

NAAB Sets Annual Convention

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The 52nd Annual Convention of the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) will be March 1-2 in conjunction with the National DHIA convention here at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Sunday evening, March 1, a special NAAB/National DHIA Welcome Reception and Trade Show will kick off the convention.

Monday morning delegates and guests will come together for a continental breakfast to be held in the trade show. Spouses will then depart on an organized tour to various points of interests in and around the Columbus area while delegates and guests attend the NAAB/NDHIA educational program. At noon there will be a joint lunch in the trade show.

Monday afternoon NAAB and NDHIA will have their separate general sessions. The NAAB General Business Session will include the call to order, call to the meeting, and the reading of any proposed resolutions. Chairman of the nominating committee, Dr. Robert E. Walton, will report on candidates for the NAAB board of directors. NAAB voting delegates will elect two directors to fill the two vacant positions. Those whose terms expire are Pete Blodgett, Alta Genetics and Bob Holterman, Accelerated Genetics. Holterman is eligible to serve another three-year term.

NAAB Chairman of the Board

Pete Blodgett will give his chairman's address and delegates will hear from Dr. Donald Monke, Select Sires, chairman of Certified Semen Services. All technicians who have serviced more than 100,000 cows, and industry sales people who have sold more than 500,000 units of semen, will be recognized with a plaque presentation ceremony. President Gordon A. Doak, Ph.D., will give his president's address, and delegates will review the six-month finances of the association and act on any resolutions brought before the convention. The NAAB convention will conclude Monday evening with a reception, banquet, and awards program.

For more convention registration information, contact Mary

Hines Named Frederick Farm Family

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be the last of the Shorthorns," she said. That was just not what Fern wanted to hear, and she set about to prove that prediction wrong. "When I started the club I had two kids. In five years' time we have 14 members in the state," she said. Through her efforts Milking Shorthorns were reinstated in the dairy shows at the state fair, and this year there were 30 animals in the Milking Shorthorn classes at the state fair.

The Hines have been just as tireless in their dedication to the Jersey breed. Fern and Cindy share the position of secretary-treasurer for the Maryland Jersey

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Cattle Club. Other organizations the family is involved with include the Frederick County Farm Bureau, the Linganore 410 Grange, 4-H advisory board, Country Roads 4-H club, Maryland Holstein Association, and the Maryland Dairy Industry Association, where Fern has served as an interim director. Fern sits in the ag seat on the county planning and zoning commission, a position she calls the biggest learning experience of her life. George is a director for Southern States in Woodsboro, and a member of the Central Maryland Equipment Dealer's Association.

All feed for the cows is raised on the farm. This year George grew 180 acres of corn that all went for silage because of the drought. He raised 60 acres of alfalfa hay that went into the silo and 75 of timothy he round baled. Usually he puts 200 acres of beans out, but not this year. Seventy-five acres of early beans were planted but the late beans are still sitting in the shed on pallets. "There was no use planting them this year," he lamented. He always plants at least 200 acres in cover crops and grain, but this fall he's put in over 300. He has 50 acres of rye in for feed

in the spring, and is planting 100 acres of barley and 250 of wheat. "This fall with the drought, he's putting everything he can make into barley, wheat and rye," said Fern.

George has been a cooperater with Soil Conservation all his life, and has always had a nutrient management plan. The Hines have implemented a number of conservation practices on the farm that led to Hidden Acres being used as a demonstration farm for the Carroll County Soil Conservation district. Three years ago they installed a Slurrystore system that holds six months worth of manure. "It fit with the contour of the farm, and it's safer than a pit with the children around," said Fern. Grassed waterways have been put in because of the springs that crop up all over the farm. One of the springs has been captured with a cement trough to water the cows.

"This family and our operation is no more important than any other family in Frederick County," stressed Fern. "We're just honored to represent the County. George and I believe our family is our greatest asset, along with our friends we've made over the years."



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