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NALF NEWS

National Junior Show Was a Real 'Bash'

Nearly 130 North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) members from 20 states took part in the "Bayou Bash" 2007 National Junior Limousin Show and Congress (NJLSC) in West Monroe, Louisiana. Read about the memorable event throughout this issue.

If you would like a DVD of the official highlight video for \$30, e-mail a note to Steady Shots Production (fujicowboy@aol.com). After you order, allow six weeks for delivery.

Thanks to the Louisiana Limousin Association (LLA) and Louisiana Junior Limousin Association (LJLA) for their hospitality and to the many generous contributors who made the event possible.

Mark your calendars for July 12–19, 2008, when the NJLSC will move to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Find the welcome flier, including phone numbers for the host hotels, and a link for making online reservations at the headquarters hotel in the "Juniors" section of the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) Web site (www.nalf.org).

Corner Post Campaign Concludes; Legacy Will Continue

The NALJA Board of Directors members served around 200 people at a sundae fundraiser during the NJLSC and cleared \$400 for the yearlong Corner Post Campaign, which ended with the show. Finishing at 91 percent of its \$75,000 goal, it will benefit NALJA by funding additional activities and scholarships.

Although the initial campaign has ended, its legacy will continue to grow with the second Corner Post Genetics Package at the National Limousin Sale in Denver, Colorado, January 14, 2008. Council Family Limousin is donating the headline female, CFLX Cheerleader 001T, a 1/10/07 daughter of Carrousel's Peak Power out of Logan's Cheerleader 280G, the dam of multi-trait leader JCL Lodestar 27L.

Start Using NALF's Street Address

NALF has decided it is time to phase out its post-office (PO) box and use its physical

address. Although the association will continue to accept mail there for a while, update your address book now and start using the following: North American Limousin Foundation, 7383 S. Alton Way, Ste. 100, Centennial, CO 80112-2339.

For those who are wondering, NALF's home office has not moved. But instead of being "rural Englewood," the property now is part of the city of Centennial. While you are erasing the PO box, go ahead and note that change, too.

Nominating Committee Seeks Input

NALF President Wendell Geeslin of Platteville, Colorado, has announced the 2007–2008 Nominating Committee:

- Chairman Dave Berry, Port Orchard, Washington, past president;
- Gordon Schuppe, Iliff, Colorado, past president;
- Mike Smith, Plainville, Kansas, board member;
- Bob Millerberg, Draper, Utah, board member;
- Lane McComas, Raphine, Virginia, at-large member;
- Jim Counsil, Madisonville, Texas, at-large member; and
- Charles Linhart, Leon, Iowa, at-large member.

The October issue of *Limousin World* will include the committee's slate of nominees. The NALF office then must receive signed letters of support for at-large nominees from at least 15 different founding, lifetime or active annual members by October 15. Identification of all nominees by then enables NALF to publicize their candidacies and include their names on the official ballot.

Major Shows Approach

The Limousin shows at the American Royal in Kansas City, Missouri, will be October 18. Jerry Adamson of Cody, Nebraska, will sort the junior entries and Randy Daniel of Colbert, Georgia, will judge the open show. Entries were due September 1.

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The junior show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Kentucky, will be November 11. The open show will be November 14 and Terry Burks of Bowling Green, Kentucky, will be the judge. NAILE entries are due October 1.

For cattle to retain their Medal of Excellence (MOE) points, owners must submit their performance data to NALF by December 1.

Web Site Includes New MOE Rules

You now can find the complete rules for the MOE show program in the “Programs” section of the NALF Web site. There are different versions for the major MOE shows, “Level II” shows and Lim-Flex® shows.

Also note there are some significant changes to the cow-calf classes.

Eight Webcasts Remain for 2007

NALF is excited to be partnering with DVAuction.com to provide free producer-outreach webcasts. Each will begin at 7 p.m. Mountain Time.

- Sept. 18–Visions Quest (VQ) Round 3 Preview (sponsored by Critical Insights)
- Sept. 25–DNA, Data Collection and Online Recording (members only; sponsored by MMI Genomics)
- Oct. 2–Breed Improvement (members only; sponsored by *Limousin World*)
- Oct. 9–Nutrition
- Nov. 20–Basic Marketing (members only; sponsored by R&R Marketing Co.)
- Nov. 27–Advanced Marketing (members only; sponsored by KK Seedstock Consultants)
- Dec. 11–Crossbreeding Strategies
- Dec. 18–Bull-Buying Strategies

Find instructions for participating in the webcasts in the “Programs” section of the NALF Web site.

AI Sires Must Be Proto-Tested, Parent-Verified

All bulls born after 2001 and semen-collected for artificial insemination (AI) must have a DNA type on file with NALF and be parent-verified via DNA. Blood-typing

is acceptable for parentage verification only if one or both parents are dead and, consequently, no tissue sample is available for DNA-typing.

For progeny to be eligible for the NALF herdbook, AI sires must have a genotype for protoporphyria (proto) on file. To prevent delays in recording AI offspring, bull owners should meet all parentage verification and proto-testing requirements before distributing any semen or flushing cows. Contact Kate Kusma in the NALF office if you have questions.

Note the testing laboratories close for several weeks during the winter holidays so do not postpone DNA tests.

Carcass Data Always Needed

To follow up on the Limousin Visions Symposium’s directive for enhanced grade, NALF must expand its carcass database. Harvest data from pedigreed animals play a vital role in providing high-quality genetic evaluations of carcass traits for NALF members and their commercial customers. Breeders should collect and submit actual carcass data whenever possible, and NALF will process it free of charge. For more information about reporting harvest data, contact Lauren Hyde in the NALF office.

Update Cow Inventories Before Recording Calves

Before requesting preprinted cow-inventory birth-report forms or using the online animal-recording tool, members should update their active-cow inventories. Keeping inventories up-to-date contributes valuable culling information to the NALF herdbook and minimizes the number of unwanted animals in search results. Update inventories using the online tool or the multiple-application form, then return culled animals’ registration certificates to the NALF office.

Prepare to Collect Weaning Data

Fall is the important season for gathering critical weaning information. Weaning data

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