

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2004 Southwest Type Conference
March 4-6
Lubbock, Texas
- NSR Annual Meeting
March 31
West Lafayette, Ind.
- 2004 National Weanling Pig Extravaganza
April 28
Richmond, Ind.
- 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.

Seedstock EDGE DEADLINES

- April/May 2004 Issue**
Early Ad 5%
Discount.....March 1
Ads.....March 11
- June (Youth) 2004 Issue**
Early Ad 5%
Discount.....April 5
Ads.....April 16
- July (Herd sire) 2004 Issue**
Early Ad 5%
Discount.....May 17
Ads.....May 28
- August 2004 Issue:**
Early Ad 5%
Discount.....June 28
Ads.....July 2

NSR & NJSA ENTRY DEADLINES

- World Pork Expo
April 30
- STC/NJSS
May 14

UPCOMING NSR EVENT SCHEDULES

2004 Southwest Type Conference Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds, Lubbock, Texas

- Wednesday, March 3
10 a.m., Earliest time hogs may arrive
- Thursday, March 4
9 a.m., Check-in begins
10 a.m., Entries must be on the grounds and checked in
- Friday, March 5
8 a.m., Breeding stock shows begin
- Saturday, March 6
9:30 a.m., Breeding stock sales begin
Duroc, Landrace and Yorkshire boars & gilts

DNA Stress Gene Policy Reminder

The National Swine Registry Executive Committee adopted the following policy at their March 2003 meeting:

"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 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.

Before any litter (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire) can be registered, a DNA card must be on file at the NSR office.

NOTE: DNA Stress Testing will now be \$30/sample.

2004 National Weanling Pig Extravaganza Wayne County Fairgrounds, Richmond, Ind.

- Wednesday, April 28
1 p.m., Show begins
7 p.m., Sale begins
- Entry forms, health requirements and additional information can be found in the January 2004 issue (pg. 46) and Feb/March 2004 issue (pg. 116) of Seedstock EDGE.**

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

- Junior Events
- Tuesday, June 8
6 p.m.: Earliest entries may arrive at Iowa State Fairgrounds
- Wednesday, June 9
8 a.m.-Noon: Check-in and registration
9 a.m.-Noon: Barrow weigh-in
4 p.m.: Barrow show
- Thursday, June 10
8 a.m.: Showmanship
1 p.m.: Gilt show
- Friday, 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

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

Board of Directors Election Results

Congratulations to the following men who were elected to serve on their respective NSR Boards of Directors!

American Landrace Association

Mark Brubaker, Ind. – Eastern
Troy McCain, Neb. – Western

American Yorkshire Club

Craig Good, Kan. – Western
Randal Buck, Okla. – Western

Hampshire Swine Registry

David Martin, Iowa – Central

United Duroc Swine Registry

Doug Stewart, Iowa – Central



2004 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 31

University Inn, West Lafayette, Ind.

Noon:

NSR Annual Awards Luncheon
Top-recorder awards ceremony

1:30 p.m.:

Joint NSR Annual Membership Meeting

4 p.m.:

Annual Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire membership meetings

Call the NSR office at 765-463-3594 to RSVP.

Commercial Services News and Notes

New Market Opportunities

Are you looking for different marketing opportunities? NSR Commercial Services continues to develop relationships with various marketing groups, including quality niche programs, natural pork, antibiotic-free pork, and quality-driven commodity pork programs. To further these relationships, NSR is compiling a database to help grow some of these opportunities. Please call Rick Pfortmiller at the NSR office or drop an e-mail to rick@nationalswine.com for more information.

Meat Quality Testing Continues

NSR has established tentative 2004 slaughter dates at cooperating packers for meat-quality testing. The cut tests are necessary to collect data for calculating meat-quality EPDs. For breeders focusing on genetics for the commercial industry and quality niche markets, this information will be vital to create sales opportunities. Contact Rick at the NSR office for more information about cut tests in your area.

Upcoming NSR Commercial Services Marketing Events

March 8-9, American Assoc. of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa

March 18, Niman Ranch Pork Company Annual Supplier Meeting, Ames, Iowa

June 10-12, World Pork Expo, Des Moines, Iowa

Communications

Log on and Check it Out

The NSR Web site recently underwent a facelift, with a new look, new features and more information. Check it out at www.nationalswine.com. Let us know what you think!

Binding News

A limited number of 2003 *Seedstock EDGE* bound editions are available for sale. Own yours for only \$25 plus shipping. Call Elaine or Christy at the NSR office to secure yours. Get your issue before they're history!

Field Reps on Call

The NSR Field Representatives have joined the *Seedstock EDGE* advertising services team, and they're ready to assist you in meeting your advertising goals. Ralph Doak, Sam Howell and Daryl Real will be calling prospective advertisers for each issue, and will also assist NSR members and swine breeders in preparing advertising copy for *Seedstock EDGE*.

Give your representative a call today. And, don't be surprised if you get a call from one of them someday, too. They're ready to help!

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Robin's Review

I hope you are enjoying the new Web site!

If you have been looking for on-line registrations, on-line A.I. certificates, or the pedigree search, check under "For members only." The 2004 NSR Breeder Directory is also now on the site. You'll find it under "Industry reference."

With most of the A.I. certificates being submitted on the Web site, some of you have been leaving the sire information off of your application form. We still need this information.

The best information to give us is the ear notch and registration number. If you don't have that, we at least need the name of the boar and the name of the boar stud from which you purchased the semen.

If you are having any trouble with the Web site, please give us a call. We will be happy to walk you through the site.

NJSA News

Tournament of Champions - NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference

The third-annual NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference will take place May 20-23, 2004, at the Holiday Inn-North in Dayton, Ohio. Participants will interact with nationally respected youth speakers Scott Vernon and Mike Nygren. As well, they will tour Lean Value Sires, Top Cut Showpig Sires, and Akeys/Sunglo Feeds. In addition to a bowling tournament on Friday night and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and swimming party at Twin Pine Farms on Saturday night, youth will be presented with valuable information from some of the industry's top leaders. All NJSA members will have an opportunity to view highlights from the leadership conference at the NJSA Annual Meeting on Fri., July 9, during the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Registration for this conference is limited. The deadline for registration is April 15.

World Pork Expo Junior Event

The NJSA is working with Team Purebred to put on an exciting 8-breed junior gilt show, barrow show, judging contest and showmanship contest at the 2004 World Pork Expo in Des Moines on June 9-11. Special premiums will be offered in NJSA's purebred barrow show. \$5,000 will be awarded to the Champion Overall (among NJSA breeds - Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire) and \$2,500 will be awarded to the Reserve Champion Overall. Each breed winner will receive \$1,000 and reserve breed champions will win \$500.

Stop by the NJSA Booth at the World Pork Expo

The NJSA Board of Directors will be organizing a booth at the 2004 World Pork Expo to educate youth and adults about the opportunities available in the NJSA. Be sure to stop by the booth to visit with the directors and purchase your raffle tickets for the NJSA Popper Raffle. The winner will be announced at the 2004 NJSS in Louisville.

National Junior Summer Spectacular

The National Junior Summer Spectacular will be held July 6-10, 2004, in Louisville, Ky. Youth can compete in the gilt show, showmanship contest, skillathon, judging contest, speech contest, extemporaneous speaking contest, photography contest and the state display contest. Thousands of dollars will be given away to deserving members! Entries are due May 14, 2004, to the NSR office. Entry forms can be found in the Spring "The Pinnacle," the Web site or in the April/May issue of *Seedstock EDGE*.

NJSS Ownership Deadline Reminder

NSR breeders - don't forget the ownership deadline for the NJSS! All gilts must be owned and transferred to the exhibitor's name, the exhibitor's family name or the exhibitor's farm name 60 days prior to the show (May 8, 2004).

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

PASS 2 Columbus 14-6 reg. 242934006 - stress
LLAF3 After Midnight 1-4 reg. 259930004 - stress
JHFY2 Ms Squire 4-5 reg. 242904005 - stress
KQM2 After Midnight 1-6 reg. 253908006 - stress

Hampshires

None at this time.

Landrace

None at this time.

Yorkshires

WDSF3 What If 8-5 reg. 419331005 - stress