

Michigan Hereford Association

March 12, 2019 Newsletter

Think spring!

What a winter we have experienced this year. Bone chilling temperatures at times with daily snowfall have reminded all of us what a true Michigan winter can be. With our daylight increasing and the warmth of the sun this time of year we know that spring is just around the corner.

Late winter, early spring calving has been a challenge at times preventing frozen ears and getting that new calf off to a good start. This time of year can be challenging with getting up to go out and check cows throughout the night (or get up to check barn cameras), either way it can be tiring. Even so spring is an exciting time of year having those new calves on the ground after waiting to see what your breeding choices were.

Be sure to check out this year's Hereford consignments at Michigan Beef Expo on March 29-30th. We have a nice offering that would make a great addition to your herd. Catalogs will be in the mail.

Our annual meeting will be held Friday March 29th 6:30 pm at Okemos Conference Center @ I-96 exit 110 Okemos/Mason Exit. Some of this year's events, we will be auctioning off advertising pages for our new directory, having a silent auction, election of new board members and an update of what is happening with the Hereford Association by John Meents.

Regards,

Jim Steketee

Michigan Hereford Women

Our annual meeting will be held after the Michigan Hereford Association annual meeting. Our annual dues are \$25.00

If anyone would like to donate Silent Auction items for the meeting, the proceeds will go to the Juniors this year. I will have bid sheets available. Items will be displayed in the Hereford stalling area on Friday and moved to the meeting room for the annual meeting in the evening. If you are not able to get your item to the stall area during the day, please bring it to the meeting room to be added.

This is an election year, please come willing to participate.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Steketee at 616-437-3337.



MJHA News



MJHA will be raffling off a Sullivan's Jackpot Showbox this year during the 2019 MI Beef Expo March 29th-31st at the MSU Pavilion. Thank you to Fair Acres Show Supply for donating the showbox. Proceeds will go towards providing a scholarship to the Faces of Leadership conference in Omaha, NE, the Jr Fall Show and stall decorations for the NJHE in Denver, Co. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20 and 20 for \$80.



MJHA meeting Saturday, March 30th, 10am at the MSU Pavilion classrooms.

Agenda:

- **officer elections
- **yearly dues
- **Jackpot showbox raffle
- **spring/summer shows
- **Faces of Leadership Scholarship winner will be announced

If you are interested in becoming a MJHA member Please message Robin Bower Riker with your Name, Birthday, email and address.

2019 MI Beef Expo Schedule of Events:

Friday, March 29

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| 9:00 a.m. | Cattle show begins (Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Chi-Maine, Simmental, and AORB) |
| 3:00 p.m. | Block and Bridal youth judging contest |
| 4:00 p.m. | Beef Expo Reception (in exhibit area, all are welcome) |
| 6:30 p.m. | MHA Annual Meeting (Okemos Conference Center) |

Saturday, March 30

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| 10:00 a.m. | Breed Sales begin (Auditorium) (Chi-Maine, Simmental, Shorthorn, Angus, AORB and Hereford) |
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Sunday, March 31

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| 8:00 a.m. | Block & Bridle Junior Cattle Show |
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MI Hereford Board Elections

The MI Hereford Board would like recognize the following board members for their service to the MI Hereford Association: Jim Steketee and Christie Johnston. Two board position will be available at the annual meeting. If you are interested in serving on the MHA Board of Directors please contact a board member as soon as possible.

Memberships must be up to date in order to vote at the annual meeting. Please send in the form below with your annual dues to ensure that your membership current.

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Membership & Contact Update Form

I hereby make application for membership in the Michigan Hereford Association (MHA). Upon becoming a member, I agree to be governed by the constitution and By-Laws of the MHA and to abide by the rules of the American Hereford Association. Dues for one year are \$20.00, payable to MHA.

Member name(s): _____

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Farm Website: _____

Please Mail to: Ben Diekevers, MHA Secretary/Treasurer

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Annual Meeting and Banquet

March 29th

Okemos Conference Center

2187 University Park Dr

Okemos, MI 48864

4:00 pm MI Beef Expo Breeders Social, MSU Pavilion

6:30 pm MI Hereford Assn. Annual Meeting and Light Dinner

- Presentation of awards
- Election of board directors
- MHW Queen Presentations and update
- MJHA update
- Directory pages auction
- MHW and MJHA silent auctions

New location for 2019

Okemos Conference Center

2187 University Park Dr

Okemos, MI 48864

I-96 at Exit 110, Okemos / Mason Exit.

The Okemos Conference Center is Attached to The Okemos Comfort Inn

Recommended Hotels

Okemos Best Western

517-349-8700

Has pool shares parking lot with banquet facility

Okemos Comfort Inn

517-351-8181

Attached to banquet facility

Mention "Pavilion Rate" for best pricing