

# National Junior Hereford Association Elects New Leadership



2002-2003 National Junior Hereford Association board of directors includes, front row, left to right, Shellie Moore, Kan., president; Ike Redden, Ind., vice-president; Jennifer Oglesby, Ga., secretary; Lauren Echols, Texas, assistant secretary; Josh Miller, Okla., treasurer; and Shane Werk, Minn., director. Back row, left to right, is directors Emilie Miller, Womelsdorf, Pa.; Andy Mrnak, N.D.; Cameron Price, Ala.; Kyle Perez, N.M.; John Andras, Mont.; and Kristi Bishop, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Members of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) assembled in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25-27 to celebrate "The Places You'll Go" during the 2002 PRIDE Convention.

PRIDE, the "Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel" featured the

NJHA annual meeting and election of officers. Other weekend highlights included leadership seminars, junior contests and an awards banquet recognizing outstanding juniors and state organizations.

During the event, the NJHA conducted their annual business meeting and director elections.

The five newly-elected directors will serve three-year terms and include: Emilie Miller, Womelsdorf, Pa.; Andy Mrnak, Bowman, N.D.; Cameron Price, Opelika, Ala.; Kyle Perez, Nara Visa, N.M.; and Kristi Bishop, Basehor, Kan. Shellie Moore, Modoc, Kan., will lead the organization as the 2002-2003 president.

## Angus Foundation To Sponsor NCBA Young Cattlemen's Conference Participant

ST. JOSEPH, MO. — The Angus Foundation will sponsor one Angus breeder to participate in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) 2003 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC), which is an industry-wide program that develops young leaders for the beef business.

"We're excited to extend this opportunity to one of our Angus breeders," says Abbie Nelson, Wilton, Calif., chairman of the Angus Foundation board of directors.

The purpose of the YCC program is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry. The tour, which begins in Denver and proceeds across the country to Washington, D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year and all participants must be nominated by one of NCBA's affiliate organizations.

"We hope our participation in this program will encourage Angus breeders to become more active in not only their state cattlemen's organization and the NCBA, but also their local and state Angus associations," says Nelson.

The Angus representative for the program will be chosen by an appointed committee and selections will be made by an application process. All applicants must

be between 25 and 45 years of age, an active member of the NCBA and an active member in good standing of the American Angus Association. Expenses, including travel to and from the event and registration costs for the program, will be covered by the Angus Foundation.

Applications are available from the American Angus Association and must be submitted by January 1, 2003.

For more information, contact James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the Association, at (816) 383-5100 or [jfisher@angus.org](mailto:jfisher@angus.org).

## Insurance Seminar Dec. 11

YORK (York Co.) — All growers (fruit, vegetable, and field crop) are welcome to attend a free crop insurance seminar on Dec. 11, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., at the York extension office.

AGR insures the revenue for your entire farm rather than individual crops by guaranteeing a percentage of average gross farm revenue (AGR-Lite product is subject to limitations), including a small amount of livestock revenue. A crop insurance specialist from Rain and Hail Insurance

Company will conduct the seminar.

Also, Rita McMullen, agent with Stine, Davis, and Peck Insurance will be available to answer your questions on the local level.

This is a timely meeting. Sales deadline for AGR is Jan. 31, 2003.

There is no cost to attend. However, if you plan to attend the seminar, call the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at (717) 840-7408 by Dec. 10.

## Bird Control Workshop Dec. 10

WELLSBORO (Tioga Co.) — Speakers for the Bradford/Potter/Tioga Bird Control Workshop Dec. 10 are Jason Sucko, USDA Wildlife services and J. Craig Williams, Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Birds can be a disease carrier and a feed spoilage problem on many dairy farms. Jason Sucko and J. Craig Williams will cover bird control techniques, trapping and baiting options, and effective methods and their costs.

Two workshop locations are 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., meet in Potter County, Ulysses at Rick VanEten Farm, and 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m., meet in Bradford County, Troy, Ron Kline Dairy Farm.

Call the Tioga County extension office to register for this workshop at (570) 724-9120. Both workshops will be held outside — dress accordingly.



The National Association of Farm Broadcasters at their annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. honored Ed Slusarczyk, Ag Radio Network farm broadcaster, by entering his name and a permanent plaque into the Farm Broadcasters Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

He launched the Ag Radio Network in 1976. He started with 11 stations and built it to 55 in two months. The network has now grown to 136 stations with reports heard all over New York, New England, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

## PMMB Lowers Over-Order Premium

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Dairy farmers face further milk price declines because of a decision by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) to lower the price they receive for milk, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) predicted recently.

The PMMB has announced that they will lower the over-order premium, from \$1.65 to \$1.25 per hundred pounds of milk, over a six-month period beginning Jan. 1, 2003.

The over-order premium is paid to dairy producers for Class I (fluid) milk that produced, processed, and sold in Pennsylvania.

"We're surprised and disappointed with the Board's decision," said Joel Rotz, PFB's dairy specialist.

"The PMMB's decision comes at a difficult time for our dairy producers because milk prices haven't been this low this long since 1979. Farmers are also struggling with the effects of a summer drought, which means higher production costs this winter," Rotz said. "We may need to have the Milk Marketing Board revisit the issue in the future."

Rotz said, "Pennsylvania Farm Bureau believes the decrease is unwarranted and sends the wrong signal to our dairy producers, whose exasperation level is already high. Even the State's Association of Milk Dealers supported the continuation of \$1.65."

## House, Senate Pass Water Resources Planning Act

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The House joined the Senate recently to send the bipartisan Water Resources Planning Act to Gov. Mark Schweiker's desk, ending a more than 20-year effort to adopt water resources legislation in Pennsylvania.

"For three decades, Pennsylvania has relied on a water plan that provided little or no help in battling drought conditions," said Schweiker. "By their overwhelming bi-partisan approval, members of the General Assembly have joined this Administration to ensure that Pennsylvania will no longer sit back and wait for the next drought to occur."

Votes in the House, 140 to 56, and the Senate, 43 to 6, showed strong support from not only both parties, but from all parts of Pennsylvania. A broad coalition of watershed, conservation district, local government, farm and business groups supported the legislation, marking the first time groups like these worked together on a water resources bill.

"This legislation will allow the commonwealth to measure how much water we're using and where water resources are in jeopardy. Those are tools we must have in order to protect one of our most important natural resources," said Schweiker.

"Passage of this Act is a real milestone in Pennsylvania's environmental history and shows we listened to what people told us in the 15 Water Forums we held all over the state last year," said DEP Secretary David E. Hess. "This is a major victory for those of us who really care about water resources."

The Act requires DEP to develop a new State Water Plan over the next five years working with both regional and statewide water resources advisory committees whose membership includes environmental, local government, technical and water user interests.

The plan will help answer three basic questions: How much water do we have, how is the water being used, and where will the demand for water outstrip the supply.

The Act, contained in House Bill 2302, specifically preserves the existing authority of DEP and local governments to regulate water resources and protects DEP's ability to control water pollution under the Clean Streams Law.

For more information on the bipartisan Water Resources Planning Act, visit [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) (directLINK "water resources").