

COW-MAN SENSE

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Hello, everyone! This spring, once again, has proved to be challenging for our producers. Although we did not complain about the snowfall in May, the much needed moisture did not extend across the province and many areas have not seen any form of moisture for quite some time. The effects of the drought were felt through the spring bull sales in the province and sale averages were down from the previous year. One noticeable trend was that more commercial operators are returning to the Hereford breed. They are choosing Hereford bulls because they are providing added thickness, muscling and doing ability into their calf crops. This renewed confidence in the breed continues to be positive opportunity for our breeders.

The Saskatchewan Hereford Association held their Annual General Meeting hosted by the North West Zone on July 26 and 27. Events planned included the SJHA Northern Beef-a-Rama, President's Cup Golf Tournament and the North West Field Day. A full two days of activities were planned and many of our members were in attendance.

Summer activities have been planned by each of four zones. The North East

Zone would like to thank everyone who participated in the Stock Dog Raffle. The winner was a relative of their president, Harvey Hesje and the second place winner of a \$250 Feed-Rite gift certificate was Art Floer, Minton, Sask.

The South East Zone hosted a Beef-A-Rama in June in conjunction with the Arcola Fair and Stampede. Their annual field day will be hosted by the Freitag Family of Alameda on August 3. The South West Zone is making plans for their upcoming barbecue and golfing to take place later this summer.

We would like to extend an invitation to all breeders to attend the Hereford Show at Canadian Western Agribition. Dates of the show are November 25 to 30, 2002 with the Hereford Show being held the final day, November 30. Book your accommodations early! All for now!