

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2006 NSR Winter Type Conference**  
Jan. 4-7  
Stillwater, Okla.

**2006 TX Hampshire Conf.**  
Feb. 9-11  
Sweetwater, Texas

**2006 Southwest 4-Breed Type Conference**  
March 2-4  
Belton, Texas

**2006 NJSA Western Regional**  
March 17-19  
Turlock, Calif.

**2006 NSR Annual Meeting**  
March 22  
West Lafayette, Ind.

**2006 NSR Extravaganza**

## Seedstock EDGE DEADLINES

**Feb./March 2006 Spring Showpig Issue:**  
Early Ad 5%  
Discount ..... Jan. 3  
Ads ..... Jan. 13

**April/May 2006 Issue:**  
Early Ad 5%  
Discount ..... Feb. 27  
Ads ..... March 13

**June Youth 2006 Issue:**  
Early Ad 5%  
Discount ..... April 3  
Ads ..... April 14

## NSR & NJSA DEADLINES

**2006 Southwest 4-Breed Type Conference**  
Feb. 3

**2006 NBS® Progeny Test**  
March 1

**2006 NSR Extravaganza**  
March 24

## Upcoming NSR event schedules

### 2006 NSR Southwest 4-Breed Type Conference Bell Co. Expo Center, Belton, Texas

*Wed., March 1*

Noon, Earliest entries may arrive

*Thurs., March 2*

9 a.m., Check-in begins

11 a.m., All entries must be in the barn and checked-in

*Fri., March 3*

8 a.m., Hampshire Show

Followed by Duroc Show

Followed by Landrace Show

Followed by Yorkshire Show

*Sat., March 4*

9 a.m., Hampshire Sale

Followed by Duroc Sale

Followed by Landrace Sale

Followed by Yorkshire Sale

*Entry forms can be found on page 57 in the Jan. '06 issue of Seedstock EDGE or on [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com).*

### 2006 NSR Weanling Pig Extravaganza Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, Richmond, Ind.

*Tues., April 25*

4-9 p.m., Arrival and check-in

*Wed., April 26*

8-10 a.m., Check-in entries, health papers and pedigrees

9 a.m., Hogs must be penned on the fairgrounds

Noon, Sift begins

6 p.m., Sale begins

*Entry forms can be found in the '06 Feb./March Showpig issue of Seedstock EDGE or on [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com).*

## New litter prepayment option

The NSR Executive Committee recently approved a one-year trial program allowing NSR active members to prepay their anticipated litter recordings for the year. To be eligible for this program, prepayment must be made prior to March 1, and before any litters are submitted. Once prepayment is made, NSR active members in good standing will be able to record all their litters during that calendar year at the lowest price of \$12 per litter, regardless of age. This program is available only to those members who record 50 or more litters each year.

If you have struggled to get your litters submitted to the NSR office before they reach 90 days of age, or you don't like paying the \$24 rate on old litters, this option might be for you. You simply estimate the number of litters you feel confident that you will record in 2006, multiply that number by \$12, and submit that amount to the NSR office prior to March 1. If you underestimate the number of litters, the \$12 rate will be applied to those in excess of your prepayment. However, if you overestimate the number you will register during the year, there will be no refund of excess funds paid. Litters must be recorded during the calendar year, and you will not be allowed to carryover any unused funds.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Robin, Mike or Darrell at the NSR office.

## 2006 NSR Boards of Directors election results

Congratulations to the following men for being elected to serve on the boards of directors for the American Yorkshire Club, Hampshire Swine Registry, United Duroc Swine Registry and American Landrace Association. They are as follows:

### American Yorkshire Club

Eastern: Daniel Hendrickson, Indiana

Eastern: Steve Rodibaugh, Indiana

Central: Jim Ifft, Illinois

### American Landrace Association

Eastern: Kevin Ellis, Kentucky

Eastern: Bill Tempel, Indiana

### United Duroc Swine Registry

Eastern: Bill Isler, Ohio

Eastern: Terry Shaffer, Indiana

Western: Rick Whitman, California

### Hampshire Swine Registry

Eastern: Darrell Drake, Indiana

Central: Earl Cain, Iowa

Western: Ken Starks, Oklahoma

## 2006 NSR summer internships

Applications are now being accepted through Feb. 1 for two 2006 NSR summer internships – one with the National Junior Swine Association, and one with the NSR Communications Department.

In the NJSA internship, the intern will assist with junior shows and events, NJSA promotional materials and in-office correspondence with NJSA members.

The NSR Communications intern will help to develop concepts and designs for *Seedstock EDGE*, "The Pinnacle" and "For the Record," in addition to other responsibilities.

Travel is required for both internships, including, but not limited to, trips to the World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa, and the National Junior Summer Spectacular and Summer Type Conference in Louisville, Ky.

For complete internship details and requirements, visit [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com).



## 2006 Annual Meeting Wednesday, March 22

University Inn, West Lafayette, Ind.

10 a.m.:

Annual Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire membership meetings

Noon:

NSR Annual Awards Luncheon

Top-recorder awards ceremony

1:30 p.m.:

Joint NSR Annual Membership Meeting

Call the NSR office at 765.463.3594 to RSVP.

## Commercial Services News and Notes

### Reach 30,000 customers with "The Source."

NSR commercial producers have a great opportunity to reach nearly 30,000 potential customers in the 2006 NSR Commercial Reference Issue – "The Source." This special issue will be distributed with the *National Hog Farmer* blueprint series in April and will be produced in February.

Another excellent advertising opportunity is the NSR Commercial Solutions Gene Bank – a full-page advertisement that will run in four issues of *National Hog Farmer* in 2006. NSR breeders have the opportunity to advertise their operations in a 2-inch ad on this page, along with other breeders who promote purebred genetics.

Special advertising rates are available by taking advantage of both the Commercial Reference Issue and the NSR Gene Bank.

Don't miss your chance to get added exposure through these special commercial projects. Contact Rick at the NSR office today: 765.463.3594, or [rick@nationalswine.com](mailto:rick@nationalswine.com).

### New STAGES report available.

The Winter 2006 issue of the National Genetic Evaluation Trait Leader List is available. Go to [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com) to view the online version, or contact Rick at the NSR office to have a printed copy mailed to you.

### NBS® Progeny Test deadline approaching.

Make plans to participate in the 2006 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.

This test provides much data on your breeding program, with little or no personal investment. Hogs will be delivered on Monday, March 27, 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 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.

## NJSA News

### 2006 World Pork Expo Junior National.

Get ready for the World Pork Expo Junior National on June 7-9, 2006, in Des Moines, Iowa.

This fun event consists of a barrow show, a breeding gilt show, a showmanship contest and a judging contest. Remember, breeders, that all pigs must be transferred and owned by the youth exhibitor by April 28, 2006. Please be sure to get your paperwork done in a timely fashion to help the youth!

### 2006 National Junior Summer Spectacular date set.

Mark your calendars and get ready! The 2006 National Junior Summer Spectacular will be held July 4-8 in Louisville, Ky. Ownership and transfer deadline is May 8, 2006.

### Claude Robinson Scholarship applications available.

Applications are available for the 2006 Claude Robinson Scholarship for 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 leadership activities, livestock judging experience and interest, and community service.

Youth may only win one scholarship and can obtain applications by contacting the NSR office. Applications must be postmarked to the NSR office no later than March 1.

### Goin' for the Gold at the NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference.

NJSA will hold its fifth-annual national youth leadership conference in Modesto, Calif., on May 26-28, 2006. The theme for this year's conference is "Goin' for the Gold." Youth ages 14-21 will be challenged to make the most of their opportunities in life while broadening their knowledge of important swine industry issues.

Applications are due to the NSR office by April 21, 2006. These applications can be obtained by contacting the NSR office. The conference fee is \$100. All rooms, meals, activities and a t-shirt will be included in this fee. A \$130 option is also available which includes a hooded sweatshirt.

### NJSA Board of Directors applications available.

Are you interested in leading the National Junior Swine Association in 2006-2008? If so, consider running for the NJSA Board of Directors.

Applications are available by contacting Jennifer Shike at 765.463.3594, 217.485.5315 or [jennifer@nationalswine.com](mailto:jennifer@nationalswine.com). Deadline is March 1, 2006.

## Robin's Reminders

Whoever put Thanksgiving right after Duncan sure has things set up well, because you can only see the wonderful parts of Duncan when you are back home. With the sale balanced, it's a perfect time to reflect on the many wonderful blessings the Lord has provided for us.

Frank and I went to the reception for our first "Daisy" Girl Scout, and I marvel how the simple things in life bring us such joy. As I think about my many years with the National Swine Registry, the best part has always been friendships with you.

As we start the New Year, please remember that your maintenance fee is due Jan. 1, 2006. The fee is \$75 per breed, and does include a magazine subscription and the opportunity to record your litters at special membership rates.

If you are a member of more than one breed, you can give the extra subscription to the person of your choice, have two sent to your home, or extend your current subscription for another year.

If you would like to have something special done with your subscription, just give me a call.

May you enjoy a safe and wonderful holiday season, and may the Lord grant you peace, love and blessing in 2006!

## Communications Update

### Make a statement on [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com).

Don't miss out! You can now purchase banner advertisements on [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com) for a special introductory rate of \$100 per month. These advertisements can be located on the NSR or NJSA home page, and will direct potential customers directly to a breeder's Web site.

NSR Breeder Links, also located at [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com), puts visitors to the NSR Web site only one click away from your Web site – all for only \$100 per year.

An added benefit of becoming a Breeder Link advertiser is the option of posting your most-current *Seedstock EDGE* ad from your link for \$25 per month.

And if you don't have a Web site, but want Internet exposure, we can help. For \$50 per month, you can post your most-current *Seedstock EDGE* ad on the Breeder Links page. Call Christy at the NSR office today!

### A new look!

When the January 2006 *Seedstock EDGE* hits your mailbox, you'll probably notice it's gotten a face lift. Yes, the *Seedstock EDGE* staff has updated your magazine to give it a fresh, modern look. All of the features that you love are still there, plus a couple of surprises that we hope will also become favorites. Let us know what you think!

### A gift that lasts.

Looking for the perfect gift for a special person in your life? Consider giving a *Seedstock EDGE* gift subscription. Call the NSR office today to learn how.

## 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

1DAN5 Sky 30-6, reg. 278744003 – stress  
CC1 Betsy 76-1, reg. 238876001 – stress  
RAMY4 Oops 40-8, reg. 269825008 – stress  
JSCS5 Totally Unbelievable 1-1, reg. 273963001 – stress  
BAD4 Pipe 26-7, reg. 265280007 – stress  
JEC4 Big Time 2-1, reg. 264330001 – stress  
KBI5 Ultra 1-1, reg. 272853001 – stress

### Hampshires

3JMA5 Rae 7-6, reg. 445956006 – stress  
JCOW5 Lacey 3-1, reg. 448248001 – color gene  
(littermates 3-2 through 3-11, reg. 448248002-448248011)

### Landrace

None at this time

### Yorkshires

None at this time