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Gelbvieh Association Activities Set for NWSS

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) will hold its annual convention, national Gelbvieh and Balancer shows, and national sale Jan. 7 through 11, 2010 in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

Members of the AGA from across the country will convene for a full slate of meetings and events during the association's three day convention. All of the association's committees will meet to conduct business for the direction and development of the AGA and Gelbvieh breed. Additionally, during the annual membership meeting, five members will be elected to serve a three-year term on the AGA Board of Directors followed by election of new AGA officers.

The AGA will also recognize the service of outstanding members through the presentation of the annual Hall of Fame and Member of the Year awards on the evening of January 9.

John Bartee, Sr. of Clarksville, Tenn. has been selected as the 2010 inductee to the American Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame. Bartee, a member of the AGA since 1985, has been instrumental to the advancement of the cattle industry and the Gelbvieh breed both in his home state of Tennessee and on a national level. He is a charter member of the Tennessee Gelbvieh Association and has been active with AGA serving on several committees and as the Association president in 2000. Bartee has worked diligently to create a demand for Gelbvieh females in the southeast and is an avid supporter of the American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA).

The 2010 AGA Member of the Year is Al and Mary Knapp of Bonner Springs, Kan. Al and Mary Knapp are dedicated Gelbvieh breeders who have made significant contributions to the Kansas Gelbvieh Association, the AGA, junior programs and the breed as a whole. Al is completing his second year as AGA vice president. In addition, Al and Mary have been adult advisors to the AGJA Board of Directors since 2001. With their positive attitude and desire for breed promotion, Al and Mary strive to keep Gelbvieh relevant in the beef industry.

Also, the American Gelbvieh Foundation will auction off the first ten pieces in a limited series of the sculpture, "The Legacy of Giving." The sculpture symbolizes the early years of the association when during a Board of Directors meeting members passed a cowboy hat belonging to then board member Bud Beastrom to collect funds and essentially save the Gelbvieh Herd Book. Artist Stephen LeBlanc was commissioned to create this bronze sculpture depicting in color Beastrom's silver hat outstretched from a blue denim shirt mounted on a walnut base. Pieces 11 through 50 of the series will be available for purchase after the convention from the American Gelbvieh Foundation.

The 12th Breeder's Choice Gelbvieh Bull Futurity will once again be part of the NWSS and AGA Convention. The futurity continues to be one of the most exciting events for Gelbvieh breeders. The parade of futurity entries and preliminary voting will be held on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 9 at the Stockyard Arena. Then on Saturday evening one futurity membership will be auctioned off along with the selection and recognition of the bull futurity champion.

During the NWSS, the National Gelbvieh and Balancer Ring of Gold show will be held on Monday, Jan. 11 starting at 8:00 a.m. Brad McCurry, Mt. Hope, Kan., will evaluate the Gelbvieh and Balancer female and bull entries. The national pen show will take place on Sunday, Jan. 10 with Dan Hoge, Kewanee, Ill., evaluating the entries. Shane Bedwell, Ft. Collins, Colo., will judge the national junior show on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 12:30 p.m.

The AGA national sale committee has put together an excellent offering of Gelbvieh and Balancer bulls and females for the national Gelbvieh sale. The sale is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10 at the Beef Palace Arena. The sale will also be broadcast live on DV Auctions.

The American Gelbvieh Association is a progressive beef cattle breed association representing 1,500 members and registering approximately 40,000 animals annually. For more information on any of the above activities call 303-465-2333 or email info@gelbvieh.org.