

Winter 2019



Greetings!

One thing for sure is with living in Michigan we always have something to talk about, the weather! Wow what an interesting year it has been, a wet cold spring and a long prolonged wet fall! Needless to say, there has been lots of struggles from getting row crops planted, hay cut this spring, keeping cows/calves out of the mud and crop harvest this fall.

A big thanks to Heather Breasbois and Robin Riker for all their hard work and dedication with being junior advisors. The growth and enthusiasm with the juniors is great to see!

Our Fall Spectacular Show in October continues to grow every year. Thank you to everyone that helped putting this all together and the exhibitors for making it a great success.

Please note, our annual MHA business meeting will be March 14, 2020 starting at 11:00 am @ Agro Liquid meeting facility St. Johns. This is a great facility and also centrally located for membership convenience. See enclosed information.

Plans are currently being made for Michigan Beef Expo, April 3-4, 2020. Consider this as an opportunity of showcasing your cattle and a marketing option. Consignor requirements and entry forms are enclosed in this newsletter. Entry forms are due to MHA on January 15, 2020. High resolution pictures only, no phone pictures can be used. If you have any questions regarding Beef Expo call/text me @ 616-437-3338 or e-mail @ maplelanefarmgroup@gmail.com.

As always, the MHA board always welcomes your comments and suggestions to improve our association.

We can't change yesterday, but we can make a difference today and tomorrow.

Have a blessed holiday season and a prosperous new year!

Regards,

Jim Steketee

5th Annual 2019 MHA Fall Spectacular

The MHA Fall Spectacular was held on October 5 at the Ionia County Fairgrounds. The show continues to grow each year. This year we have 32 head judged by Brandon Hill of Mason, MI. For the second year the MJHA had their show in the morning and they also are seeing continued growth in their show. We are scheduled to be back there in 2020 on October 2-3. Below are the results from the open show:

Champion Heifer: Courtney Hall

Champion Cow/Calf: Julie Thelen

Reserve Champion Heifer: Cole Johnston

Reserve Cow/Calf: JahDee VanNortwick

Champion Steer: Wyatt Baker

Champion Bull: Breasbois Farms

Reserve Champion Steer: Jared Machiela

Reserve Bull: Robin Riker

2020 Michigan Beef Expo

The 2020 MI Beef Expo will be April 3-4, 2020 in East Lansing, MI. This is one of our larger events of the year for MHA. We invite you to attend this great event, either as a consignor or spectator. Enclosed is additional information regarding consigning cattle to the Michigan Beef Expo Hereford Sale. Please review all of the rules and health requirements to consign. Use one form per entry, keep foot notes short and sweet (approx. 50-60 words), only high-resolution photos can be used (e-mailed). There is \$100 entry fee per lot (this will be used as credit towards each sale lot expenses), consignor also needs to be a Michigan Cattleman's Association member with dues paid.

Entries must be returned to Adam Gaulke by January 15, 2020 237 38th Street Allegan MI 49010. Email photographs to michiganhereford@gmail.com.

If you have any questions call Jim Steketee @ 616-437-3338.

The MHA Board encourages all consigners to advertise for their own entries. Social Media posts, email blasts and invitations to past customers are a few ideas to advertise your offerings. If you are interested in sponsoring an award for the MI Beef Expo please contact Adam Gaulke for more information.

Annual Meeting NEW DATE AND VENUE

The annual meeting will be held March 14, 2020 at the Agro-Liquid Conference Center in St. Johns beginning at 11:00 AM. **See Enclosed RSVP form.** Please join us for lunch and our annual meeting.

At the annual meeting the membership will be voting to fill two expiring positions on the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in running for these open positions please contact anyone on the MHA Board.

MHA Dues: If you want to include your annual dues with your RSVP form please check the box on the form and include in your total money enclosed.

MI Hereford Women

Our annual meeting will be held after the Michigan Hereford Association annual meeting on Saturday March 14th at Agro Liquid in St Johns. Our annual dues are \$25.00

If anyone would like to donate Silent Auction items for the meeting, the proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund this year. I will have bid sheets available. Items will be displayed before lunch and during the annual meeting.

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

Scholarship applications are due March 1. Information to apply can be found on the Michigan Hereford Association website.

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

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