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NALF News

Board Meeting Is This Month

The North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) Board of Directors will gather for its spring meeting April 6-7 in Denver, Colorado. The main order of business will be discussing NALF's strategic plan and evaluating the fiscal year 2010-2011 second quarter financials. Contact any board member or Carol Johnson in the NALF office to suggest other agenda items.

BIF Conference Heads to Montana

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) annual meeting is North America's leading forum for discussing genetic evaluation and improvement, and NALF encourages its members to attend. This year's event will be in Bozeman, Montana, June 1-4. Visit www.beefimprovement.org/convention.html on the web for information about registration and the program.

Affiliate Organizations Should Submit Updates

State and regional association leaders should notify NALF after their elections. Those updates are the basis for the website's state contacts, and they ensure all information—including that regarding cooperative marketing, junior activities and news releases—gets to the correct people. If you do not have one, request an update form from the NALF office or visit the "State Associations" tab on the website and click the update button.

Request MOE Status, Nominate Judges

State and regional Limousin associations can petition NALF for permission to host a Medal of Excellence (MOE) show. State officers should have petition forms, rules and judges lists are available under the 'Programs' tab on the website. If there is a local or state show you would like counted for MOE points, submit the petition form by June 15.

Active annual and lifetime members can submit nominations for the approved-judges list until June 30. Mail, fax or e-mail them to *Kasey Woolam* in the NALF office. Provide your member number or herd prefix and the nominee's address and phone number.

Juniors: Note This Summer's Deadlines

- Start planning for this summer's junior events.
- May 2—Early deadline for the Heartland Regional Junior Show, June 3-4, Menomonie, Wisconsin
 - May 2—Early deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Show, June 10-12, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
 - May 2—Early deadline for the Western Regional Junior Show, June 16-18, Klamath Falls, Oregon
 - May 16—Early deadline for the National Junior Limousin Show and Congress (NJLSC), July 9-15, Amarillo, Texas
 - June 10—Late-entry deadline for the NJLSC "Yours, Mine and Ours, Bringing it Together in 2011" NJLSC will be hosted by the NALJA Board of Directors and a conglomerate of State Associations. The Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo will be the headquarters. For reservations, call 806/358-6161.

Find the 2011 NJLSC schedule in the "Juniors" section of the NALF website. North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) members soon should receive the summer edition of NALJA News, containing more show information and entry forms.

Donna Etherton Scholarship, Grants Available From Limi Boosters

NALJA members have until May 15 to apply for scholarships and grants from the Limi Boosters, which is giving two \$500 scholarships and one \$500 grant. Anyone with questions should contact Kris Greenawalt, 937/364-3489, or Marci Hicks, 859/576-2602.

State grant applications also are due to the Limi Boosters by May 15. Those grants help state associations defer the costs of junior events. Contact Greenawalt with questions.

All Limi Boosters applications are available on the NALF website under the "Programs" tab.

ET Calves' Parents Must Have DNA on File

Breeders must parent-verify artificial-insemination (AI) sires and sire-verify donor dams via DNA before embryo-transfer (ET) calves can be parent-verified and registered. Before collecting and mailing samples from ET

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calves to MMI Genomics, contact the NALF office to verify sires and dams have the proper tests and to obtain the case numbers, which also are available through the NALF website's EPD and pedigree lookup.

Go Paperless

As requested by the membership, NALF now offers a paperless option in regard to the printed registration certificate and performance record.

- Information provided on printed papers is available on the website and/or your own member sites with "live" updates 24/7.
- Manage all your NALF data online and save paper, postage, and become a little greener in the process.
- You will receive certificates and performance records on animals you have purchased.
- Invoices will continue to be mailed.
- Make your online data entry even more efficient by signing up for automatic credit card billing using your Visa or MasterCard.

Contact Mary in the NALF office for details at 303-220-1693.

If you are doing your NALF business online and no longer need certificates on your animals you may opt out of receiving certificate papers. Remember to include your Member Number, Herd Prefix or complete Name and Address for NALF to locate your membership accurately.

Submit Registrations, Recordings Online or on Paper

Complete, accurate data collection and reporting are fundamental to keeping your production information and the entire Limousin herdbook as informative as possible. And it is best to start with a current herd inventory.

Online recording and LIMS are available through the secured, members-only portion of

the website. Record cattle; update your herd inventory; and submit performance data with NALF's web-based tools.

If you prefer to put pencil to paper, request your free, preprinted herd inventory, which list all active cows in your inventory.

Either way, for your data to be included in the next International Limousin Genetic Evaluation, you must submit it in time to be processed and error-checked by June 15.

Igenity Results Unacceptable Without NALF Form

When conducting color and polled tests at Igenity, NALF members should use the Limousin-branded order form (available on the NALF website) so the billing goes through the NALF office. Otherwise, NALF no longer can include the animals' Igenity® test results on their performance records and registration certificates.

Bottom Line Newsletter Is a Benefit of Transfers

Among the many reasons to transfer ownership of the bulls you sell is the *Bottom Line* newsletter, which goes to all commercial producers who have had bulls transferred to them in the last three years. Besides each issue's current information about the Limousin breed and its role in the beef industry, the mailing panel credits you—the seller—for activating the "subscription."

When transferring animals, be sure to include buyers' full names and addresses. Complete information guarantees they receive the *Bottom Line* and ensures NALF can process the transfers correctly.

The year-letter code for 2011 is

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AVERAGE EPDS 2008-2010 BORN CALVES

CE Direct	Birth Weight	Weaning Weight	Yearling Weight	Milking Ability	CE Maternal	Scrotal Circum.	Stayability	Docility	Carcass Weight	Ribeye Area	Yield Grade	Marbling Score	\$MTI
7.7	1.8	42.9	80.2	20.9	4.1	0.4	18.1	16.4	19.7	0.49	-0.08	-0.04	42.5

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8.1	0.2	45.6	88.8	25.3	2.7	0.3	15.7	12.1	26.3	-0.12	0.34	0.36	54.2

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