



NATIONAL SWINE REGISTRY For The Record

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FALL 2003

Upcoming NSR event schedules

2003 Fall Classic

Stephens County Fairgrounds, Duncan, Okla.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 – 8 a.m., Entries may enter grounds

Thursday, Nov. 20 – 9 a.m., Entries must be on grounds

5 p.m., Weanling pig sift

Friday, Nov. 21 – 7:30 a.m., Breeding shows begin

5:30 p.m., Selection of Champion Female Weanling Prospect,

Female sale follows

Saturday, Nov. 22 – 9 a.m., Breeding sales begin

5:30 p.m., Selection of Champion Male Weanling Prospect,

Male sale follows

Attention: All animals must be tested for pseudorabies (individually) to be eligible to participate in the Fall Classic.

2004 Southwest Hampshire Conference

Nolan County Coliseum, Sweetwater, Texas

Wednesday, Feb. 11, Barn open

Thursday, Feb. 12, Barn open and check in

Friday, Feb. 13 – 9 a.m., Gilt show begins

1 p.m., Boar show begins

7 p.m., SWHTC banquet

Saturday, Feb. 14 – 8 a.m., Judging contest

11 a.m., Hampshire sale begins

Please note schedule change. Entry form can be found in Oct./Nov. 2003 issue of *Seedstock EDGE*.

2004 Winter Type Conference

Agri-Business Building, Arkansas City, Kan.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 – Noon, Entries may enter building

Thursday, Jan. 8 – 10 a.m., All entries must be in the building

Friday, Jan. 9 – 9 a.m., Breeding stock shows begin

Saturday, Jan. 10 – 9:30 a.m., Breeding stock sales begin

Entry forms and health requirements can be found in the

Oct./Nov. 2003 issue of *Seedstock EDGE*.

2004 Southwest Type Conference

Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds, Lubbock, Texas

Wednesday, March 3 – Noon, Entries may enter the grounds

Thursday, March 4 – 10 a.m., Entries must be on the grounds and checked in

Friday, March 5 – 9 a.m., Breeding stock shows begin

Saturday, March 6 – 9:30 a.m., Breeding stock sales begin

Duroc, Landrace and Yorkshire boars & gilts – Entry forms and health requirements can be found in the January issue of *Seedstock EDGE*.

NSR recording special

**Register ANY litter,
ANY age
for only \$10
through
Dec. 31, 2003**

*Offer good for all
NSR active members*

Board of Director election in November

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 upcoming election. They are as follows:

American Yorkshire Club

Craig Good, Kan. – Western

Randal Buck, Okla. – Western

American Landrace Association

Mark Brubaker, Ind. – Eastern

Troy McCain, Neb. – Western

United Duroc Swine Registry

Doug Stewart, Iowa – Central

Joe Roberts, Mo. – Central

Hampshire Swine Registry

David Martin, Iowa – Central

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

All ballots should be returned to the NSR office and must be post-marked by Nov. 30, 2003.

NSR Meat Quality Symposium

On Sept. 24 in Ames, Iowa, NSR commercial breeders and NSR Executive Board members participated in a mini pork workshop sponsored by NSR.

Dr. Ken Prusa, food scientist from Iowa State University, gave an excellent overview of pork quality from his perspective and experience working with retailers, packers, export markets and producers. He demonstrated how pork quality is measured and explained the standards of the industry.

Prusa believes that by measuring the pH of pork at various times after slaughter, quality can be greatly sorted. Higher-pH pork has less water loss and increased palatability. The higher-pH meat is darker and preferred in export markets.

He showed the group the difference between a low-pH loin and a high-pH loin in terms of color, firmness and water loss. For demonstration purposes, several samples of pork from the NBS truckload show were compared for quality differences. Later, the group tasted the prepared samples and experienced the differences in palatability due to pH, marbling and combinations of both.

Participants gained a greater understanding of quality pork and our role in producing a quality product.

NSR application note: NSR is measuring pH in its muscle-quality program and will provide EPDs for pH on animals to assist in selection and marketing. Watch for the release of these EPDs in coming weeks!

Upcoming *Seedstock EDGE* deadlines

January 2004 Issue ad deadline	Dec. 1
January 2004 Issue mails	Dec. 28
Feb./March 2004 early ad 5 percent discount	Jan. 6
Feb./March 2004 Issue ad deadline	Jan. 16
Feb./March 2004 Issue mails	Feb. 20
April/May 2004 early ad 5 percent discount	March 1
April/May 2004 Issue ad deadline	March 11
April/May 2004 Issue mails	April 9

Find the National Swine Registry on the Internet at: www.nationalswine.com

Commercial Services News and Notes

Fall 2003 STAGES Sire Summary released

The latest Trait Leader list is now available. This summary includes sires with EPDs and indexes for the economically important traits.

Whether you are a small breeder or a large commercial breeder, this can be an excellent tool for genetic selection. Call the NSR office today for your free copy, or check us out on the Web at www.nationalswine.com and click on the STAGES logo for these updated EPDs.

UltraCROSS Swine Breeding Solutions sales force to expand

Do you or someone you know have a passion for helping commercial swine producers with genetic consultation? If so, we would like to talk to you. We're seeking qualified representatives to develop sales and service accounts for UltraCROSS Swine Breeding Solutions.

This can be an excellent opportunity, full or part time, to share your abilities with the swine industry. Please contact Rick Pfortmiller at the NSR office for more information.

NSR Pork Quality Alliance update

Meat-quality EPDs will be released soon to breeders who have been involved in the meat-quality evaluations in the past several years.

If you are interested in this program designed for the future of pork production, please call the NSR office and ask to be placed on the contact list for upcoming slaughter dates at cooperative packing plants.

Robin's Review

Don't forget the recording special that the NSR Executive Committee has approved for the rest of the year.

All litters recorded, no matter the age, will cost \$10 until Dec. 31, 2003. This is for all **active members**.

What is an active member? For senior members, you must have paid your maintenance fee and recorded at least one litter this year. For junior members, you must record at least one litter per year.

Also, a reminder about DNA banking: All sires **must** be DNA banked in our office if you plan to record litters from them.

To do this, you must purchase a blotter card (\$4), add four drops of blood or semen from the boar to the card, and mail the card to us. You will be charged a \$6 fee to bank this sample at the office.

If you choose to have any testing done on a boar, we then have everything required to submit samples for testing. This banking will last for at least 10 years and will allow testing for stress or parentage, or for Hampshires – Napole and color gene.

If you have any questions on blood banking or DNA testing, please contact Carrie or Rick at the NSR office today.

Make plans for the 2004 NBS Progeny Test

Make plans to participate in the 2004 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 the other NSR breeds.

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

Hogs will be delivered on March 22 to the Iowa State University Test Station in Ames, Iowa. Each group should be eight pigs of uniform weight, 40 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 with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

• 2003 Fall Classic •
Nov. 20-22, 2003 • Duncan, Okla.

• 2004 Winter Type Conference •
Jan. 8-10, 2004 • Arkansas City, Kan.

2004 Southwest Hampshire Conference •
Feb. 12-14, 2004 • Sweetwater, Texas

• 2004 Southwest Type Conference •
March 4-6, 2004 • Lubbock, Texas

NJSA News

• NJSA Scholarship Applications are due Dec. 1, 2003 •

2003 National FFA Convention

NJSA will represent their junior association while promoting the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire breeds at the 2003 National FFA Convention, Oct. 29-31 in Louisville, Ky.

2003 Southwest Regional

If you weren't in Lawton, Okla., on Sept. 19-21, you missed out on a great event. Not only did a quality purebred gilt show take place, but exhibitors also competed in a competitive showmanship contest and a judging contest that attracted 80 additional youth from Oklahoma and Texas. Altogether, nearly 200 youth from six states competed at the fourth-annual NJSA Southwest Regional held at the Comanche County Fairgrounds. Al Snedegar evaluated the 102 entries in the gilt show.

2003 Eastern Regional

Junior purebred swine enthusiasts from 12 states gathered in Harrisburg, Pa., to compete for top honors at the NJSA Eastern Regional, Oct. 3-4. What an event, with more states represented by top-notch gilts for this NJSA regional show than ever before! Jim McCoy, Bloomingburg, Ohio, selected champion gilts from 168 entries on Sat., Oct. 4.

2004 World Pork Expo Junior Event

Don't miss out on the 2004 World Pork Expo Junior Event on June 8-11, 2004, in Des Moines, Iowa. For the first time ever, the NJSA will join up with Team Purebred for an eight-breed junior swine show.

This event will include a purebred gilt show for gilts born on or after Nov. 1, 2003, and a purebred barrow show for barrows born on or after Nov. 1, 2003, and weighing between 220-280 lbs.

The champion barrow overall in the NJSA show will receive \$5,000. The reserve champion barrow overall will receive \$2,500. Breed champions in the barrow show will be awarded \$1,000, and reserve breed champions will receive \$500. Breed champions in the gilt show will be awarded \$500 and the reserve breed champions will receive \$250. In addition, youth can compete in a showmanship contest and judging contest.

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 animal to meet stress gene requirements and/or color test mating requirements.

Durocs

JD11 New Trend 4-7 reg. 246048007 – stress
JD11 Chuck 17-7 reg. 234001007 – stress
DPL3 Ms Waldo 1-5 reg. 253873005 – stress
TL3 Golden Girl 11-2 reg. 254020002 – stress
WGN3 Why Not 5-6 reg. 250639006 – stress
WGN3 Ms Nitro 5-13 reg. 250639013 – stress
JHFY3 Bullseye 6-3 reg. 253654003 – stress
WGN3 Patriot 157-3 reg. 257751003 – stress
WGN3 Ms Nitro 157-4 reg. 257751004 – stress
ACR2 Trophy Hunter 2-1 reg. 248064001 – stress
DIN2 Irish Setter 2-5 reg. 245617005 – stress
RFW3 Outkast 15-8 reg. 255643008 – stress

Hampshires

BNK3 Miss 1-7 reg. 435119007 – color
1DAN3 Miss Cathy 13-4 reg. 434928004 – stress
WBL3 Pound Maker 16-2 reg. 433034002 – stress
HRB3 Bodacious 12-2 reg. 433726002 – color (and all the littermates)
BOO1 Combo 1-7 reg. 419705007 – color (and all the littermates)
7DL3 Black Dice 2-3 reg. 436006003 – stress
DWW3 Stella 6-2 reg. 435029002 – stress
RAT2 M Smack F1 1-7 reg. 432493007 – stress
RAT2 M Smack F1 1-8 reg. 432493008 – stress
RAT3 Dorothy 6-3 reg. 433228003 – stress
FUNK3 Ninety-Nine 2-1 reg. 432937001 – stress
TLH2 All She Wrote 28-7 reg. 432670007 – stress
JLM2 Total Chaos 13-1 reg. 428009001 – stress

Landrace

VBF0 Hallmark 49-10 reg. 76265010

Yorkshires

ARCS3 Chisholm 18-2 reg. 418925002 – stress