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AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings

East Peoria, Illinois

Invitation

The Illinois Jersey breeders invite you to join us in East Peoria, Ill., for the Annual Meetings of the American Jersey Cattle Association and National All-Jersey Inc., June 24-27, 2015.

Chair

Tara Bohnert, 920/390-9183, tbohnert@altagenetics.com

Hotel

Headquarters are the Embassy Suites, 100 Conference Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611. To make reservations, call 309/694-0200 and mention AJCA block. Or, visit www.embassysuiteseastpeoria.com. Code for special discount is JER. Rates are: \$119 single; \$134 double; \$134 triple; and \$144 quad. Block discount rates will be held through June 1, 2015.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 24

- 12:00 noon Registration Opens
3:30 p.m. Seminar Program
Dr. Michael F. Hutjens, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois
Dr. Kent A. Weigel, Professor and Chair, University of Wisconsin-Madison
5:30 p.m. Youth Pizza/Games/Pool Party (*for ages 8+; younger accompanied by adult*)
5:30 p.m. Social Reception (*childcare available through end of banquet*)
7:00 p.m. Young Jersey Breeders Banquet

Thursday, June 25

- 6:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast Buffet
7:30 a.m. Buses Depart for Quad Cities
9:00 a.m. Bohnert Jerseys and John Deere World Headquarters/John Deere Pavilion and one of the following:
John Deere plus Harvester Works (*for ages 13+, tour pending factory operation*)
John Deere minus Harvester Works
Rock Island Arsenal Historical Tour plus John Deere Lock and Dam 15 plus John Deere Bohnert Jerseys (lunch)
3:30 p.m. Buses Depart for East Peoria
5:30 p.m. Youth Depart for Kartville (*for ages 10+; ages 8-9 accompanied by adult*)
5:30 p.m. Social Reception (*childcare available through end of banquet*)
7:00 p.m. Jersey Breeders' Banquet

Friday, June 26

- 6:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast Buffet
7:30 a.m. 57th Annual Meeting of National All-Jersey Inc.
10:00 a.m. Buses Depart for Spirit of Peoria or Peoria Riverfront Museum/Caterpillar Visitor Center (lunch included)
1:00 p.m. Buses Depart for River Valley Farm
5:00 p.m. Last Bus Departs for Hotel
5:30 p.m. Social Reception
6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner opens
7:30 p.m. National Heifer Sale

Saturday, June 27

- 6:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast Buffet
8:00 a.m. 147th Annual Meeting of the American Jersey Cattle

- Association
9:00 a.m. Youth Depart for Ropp Jersey Cheese Store and Kilgus Farmstead for a dairy skill-a-thon (*for ages 8+; younger accompanied by adult*)
10:30 a.m. Buses Depart for Golf at Weaver Ridge
10:30 a.m. Buses Depart for Kilgus Farmstead (lunch)
3:00 p.m. Buses Depart for Hotel
Two Buses Optional for Ropp Jersey Cheese and Store
5:15 p.m. Social Reception
6:00 p.m. Buses Depart for AJCC Research Foundation Benefit Auction and Family Fun Night at 360 Yield Center (last bus will leave at 6:30; closing events at dusk include professional fireworks display)

John Deere and John Deere Harvester Works

The company that today is known as Deere & Company got its start as a blacksmith repair shop, established by John Deere in 1837. Though Deere also manufactured small tools, it was his pioneering of a smooth-sided steel plow that helped his business flourish. Today, Deere & Company is the largest agriculture machinery company in the world, employing about 67,000 people worldwide. Headquartered in Moline, it has manufacturing facilities in the central and southeastern U.S., including Harvester Works, in East Moline, which makes large combines. Space for the Harvester Works tour is limited and available on a first-come, first served basis.

Rock Island Arsenal

Rock Island Arsenal is the largest government-owned weapons manufacturing arsenal in the country. The facility on the Mississippi River between Davenport, Iowa, and Moline, was originally established as a government site in 1816, with the building of Fort Armstrong.

Lock and Dam 15

Lock and Dam 15 is one of 29 locks and dams on the Upper Mississippi River. At 1,203 feet, the movable dam is the largest roller dam in the world. It was constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the 1930s and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Spirit of Peoria

Take a trip back in time and enjoy a riverboat cruise aboard this authentic paddlewheeler. The Spirit of Peoria travels up and down both the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers.

Registration forms must be postmarked by June 1 to be eligible for Early Bird Rates and by June 15 for Advance Rates. Make checks payable to **IJCC/National Convention**. Mail form with payment to IJCC/National Convention, 526 Dudleyville Road, Greenville, IL 62246. For more information call 618/322-8909 or email johnmarcoot@gmail.com. Registration can also be accomplished online at <http://2015-jersey-annual-meetings.eventbrite.com>. *There is no charge for children 5 and under.*

NAME(S) OF ADULT(S)

FARM NAME

NAMES, AGES AND SHIRT SIZE NEEDED FOR CHILDREN

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Early Bird Rates on or before June 1			
Number		Rate	Total
_____	Adult (16 and older)	\$150	\$ _____
_____	Youth (5-15)	50	\$ _____
_____	Golf Outing	75	\$ _____
	Total		\$ _____

Advance Rates June 2-15			
Number		Rate	Total
_____	Adult (16 and older)	\$175	\$ _____
_____	Youth (5-15)	50	\$ _____
_____	Golf Outing	75	\$ _____
	Total		\$ _____

Rates after June 15			
Number		Rate	Total
_____	Adult (16 and older)	\$200	\$ _____
_____	Youth (5-15)	50	\$ _____
_____	Golf Outing	75	\$ _____
	Total		\$ _____

Ticket Requests		
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24		Adults Youth
YOUTH PROGRAM: Pizza/Games/Pool Party <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Young Jersey Breeders Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Childcare Ages: _____		
THURSDAY, JUNE 25		
John Deere World Headquarters/John Deere Pavilion		
Select One Option Per Person:		
Bohnert Jerseys, John Deere and JD Harvesters		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Bohnert Jerseys and John Deere		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Bohnert Jerseys, Rock Island Arsenal, John Deere		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Bohnert Jerseys, Lock & Dam and John Deere		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
YOUTH PROGRAM: Kartville <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Jersey Breeders' Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Childcare Ages: _____		
FRIDAY, JUNE 26		
Select One Option Per Person:		
Spirit of Peoria		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Peoria Riverfront Museum/CAT Visitor Center		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
River Valley Farm		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
National Heifer Sale and Dinner		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
SATURDAY, JUNE 27		
YOUTH PROGRAM: Ropp Jersey Cheese Store and Kilgus Farmstead <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Golf Outing at Weaver Ridge <input type="checkbox"/>		
Kilgus Farmstead <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
AJCC Research Foundation Benefit Auction and Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Enjoy a broad range of experiences that include permanent collections for international fine art, Midwest folk art and natural sciences and an exhibit for local history. Learn about the ecology of the Illinois River and test your athletic skills in the IHSA Peak Performance exhibit.

Caterpillar Visitors Center

Interactive displays and exhibits at this museum, voted #1 attraction in Peoria, are sure to engage and entertain visitors of all ages. Unleash your inner engineer and design your very own Cat machine, or hop onto a simulator and see first-hand what it's like to operate equipment the way real-life operators do.

Bohnert Jerseys

The production-bred herd of 450 Registered Jersey cows has ranked nationally for many years and has a 2014 lactation average of 21,459 lbs. milk, 1,084 lbs. fat and 813 lbs. protein. The herd also ranks among the top 25% REAP herds for JPI with an average JPI of +33 (December 2014).

River Valley Farm

The farm is operated by the Sauder family under the slogan, "Where Style and Performance are the Standard." The Sauders milk 250 cows in a state-of-the art facility which includes a 20-cow box stall barn and 300-cow robotic barn. They have shown the National Grand Champion three of the past four years and recently established a semen marketing partnership with Select Sires.

Ropp Jersey Cheese Store

Ray and Ken Ropp and their families milk 60 Registered Jerseys cows and create 40 types of Cheddar and cheese curds in their self-contained, on-farm processing facility. They manufacture, market and distribute their product wholesale to 150 stores. They also sell Jersey beef through their farm store.

Kilgus Farmstead

The Kilgus family has been bottling non-homogenized milk from the 100-cow Registered Jersey herd since 2009. The Queen of-Quality producer sells milk and heavy cream to consumers through its farm store and retailers in northern and central Illinois. Kilgus Farmstead also sells Jersey beef and soft-serve ice cream at the farm store.