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The Saskatchewan Hereford Association has had an extremely busy summer. Staring back in June, our Directors were busy presenting awards at 4-H Shows across the province. This year, the SHA Board decided to present clip boards to all 4-H members in the province exhibiting Hereford or Hereford-influence animals. This promotional program went over extremely well and the board has decided to continue the program for 2003. Over 450 clip boards were presented telling us that Hereford-influence is very strong in the 4-H programs in Saskatchewan. 4-H winners will be featured in the October issue of Cattle Call.

Our President, Claude Wasden and myself had the opportunity to attend the Canadian Hereford Association Annual Meetings in Lindsay, Ontario. All provincial organizations were represented and the meeting provided us with an excellent exchange of ideas, but most importantly a greater sense of communications between both the national and provincial organizations. Many thanks to the Ontario Hereford Association and especially Brian and Wendy Fagan for their part in organizing the event.

Congratulations to our Junior Hereford members from Saskatchewan who attended Bonanza in Salmon Arm, BC. To Junior President, Bobby Vargo and parent advisors Glen & Lynn Vargo and Chris Lees, many thanks for all your work in planning and organizing the trip for members as well as livestock. Members returned with a renewed enthusiasm in the junior program and are starting to make plans for 2004 when Saskatchewan hosts the 25th Anniversary of Bonanza.

The North West Hereford Zone hosted the Saskatchewan Hereford Association Annual Meeting on July 26 & 27 in North Battleford. Welcome aboard to our two newly elected directors, Gordon Craig, North Battleford, Sk. and Marilyn Ramsay, Cut Knife, Sk. They will join

Howard Crittenden, Neil Wilson, Murray Andrews, Gordon Gustafson, Chris Lees, Darwyn Wilms and our four zone directors Delbert Kirsch (NE), Claude Wasden (NW), Karl Lischka (SE) and Alvin Pawlitza (SW) who make up the SHA Board of Directors for 2002/2003.

The North West Zone also hosted a Field Day in conjunction with the annual meeting. In spite of the dry conditions, grasshoppers, shortage of feed and water that has challenged this zone, the breeders put on a display of over 100 head of cattle. Judges for the day were Mike Wirz, Darren Tyler and Donnie Ferguson. Champion Bull Calf was exhibited by Carl Ramsay of Cut Knife, SK. and Champion Pen of Three Heifers went to Terry Albers of Loon Lake, Sk.

Later in the day, the zone held a successful auction of items donated by their Board members and also a heifer from Craig=s Ranching Co. of North Battleford. The heifer was won by C & T Cattle Co. of Arcola, Sk.

Our next event will be Canadian Western Agribition, November 25-30. The Red Coat Classic will be held this year over two days, starting on Friday, November 29 with the class winners and then Saturday, November 30 with the Grand Finale during the Hereford Show. If you would like any information about the Hereford Show, Commercial Cattle Show or the Red Coat Classic events at CWA, please give me a call at the office (306) 842-6149.