

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2004 NSR Fall Classic
Nov. 18-20
Duncan, Okla.
- 2005 NSR Winter Type Conference
Jan. 5-7
Arkansas City, Kan.
- 2005 TX Hampshire Conf.
Feb. 10-12
Sweetwater, Texas
- 2005 Southwest 4-Breed Type Conference
March 3-5
Belton, Texas
- 2005 NJSA Western Regional
March 18-20
Bakersfield, Calif.

Seedstock EDGE DEADLINES

- Commercial 2005 Issue:**
Early Ad 5%
Discount Oct. 12
Ads Oct. 22
- January 2005 Issue:**
Early Ad 5%
Discount Nov. 19
Ads Nov. 29
- Feb./March 2005 Spring Showpig Issue:**
Early Ad 5%
Discount Jan. 4
Ads Jan. 14

NSR & NJSA ENTRY DEADLINES

- 2004 NSR Fall Classic
Oct. 15
- 2005 NSR Winter Type Conference
Dec. 6

UPCOMING NSR EVENT SCHEDULES

2004 NSR Fall Classic
Stephens Co. Fairgrounds, Duncan, Okla.
Wed., Nov. 17
8 a.m., Earliest entries may arrive
Thurs., Nov. 18
9 a.m., All entries must be in the barn
5 p.m., Weanling pig sift
Fri., Nov. 19
7:30 a.m., Breeding show begins
5:30 p.m., Selection of the Champion
Female Weanling Pig prospects.
Female sale follows.
Sat., Nov. 20
9 a.m., Breeding sale begins
5 p.m., Selection of the Champion
Male Weanling Pig prospects
5:30 p.m., Male sale
Entry forms can be found on page 193 the Sept. 2004 Issue of Seedstock EDGE.

2005 NSR Boards of Directors election

The nominating committees of the American Yorkshire Club, Hampshire Swine Registry, United Duroc Swine Registry and American Landrace Association have announced their candidates for the boards of directors election. They are as follows:

American Yorkshire Club
At large: Chuck Olsen, South Dakota
Central: Shannon Witzig, Illinois

American Landrace Association
Central: To be announced
Central: To be announced

United Duroc Swine Registry
At large: Steve Nichols, Indiana
At large: Bruce Zierke, Minnesota
Central: Kay Christian, Iowa
Central: Tom Olson, Illinois
Western: Willard Olson, Kansas
Western: Randy Buchholz, South Dakota

Hampshire Swine Registry
At large: Brent Bolen, Illinois
Eastern: John Graber, Ohio
Western: Tony Holcomb, Colorado
Western: Jason Hirschfeld, Nebraska

Ballots will be mailed to all active NSR senior members from the National Swine Registry headquarters the first week of November.

All ballots should be returned to the NSR office, postmarked by Nov. 30, 2004.

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.

2005 NSR Winter Type Conference
Agri-Business Bldg., Arkansas City, Kan.
Wed., Jan. 5
Noon, Earliest entries may arrive
Thurs., Jan. 6
10 a.m., All entries must be in place
Scanning to follow check-in
Fri., Jan. 7
9 a.m., Breeding show begins
5 p.m., Breeding sale begins
Entry forms can be found in the Oct./Nov. 2004 Issue of Seedstock EDGE.

2005 Winter Type Conference updates

The National Swine Registry's lead-off event of the year – the NSR Winter Type Conference – will feature a new format in 2005.

Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire boars and gilts will be exhibited and offered for sale on Friday, Jan. 7.

Judges for each breed are as follows: Durocs: Dr. Harold Hodson, Hampshires: Mike Watson and Yorkshires: Neil Planalp. Hampshires will lead off the show and sale, followed by Durocs and Yorkshires.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

2004 NSR Fall Classic reminders

There will be a new way to enter the Stephens County Fairgrounds for this year's Fall Classic. Instead of entering the west gate, all animals must enter the northeast side of the fairgrounds. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Animal Industries will be checking the health papers for the Fall Classic entries at this location. All animals that enter the grounds must meet the Fall Classic health requirements, including the requirement of each individual to be tested for pseudorabies.

Special recording rate discontinued

At their recent meeting, the NSR Executive Committee voted to discontinue the special \$10 recording rate that has been in effect for some time. Effective Jan. 1, 2005, the recording rate for litters under 90 days of age will return to \$12 for NSR members. All other recording rates will remain the same.

Register your litters before the end of the year to take advantage of the lower rate.

New for 2004 NSR Fall Classic

New requirements will be put in place for animals that come onto the Stephens County Fairgrounds and the Duncan Rodeo Association Grounds during the 2004 Fall Classic.

All non-consigned animals must meet the health requirements of the 2004 Fall Classic. Animals will be inspected by the staff of The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Animal Industries. Animals that are not placed in the designated Fall Classic facility will be charged \$10 per head by the Stephens County Fairgrounds and the Duncan Rodeo Association.

The Stephens County Fairgrounds and Duncan Rodeo Association will have the lights on and the restrooms opened.

New NSR position to be announced

NSR will soon advertise a new staff position. The successful candidate will represent NSR at all NJSA events, and will perform some traditional field representative responsibilities. Anticipated hire date is Feb. 1, 2005. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Darrell or Mike at NSR.

Robin's Reminders

It's autumn again. Boy, does time fly. I'm enjoying the weather, helping dribble a basketball and watching the combine go by. Now it's the grandkids instead of the girls, and I seem to have a lot more patience this time around.

As we start the last part of the year, I thought I would go over the membership rules again. The maintenance fee you pay each year works for a calendar year. So, you need to renew it again Jan. 1, 2005. This fee, plus recording one litter per year, allows you voting privileges; a one-year subscription to *Seedstock EDGE*; your name on all mailing lists; and your name in the NSR Breeder Directory, which is mailed to all NSR members and posted on the NSR Web site.

Have you checked out our pedigree search? Go to our Web site www.nationalswine.com, then to "Members only," then to "Pedigree search."

If you have trouble with this site, this may be why:

It does take time to search through the pedigree records. If you have an older machine, it may not have the patience for this, and it may time out.

If you've added a new security program to your computer, that security may be too tight to let you into the program.

Please also note: the pig must be a dam or sire, or be transferred, before it will show up on this site. If the boar has been DNA banked, a statement will appear that states this.

If you have questions about this program or anything on the Web site, please give me a call.

NJSA News

NJSA at National FFA Convention

On Oct. 27-29, NJSA directors will represent their organization at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky. Thousands of young agriculturists and FFA advisors are expected to stop by the NJSA booth during this exciting convention for FFA members across the country. If you are going to be at the convention, be sure to look up the NJSA Booth while you're there!

2005 Claude Robinson Scholarship deadline

Applications are available for the 2005 Claude Robinson Scholarship to recognize outstanding collegiate livestock judges. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one incoming college sophomore, junior or senior enrolled in a junior or senior college judging program. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated leadership activities, livestock judging experience, livestock judging interest and community service.

Youth may only win one scholarship and can obtain applications by calling the NSR Director of Junior Activities, Jennifer Shike, at (765) 463-3594 or (217) 485-5315, or by e-mail at jennifer@nationalswine.com. Applications must be postmarked to the NSR office no later than March 1, 2005.

Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader, FFA advisor, or person unrelated to the applicant who has knowledge of the applicant's livestock industry involvement. As well, they need to submit one letter of recommendation from their college livestock judging coach.

The scholarship recipient will be announced in May 2005, and the scholarship award will be disbursed in the fall of 2005. All questions may be directed to Jennifer at the NSR office.

2004 NJSA Southwest Regional

Junior purebred swine enthusiasts gathered in Lawton, Okla., to compete for top honors at the fifth-annual National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) Southwest Regional, Sept. 17-19.

Mark Hoge of Roseville, Ill., selected champion barrows in the first-ever NJSA Southwest Regional Barrow Show on Sat., Sept. 18. The Champion Barrow Overall was exhibited by Collin Listen of El Reno, Okla.

On Sunday, Hoge evaluated 102 entries in the gilt show. Blake Goss of Canute, Okla., claimed the overall champion title in the purebred gilt show, exhibiting a Jan. 2 gilt that first claimed champion Yorkshire.

Showmen also competed for top honors in showmanship, judging and sweepstakes competitions.

Commercial Services News and Notes

STAGES Summary to be published Oct. 16

The deadline for submitting maternal and growth performance records is Friday, Oct. 15, for your sires and dams to be included in the Trait Leader list published this fall, and on the STAGES Web site. To reserve your free copy of this release, call the NSR office or log onto www.nationalswine.com.

NSIF/Lauren Christian Genetics Symposium

The 2004 Lauren Christian Swine Genetics Symposium will be held Dec. 9-10 in Ames, Iowa, in conjunction with the National Swine Improvement Federation Annual Meeting.

Registration before Nov. 1 is \$125 per person; after November 1, \$150 per person. For more information and a registration form, contact the NSR office.

Communications Update

Breeder Links has moved

Breeder Links on the National Swine Registry Web site, www.nationalswine.com, has moved. Check out its new, more-convenient location on the left-hand navigational bar on every page of the site. With Breeder Links, you are one click away from the purebred swine industry's leading producers. To learn how to add your Web site to this listing, contact Carrie at the NSR office: (765) 463-3594 or carrie@nationalswine.com.

Make plans for the 2005 NBS® Progeny Test

Make plans to participate in the 2005 National Barrow Show® Progeny Test. This annual event attracts hogs from throughout the United States and analyzes the progeny of purebred boars from all eight breeds. While many Duroc breeders have taken advantage of this opportunity, we need greater participation from other NSR breeds.

Due in part to the great support from Hormel Foods, this test provides an enormous amount of data on your breeding program, with little or no personal investment.

Hogs will be delivered on Friday, March 25, to the Iowa State University Test Station in Ames, Iowa. Each group should be eight pigs of uniform weight, 45 to 65 lbs.; from at least three litters; sired by the same boar; and any combination of barrows and gilts. The pigs will be harvested as they reach 240 lbs., and the final evaluation will include performance, soundness, carcass leanness and muscle quality. The top sires in each breed will be named "NBS® Super Sires."

Entry forms will be available at the first of the year and are due March 1. Please contact Rick, Mike or Darrell at the NSR office - (765) 463-3594 - with questions.

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

CSUF3 Ferrari 116-7, reg. 260983007 - stress
JHFY4 Bullseye II 6-3, reg. 262665003 - stress
JDI3 Negative Move 6-5, reg. 256782005 - stress
MM3 Just Cause 32-6, reg. 252826006 - stress
MM3 TBS Red Bull 32-1, reg. 252826001 - stress
JSCS4 Big Red Machine 2-7, reg. 261351007 - stress
KNU3 Copperfield 9-4, reg. 260537004 - stress
HURD3 Simply Irresistable 24-2, reg. 258059006 - stress
GG34 PSSS Shock and Awe 12-3, reg. 264060003 - stress

Hampshires

TDM3 Shut 'Em Down 9-6, reg. 435297006 - stress
HILL3 Lynn 29-1, reg. 433688001 - color
HANA2 Fix It 3-4, reg. 429495004 - color

Landrace

None at this time.

Yorkshires

FLAX4 Undisputed 2-8, reg. 427475008 - stress