2013 Regional Meeting Schedule

We hope you can join us for one of the Regional Meetings we have planned. At a few of the meetings, we will be inviting guest expert speakers on hot dairy management topics, as well as some dairy producers with perspectives on value-added opportunities with Registered Holsteins. Watch www.holsteinusa.com for more details, but here’s a summary of our plans.

LaCrosse, Wis. will feature some of Wisconsin’s finest! Dr. Nigel Cook will speak about an effective foot health program and will even touch on the role genetics may have. Dr. Nathan Dorshorst will review added value opportunities using IVF with Registered Holsteins.

In Ruidoso, N.M., we will have a program on using genomics to your best advantage with Registered Holsteins. Also, we’ll feature a talk about milking Holsteins for the cheese market.

In Visalia, Calif. we will take a closer look at capturing added value with Holstein beef.

Twin Falls, Idaho will feature two guest seminars as well; including one on value added marketing opportunities for your milk, and another on using genomics to your best advantage with Registered Holsteins.

All meetings will feature a Holstein USA activities update. With questions, contact Jodi Hoynoski 800.952.5200 ext. 4261, jhoynoski@holstein.com. To RSVP, call Kelli Dunklee, ext. 4124 or kdunklee@holstein.com.

January 10, 2013
LaCrosse, Wisconsin
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel LaCrosse
100 South 2nd St.
200 Harborview Plaza
608.784.6680
RSVP by December 27

January 18, 2013
Batavia, New York
2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Clarion Hotel
8250 Park Rd.
585.344.2100

January 23, 2013
Ruidoso, New Mexico
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hotel Ruidoso
110 Chase St.
575.257.2007
RSVP by January 9

January 25, 2013
Visalia, California
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center
300 South Court St.
800.798.6506

February 2, 2013
Perry, Georgia
10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon
Ramada
200 Valley Dr.
478.987.3313
RSVP by January 18

February 22, 2013
Rothschild, Wisconsin
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Stoney Creek Inn – Wausau
1100 Imperial Ave.
715.355.6858

February 26, 2013
Twin Falls, Idaho
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn
1741 Harrison St. North
208.733.8500
RSVP by February 12

March 1, 2013
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh Marriott North
100 Cranberry Woods Dr.
724.772.3700

March 2, 2013
Welch, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Treasure Island Resort
5734 Sturgeon Lake Rd.
651.388.6300

March 8, 2013
Westminster, Maryland
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Carroll County Ag. Center
Burns Hall
706 Agriculture Center Dr.

March 8, 2013
Sidney, Ohio
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sidney Inn & Conference Center
400 Folkerth Ave.
937.492.1131

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E-mail Me!
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Delegate Information
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Can’t Serve?
Let Jodi know as soon as possible so an alternate can be arranged to take your place.

Making Arrangements
Delegates are responsible for making their own travel, flight and hotel arrangements. Delegates need to be officially checked in at Delegate Registration the night before Annual Meeting (Tuesday, July 9) and are expected to be in attendance for the entire Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held all day Wednesday, July 10 and is expected to conclude by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11.

Delegate Reimbursement Policy Revised for 2013
All delegates attending the entire 2013 Holstein Association USA Annual Meeting, July 10-11 in Indianapolis, Ind. will be reimbursed $500 (up from $400 in 2012). Reimbursement checks will be distributed to delegates at the end of the Annual Meeting, which is expected to conclude by 1:00 p.m. on July 11. Delegates must be present to receive their check in person, so please keep this in mind when making your travel plans.

Award Application Deadline Nearing
The application deadline for Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder, Distinguished Leadership and Elite Breeder awards is fast approaching. Applications, due February 28, 2013, can be found at www.holsteinusa.com/awards/individuals.html.

Board Candidates Sought
The Nominating Committee is seeking Holstein Association USA board candidates. The deadline for candidates to declare is Friday, March 1.

Elections will be held at the 2013 National Holstein Convention in Springfield, Mo. for Region 1, 4 and 6 directors and one at-large director. Peter B. Waterman (Region 1), Gayle Carson (Region 4) and Corey Geiger (At-Large) are eligible for reelection. Leroy Eggink (Region 6) is ineligible for reelection.

Any member interested in running should contact a member of the Nominating Committee listed below. For more information, contact Jodi Hoynoski at 800.952.5200 ext. 4261 or jhoynoski@holstein.com.

Region 1: Chuck Worden, Cassville, N.Y.
Region 2: Jay Houser, Spring Mills, Pa.
Region 3: Leroy Eggink, Sibley, Iowa
Region 4: John C. Kalmey, Shelbyville, Ky.
Region 5: R. Paul Buhr, Viroqua, Wis.
Region 6: Larry Tande, Medford, Minn.
Region 7: Roy Buessing, Axtell, Kan.
Region 8: Bill Wright, Holden, Utah
Region 9: Kip Herzog, Petaluma, Calif.
Holstein Association USA Convenes Fall Board Meeting in Chicago

The Holstein Association USA, Inc. board of directors met in Chicago, Ill. on November 14-15. President Chuck Worden presided over the meeting.

The board approved the 2013 Management-by-Objective Business Plan and associated budget. The Business Plan predicts growth in sales of Holstein Association USA’s core products and services.

The Holstein Association is pleased to announce it will be participating in two dairy genetic research studies. The first is one in which the Association will be providing type evaluation services for a feed efficiency research study being conducted by several universities. The board also approved funding for a study that will seek to find haplotypes of elite Holstein females that are associated with their valuable and unique phenotypes. The impetus for this study was fostered by grassroots member input.

Industry Updates

Considerable time was spent discussing the future of the national dairy genetic evaluation program and the proposed privatization of genetic evaluations.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the board resolved:

Holstein Association USA is committed to remaining in its long-standing, traditional role as custodian and steward of the Holstein breed, specifically including genetic labeling, parentage discovery and verification, and type evaluation. The direction being taken by the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding, NAAB, and the CDDR is inconsistent with this commitment by Holstein Association USA.

Furthermore upon motion duly made and seconded, the board resolved:

The Holstein Association USA Board of Directors does not approve the Bylaws recently presented to the members of the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (“Council”) and continues to be opposed to the proposed Cooperative Agreement and Business Plan under consideration by the USDA and the Council in regard to a U.S. Genetic Evaluation Program.

[Ed. note: NAAB is the National Association of Animal Breeders; CDDR is the Cooperative Dairy DNA Repository, Inc.]

Update on 2012 Business Plan

Registrations through November 3rd were 296,415, which is up a percentage point over the same period in 2011. Transfers through November 3rd were up nearly 10 percent from the same time last year and stood at 57,127.

Reporting through October, Holstein COMPLETE® enrollment totaled 280,356 cows and 1,817 herds. This represents more than a 9 percent increase in cows and a slight decrease in the number of herds since the end of 2011.

AgriTech Analytics General Manager Bill VerBoort reported that as of September 30th, 903,059 animals were enrolled at the dairy records processing center. This is a 3 percent increase in the number of animals enrolled since the first of the year.

Committee Reports

The board of directors heard reports from the Audit, Junior Advisory (JAC), Legislative Affairs, and Show Committees.

From the Show Committee, the board made two changes to the list of Uniform Classes for shows. For the existing class, Milking Fall Yearling Heifer, the name has been changed to Milking Yearling Heifer, therefore permitting milking winter yearlings to show in that class. The board also approved changing the 125,000 lb. Cow Class to a 150,000 lb. Cow Class, keeping it as a recommended class and acknowledging the increased production of today’s Holsteins.

The board approved the International Holstein Show at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. and 10 National Shows for 2013. The list includes Spring National Holstein Shows in

- Columbus, Ohio
- Stillwater, Okla.
- St. Paul, Minn.
- Puyallup, Wash.
- Springfield, Mass.

The Summer National Holstein Show will take place in Columbus, Ohio. Fall National Holstein Shows will be held at

- Jefferson, Wis.
- Richmond, Utah
- Harrisburg, Pa.
- Louisville, Ky.

The board reviewed the committee’s recommendations for the 2013 National and Qualified Judges Lists and approved 39 National show judges and 77 Qualified show judges. The first 2013 judges’ conference will take place on April 18 in conjunction with the Wisconsin Spring Holstein Show in Jefferson. The second conference takes place April 24 at the time of the California Spring Holstein Show in Merced.

Other Business

The board of directors reviewed member delegate reimbursement history. After deliberations, the board approved increased delegate reimbursement from $400 to $500.

The board has approved the release of 2,437 prefixes effective December 31, 2012. Since its inception in 2009, the board policy allows the release for reuse of a prefix after 20 years of non-use and makes it easier for members to acquire prefixes for their herds. A proprietor may request retirement of his or her prefix for a $100 fee.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next board meetings are:

- The spring board meeting will be held March 21-22, 2013, in Hartford, Ct.
- The summer board meeting will be held July 7-8, 2013, in Indianapolis, Ind., held in conjunction with the 128th Annual Meeting.