, with ballots mailed to each active member on Nov. 1.

New directors will be seated at the first board meeting scheduled in March 2005, and each term is for three years. Directors can serve two consecutive three-year terms.

Each breed has appointed a Nominating Committee that consists of the following: 1) President, 2) Vice-President and 3) one member, appointed by the President and Vice-President from each district that has a vacancy occurring that year.

The Nominating Committee will select nominees in time for their names to be published in the October/November issue of *Seedstock EDGE*. All eligible voting members will vote for candidates in all districts, and the candidate at-large.

There will also be space provided on the official ballot for write-in candidates.

In order to vote in the election, an active member must have registered at least one litter during the fiscal year, and must have paid their maintenance fee for the same period.

The following board members' terms are up this year:

### United Duroc Swine Registry

- Willard Olson, Kan. (first term)
- Steve Nichols, Ind. (first term)
- Curt Zehr, Ill. (second term)

### American Yorkshire Club

- Dr. Todd See, N.C. (second term)
- Shannon Witzig, Ill. (first term)

### Hampshire Swine Registry

- John Graber, Ohio (first term)
- John Penner, Neb. (second term)
- Brent Bolen, Ill. (first term)

### American Landrace Association

- Cliff Behrmann, Ill. (second term)
- Everett Forkner, Mo. (second term)

## NJSA NJSS reminders

### NJSA Foundation Female Auction

Don't miss your chance to bid on the NJSA Foundation Female, donated by Stade & Myhre of Caledonia, Minn. Their superior Hampshire female will be auctioned on Sat., July 10, during the Summer Type Conference Hampshire Sale in Louisville, Ky. You can also bid online at [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com) from July 4-7. All proceeds benefit the NJSA Scholarship Fund.

### NJSA Calendar Auction

Support the NJSA by purchasing a calendar page in the 2004 NJSA Calendar. Pages will be auctioned after the NJSS Sweepstakes Ceremony on Sat., July 10.

## Pedigree Cancellations

One of the main duties of the National Swine Registry is to maintain the purity of the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire breeds and protect breed integrity. Due to specific breed policies, the following pedigrees have been cancelled due to the failure of the listed animals meeting stress gene requirements and/or color test mating or DNA requirements.

### Durocs

- DBM3 Wide Track 3-5, reg. 256588005 – stress
- HILE3 Changing Times 1-1, reg. 259872001 – stress
- WGN3 Patriot 158-7, reg. 257752007 – stress

### Hampshires

- SROH3 Miss Diane 3-5, reg. 439019005 – color
- DRLR3 Baditude 2-8, reg. 437547008 – color
- MEB2 Intrigue 1-4, reg. 428427004 – color

### Landrace

None at this time.

### Yorkshires

None at this time.