

## National Hereford Hog Record Association Joins CPS!!

As many know NHHA has grown substantially the last few years. Those of us that have sunk our time, money and effort into it know this well. The speed of our growth has left us with gaps to fill. Our current Secretary (Becky Hyett) has done a tremendous job keeping up with the work and I would like to commend her for that. Thank you Becky Hyett.

It's not hard to see we have created something that much more than registering 500 -700 head per year. In 2014 we registered 3,420. Head, 2015 – 4,754 head total with 156 new members. 2016 we are on track for over 6000 Head. Becky is no longer able or willing to keep up this pace. We understand this. On 2/4/16 the 2015-2016 NHHA Board of directors with a vote of 8-1 decided to make this move pending contract with the CPS. This was also brought before the body of membership at our 2015 National meeting last August with only 2 members apposing.

I would also like to thank Jack Wall, Scott Hardman, Jeff Morris and all involved CPS and Team Purebred past and present for giving us the opportunity to better ourselves. I would also like to thank the breeders who kept this breed going when it was on the brink of extinction.

CPS will be handling all registrations, transfers, blood banking, (pedigree services) just as they do with the other breeds they handle such as Chester Whites, Poland China and Spots. We will have equal seats on the board and will maintain our own individual Board of directors as a breed and our own by-laws. We truly believe this will be a great relationship between NHHA and CPS. Furthermore, we feel this will ensure the longevity of the Hereford Hog.

NHHA intends to keep the National Show and Sale operating as long as possible. We also intend to keep Becky Hyett in place to maintain the news letters, website and national show to ensure our membership is fully aware of the transaction to the CPS.

The NHHA has had its ups and downs over the years but right now we are moving in the right direction.

Blood cards: Please do not confuse this with a stress test. There is no language of stress status in our bylaws. The new rule states: All sires siring litters after 12/1/16 must be blood banked. Breeders may obtain the blood cards from CPS, Genalysis or Geneseek. They are not expensive. Then simply prick an ear, cut a tail or prick with a clean needle blot some blood on the card, let dry, label the card with ear notch and registration # and send to CPS. This is to solve any discrepancy that may occur as to what the sire of is. This is a step in the right direction to help purify the breed. so, if you plan to breed this August or after please make sure your sires of choice have a blood card on file.

Thank you,

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President

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