

Hampshire Summer Update

AHSA Board of Director Elections

The board of directors is comprised of directors from eight districts and three at-large directors. Directors are elected for a three year term and may serve three terms before being retired for at least one term. There may be no more than two directors from any district and only one per state. Directors are asked to attend two board meetings per year and participate in some conference calls. Directors do not receive a salary, however, expenses are reimbursed to directors for one meeting of their choice, per year. The following director positions are up for election in 2015.

District 1 - Lisa Hanson (Served two terms, eligible for re-election)

District 5 - Phyllis Davison (Served two terms, eligible for re-election)

District 7 - Scott VanSickle (Served one term, eligible for re-election)

At-Large - Tom Bobendrier (Served one term, eligible for re-election)

If you are interested in seeking one of these positions on the AHSA Board of Directors please submit a letter of intent and a short biography by September 25th to the AHSA office at PO Box 231, Wamego, KS 66547. This letter and biography will be published in the fall edition of the Hampshire Heartbeat.

District 1- WA, OR, CA, NV, HI, AK

District 3- AZ, NM, TX, OK

District 5- NE, IA, KS, MO

District 7- KY, WV, VA, AR, TN, NC, SC, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL

District 8- PA, NY, VT, NH, ME, MA, CT, RI, NJ, DE, MD

District 2- MT, ID, WY, UT, CO

District 4- ND, SD, MN, WI

District 6- IL, IN, OH, MI

Hampshire Percentage Registry

The AHSA board of directors voted at their June board meeting to place before the membership whether the AHSA should allow the registration of percentage Hampshires. This vote will take place this fall and any senior member who has paid dues in the last two years is eligible to vote. The ballot will be mailed with the director election ballots in October. The results will be announced at Louisville during the AHSA annual meeting on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30pm at the NAILE Expocenter.

The highlights of the percentage registry include the following:

- Any person registering percentage Hampshires must be a member of the AHSA.
- The sire or dam of an animal submitted for registration must be a registered Hampshire.
- Animals registered in the percentage registry will never be considered registered Hampshires.
- Percentage registered animals will be noted with different colored registration papers than the registered Hampshires.

If you have questions about the proposed percentage registry please call your district director or Jeff Ebert at the AHSA office at 785-456-8500.

Fall Hampshire Heartbeat

The ad deadline for the Fall Hampshire Heartbeat will be September 21st. It will include the Stars of Louisville Sale Catalog, detailed information on the Hampshire activities at Louisville and many other items. Be sure to be included in the issue promoting your flock. This would be a great time to thank your spring and summer sale buyers and promote your show results. For more information contact Jeff Ebert at asregistry@gmail.com or 785-456-8500.

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Stars of Louisville Hampshire Sale

The AHSA is sponsoring the Stars of Louisville Sale in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Expo on Saturday November 14th at 5:30pm. There will be classes for both fitted and slick-shorn Hampshires. Entries are due for this sale by September 25th to the AHSA office at PO Box 231, Wamego, KS 66547. The entry forms and rules can be found at www.hampshires.org or by contacting the AHSA office at 785-456-8500. Please plan to enter one or two of your top ewe lambs or yearlings.

National Sale Results

The National Hampshire Sale was again a very successful event. Hampshires were well represented as we had the Supreme Champion Ram and the Supreme Champion Wether Sire as well as the highest selling sheep of the entire Midwest Sale. Full results can be found on the Hampshire website. A special thanks to all who attended and helped make it such a successful Hampshire Sale.

Hampshires on Facebook

Be sure to like and watch the American Hampshire Sheep Association and American Junior Hampshire Sheep Association facebook pages for updates on all Hampshire events. This has become the quickest way to inform the membership of important information.

Thanks to Our Sponsors

Watch the Fall Hampshire Heartbeat for a list of sponsors for the various events hosted throughout the year. The Hampshire breed has many gracious sponsors who are very giving to help sponsor junior activities.

Futurity

Juniors be sure to turn in your futurity point forms within three weeks of your shows. Mail them to AHSA, PO Box 231, Wamego, KS 66547, fax them to 785-456-8599 or email them to asregistry@gmail.com. This year we have had over 75 ewe lambs nominated for the futurity by breeders. We had two ewe lambs that were self nominated by our junior members. At the time of this newsletter we have had 16 juniors turn in point forms on 17 ewe lambs. This is an increase in participation from the last few years. You can follow the standings at www.hampshires.org as the results will be updated frequently.

Email Addresses Needed

The AHSA office staff is trying to compile a list of email addresses to use to communicate with our membership. If you received this update through the mail and did not receive it by email and would like to provide us with your email address please send us an email to asregistry@gmail.com and we will update your records in our system.

Visit the website at www.hampshires.org for other Hampshire happenings & breed information

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Scholarship Program

The AHSA is again awarding up to two \$500 scholarships to junior Hampshire members to further their post-secondary education. Winners will be announced prior to Louisville. The scholarship application can be found on the Hampshire website or you can contact the Hampshire office at 785-456-8500. Applications are due by October 1st to the AHSA office at PO Box 231, Wamego, KS 66547. Donations are accepted year round to help fund this very worthwhile program. Checks can be sent to the AHSA office any time.

Special thanks to those Hampshire breeders and businesses that have donated items or funds to make these scholarships possible.

Photos

The AHSA office staff is in need of quality **farm scene pictures** that depict Hampshires in their natural setting. We use these pictures for promotional displays and in the Heartbeat magazine. It would be greatly appreciated if you would take time to take some pictures this fall and email those to us at asregistry@gmail.com. Your farm scene pictures could end up on the cover of a future Hampshire Heartbeat!

Hampshire Heritage Awards

Recognizing members for their years of loyalty and commitment to the Hampshire breed is a tradition with these awards. This is a self, family or friend nominating program in which an application is submitted for the appropriate year for recognition. We ask for photos to be submitted along with the application. The awards are presented at the AHSA annual meeting in Louisville. You can find the award application online at www.hampshires.org. Applications complete with pictures must be received by October 25th at PO Box 231, Wamego, KS 66547.

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NAILE Hampshire Schedule

Thursday, November 12 5pm.....Junior Breeding Sheep and Junior Market Lamb Showmanship
Friday, November 13 8am.....Junior Market Lamb Show
Friday, November 13 4pm.....Lead Line Classes
Saturday, November 14 5:30pm.....Stars of Louisville Sale
Sunday, November 15 8am.....Hampshire Junior Breeding Sheep Show
Tuesday, November 17 6:30pm.....126th Annual Meeting of the AHSA
Wednesday, November 18 8am.....National Hampshire Show

I have heard various reports of Hampshires winning SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS. We would love to have pictures of these winning Hampshires to use for promotional displays. If you had a supreme champion Hampshire this year please send us a picture from the show.