



American Herbataurus Society

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Purpose

We the members of the American Herbataurus Society, in a collaborative effort with other experienced and wise cattlemen, are dedicated to the improvement of the cattle industry. Through continued education to our members and the improvement of livestock genetics, we are creating cattle that function efficiently and abundantly on a grass diet.

It is our purpose and prayer to work with each society member, enabling them to create the genetics that will be both productive and profitable in their grass-based environment.

Our goal is to produce a healthy product that will meet or exceed the consumer's expectation of quality beef.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the American Herbataurus Society to develop, through the process of diligent selection, a bovine gene pool that produces premium product for the grass-fed/gourmet meat industry.

High performance, paternal linebred bulls that are easily maintained on a grass diet will be the foundation of our herds.

The American Herbataurus Society is the database for cattle that are predictable, repeatable, sustainable on grass, and produce a product that is nourishing and a quality eating experience.

We promote grass-based livestock operations that are friendly to the environment and humane for the animals.

Member Statement

As a member of the American Herbataurus Society, I agree with the principles set forth in the purpose and mission statements above and will abide by the AHS's rules and regulations.

I understand that in order for any animal to be recognized by the AHS as seed stock material, it must first meet the minimum requirements set forth in both the linear measurement and ultrasound exams.

I support the AHS's foundation idea that cattle are to be raised in a healthy, humane manner receiving only the Creator intended diet of grass, the idea that man being steward of his land and having dominion over his animals is responsible for the health of his soil, his animals his family and community.

I understand that I must submit the required forms and fees by the designated deadlines in order to remain a member in good standing.

Primary Rules and Regulations

1. Each person wishing to become a member of the AHS must complete and sign an application for regular membership and submit the required fees. Each member is then entitled to all membership rights and privileges.
2. The AHS accepts all breeds of cattle into the society that meet or exceed the minimum requirements.
3. All $\frac{3}{4}$ blood (or higher) calves 12 months of age or older must be inspected by an AHS certified field representative before consideration for entry into the seed stock herd book. All 50% females qualify for regular registry.
4. Each farm (ranch) may be subject to an annual visit from an AHS certified field representative.
5. Each individual animal, that is presented for qualification into the seed stock herd book, must be placed into and remain in a safe and adequate handling facility, enabling the AHS representative to complete the required inspection and exams. These exams include linear measuring, ultrasound, recording weight and other measurements deemed necessary by the AHS representative as required by the governing board.
6. Measurements taken in the linear measurement exam and their correlations are listed in the appropriate pages of the regulations. Physical parameters including hide, hair, feet, legs, glandular function, masculinity, femininity, temperament, and breed characteristics are noted in the visual and physical inspection.
7. In the event that an animal's physical condition or temperament prohibits a safe and complete inspection, the AHS field representative has the authority to discontinue the evaluations until such issues are resolved.
8. Every animal registered with the AHS is required to have permanent identification.
9. The AHS member submitting animals for measurement and inspection for qualification into the AHS seed stock herd book is entitled to a copy and explanation of the data collected on his/her animals.
10. The AHS field representative must submit all collected data from each animal to the AHS board. In the case of a dispute, the AHS board will make the final decision on the acceptance or denial of an animal into the AHS seed stock herd book.
11. The AHS may remove any animal from the seed stock herd book that does not produce progeny that is genetically and phenotypically equal to or superior to itself.
12. The AHS has the power to revoke the membership of any person involved in misconduct such as cheating, misrepresentation, falsification, animal abuse, or any unethical behavior. When a membership is revoked, any animals under this person's care are automatically removed from the AHS registry. Reentry of those animals would require an on farm appraisal by an AHS field representative.

13. AHS animals are not to receive grain in their diet at any time. In the case of drought, illness, or disaster and supplements are necessary, only board approved supplements may be fed. The society is counting on the integrity of its members for self-compliance on this issue.
14. A board approved mineral supplementation program is available upon request.
15. No hormones, chemicals, pesticides, or synthetic additives are allowed or tolerated. No immunizations (IBR, BVD), except for Blackleg, are allowed or tolerated.
16. A passport for each animal accepted into the AHS is to be completed and that passport shall follow that animal in every movement.
17. The AHS will endeavor at all times to bring the market and producers together. Producers receiving proper compensation for their product is the objective of the AHS.

“Building Better Bulls from the Grass Up”