

# NAAB Hosts 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

**Table 1: Domestic beef semen sales, units of semen**

| Breed                   | 2016             | 2015             | %+/-          |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Angus                   | 1,596,136        | 1,722,590        | -7.34%        |
| Simmental               | 271,610          | 261,300          | 3.95%         |
| Limousin                | 217,868          | 296,753          | -26.58%       |
| Red Angus               | 142,588          | 147,429          | -3.28%        |
| Polled Hereford         | 82,988           | 90,271           | -8.07%        |
| Gelbvieh                | 40,761           | 29,625           | 37.59%        |
| Hereford                | 30,652           | 34,143           | -10.22%       |
| Charolais               | 14,609           | 14,850           | -1.62%        |
| Maine Anjou             | 9,673            | 12,388           | -21.92%       |
| Brahman                 | 9,152            | 5,191            | 76.31%        |
| Wagyu                   | 6,968            | 5,882            | 18.46%        |
| Chianina                | 4,149            | 4,614            | -10.08%       |
| Gyr                     | 3,047            | 1,089            | 179.80%       |
| Shorthorn               | 2,997            | 3,793            | -20.99%       |
| Red Brangus             | 2,438            | 590              | 313.22%       |
| Brangus                 | 2,259            | 6,151            | -63.27%       |
| Chi-Maine               | 1,508            | 439              | 243.51%       |
| Red Brahman             | 1,285            | 1,833            | -29.90%       |
| Other beef <sup>a</sup> | 12,228           | 24,741           | -50.58%       |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>2,452,916</b> | <b>2,663,672</b> | <b>-7.91%</b> |

<sup>a</sup>Other Beef includes: Beefmaster, Belgian Blue, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Blonde D'Aquitaine, Braford, Brahmousin, Braunvieh, ChiAngus, Crossbreed, Devon, Dexter, Dutch Belted, Galloway, Guzerat, Lowline (Loala), Murray Grey, Nellore, Normande, Parthenaise, Piedmontese, Pinzgauer, Salers, Santa Gertrudis, Scotch Highland, Scotch Shorthorn, Senapol, South Devon, Texas Longhorn, White Park and miscellaneous beef.

**SOURCE:** NAAB, [www.naab-css.org](http://www.naab-css.org).

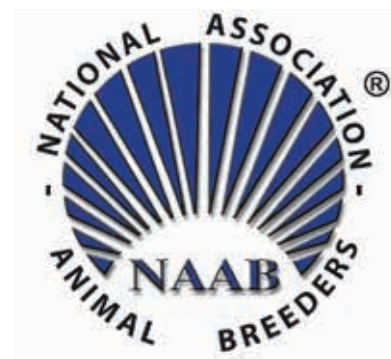
**Table 2: Beef semen export sales, units of semen**

| Breed                   | 2016             | 2015             | %+/-         |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Angus                   | 3,023,506        | 3,098,797        | -2.43%       |
| Red Angus               | 338,772          | 301,652          | 12.31%       |
| Simmental               | 108,725          | 102,252          | 6.33%        |
| Brangus                 | 107,639          | 82,146           | 31.03%       |
| Polled Hereford         | 89,855           | 80,402           | 11.76%       |
| Red Brangus             | 40,863           | 21,580           | 89.36%       |
| Brahman                 | 38,070           | 58,009           | -34.37%      |
| Charolais               | 30,844           | 28,444           | 8.44%        |
| Red Brahman             | 26,890           | 41,382           | -35.02%      |
| Wagyu                   | 11,419           | 1,846            | 518.58%      |
| Limousin                | 11,377           | 6,964            | 63.37%       |
| Gyr                     | 4,784            | 6,819            | -29.84%      |
| Horned Hereford         | 2,218            | 3,391            | -34.59%      |
| Other beef <sup>b</sup> | 1,799            | 2,003            | -10.18%      |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>3,836,761</b> | <b>3,835,687</b> | <b>0.03%</b> |

<sup>b</sup>Other Beef includes: Beefmaster, Belgian Blue, Chianina, Chi-Maine, Crossbreed, Galloway, Gelbvieh, Maine-Anjou, Normande, Polled Shorthorn, Scotch Highland, Senapol and miscellaneous beef.

The National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) convened for its 71st annual meeting Aug. 29-30, 2017, at the Madison Marriott West in Madison, Wis. The meeting agenda included a business session, election of directors and recognition awards. An open house and reception at the new NAAB office was enjoyed by attendees, as well.

During the business session Board Chairman Chuck Sattler noted that 2017 has been a year of transition for NAAB, with a change in leadership of the organization, as well as relocating the office from Columbia, Mo., to Madison, Wis. The move is nearly complete, and the real estate in Columbia will be placed on the market.



Sattler provided a brief update on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) case that challenged the way NAAB managed the implementation of a project that led to the development of the current genomic evaluations that are used today and help make U.S. cattle producers more competitive and the cattle industry more efficient. NAAB reached a settlement with the FTC that would bring this case to a close following the public comment period. This settlement will allow the NAAB staff to return its focus to programs that deliver value to members and help the industry grow.

Sattler reviewed the recent addition of genetic evaluations for livability and gestation length released by the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB) and noted that additional health trait and feed efficiency evaluations are being developed.

Jay Weiker, NAAB president, reported that the total dairy and beef unit sales for 2016 decreased 2.26% to 53,013,695 units. This is the second consecutive year that total volume

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decreased. Export unit sales increased 0.85% to 22,943,037 units; however, the total dollar value for exports decreased 8.48% in 2016, to \$155,945,100. While 2016 was a challenging year for the global dairy industry, unit sales for the first half of 2017 are trending upward, indicating a strong start to the year. Other projects, including programming of the “real-time” dairy cross reference database and the new website design, are nearing completion and will be launched soon.

International activities included numerous trips to key markets, as well as hosting a reverse trade mission for a delegation from Turkey. Exports represent a significant portion of the business for NAAB members, and these activities help open and expand global markets.

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David Brown, associate vice president of veterinary services and education at CRI/Genex and acting chairman of the Certified Semen Services (CSS) Board, updated the delegates on CSS Board activities during the past year. He emphasized the importance of CSS representatives and staff meeting with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) import/export staff annually. Brown provided a written report for the proceedings and entertained questions from the delegates.

The board of directors for the 2017-2018 year are Chuck Sattler, Select Sires, chairman; Glen Gilbert, Genex Cooperative, vice chairman; and Katie Olson, ABS Global, third member of the executive committee; Ryan Weigel, East Central Select Sires; David Jensen, Hawkeye Breeders; Paul Hunt, Alta Genetics; and Earl Souva, Great Lakes Sire Service.

Wayne Glaeser was recognized with a plaque as a retiring board member for his six years on the NAAB board of directors.



► **Left:** Elected to serve on the board of directors of the National Association of Animal Breeders for 2017-2018 are (front row, from left) Earl Souva, Great Lakes Sire Service; Ryan Weigel, East Central Select Sires; Katie Olson, ABS Global, third member of the executive committee; Chuck Sattler, Select Sires, NAAB board chairman; (back row, from left) Jay Weiker, NAAB president; David Jensen, Hawkeye Breeders Service; Glen Gilbert, Genex Cooperative/CRI, vice chairman; and Paul Hunt, Alta Genetics.

**Table 3: Custom frozen beef semen, units of semen**

| Breed                   | 2016             | 2015             | %+/-         |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Angus                   | 1,584,793        | 1,368,162        | 15.83%       |
| Simmental               | 221,447          | 188,836          | 17.27%       |
| Limousin                | 216,697          | 186,346          | 16.29%       |
| Red Angus               | 173,689          | 161,432          | 7.59%        |
| Hereford, Polled        | 101,048          | 104,038          | -2.87%       |
| Charolais               | 88,777           | 96,348           | -7.86%       |
| Wagyu                   | 69,307           | 83,672           | -17.17%      |
| Beefmaster              | 59,799           | 60,942           | -1.88%       |
| Hereford                | 59,777           | 68,385           | -12.59%      |
| Gelbvieh                | 57,633           | 55,308           | 4.20%        |
| Maine Anjou             | 53,896           | 71,149           | -24.25%      |
| Brahman                 | 50,076           | 42,906           | 16.71%       |
| Brangus                 | 35,717           | 33,620           | 6.24%        |
| Dutch Belted            | 22,020           | 52,465           | -58.03%      |
| Shorthorn               | 21,093           | 31,097           | -32.17%      |
| American Bucking Bull   | 19,773           | 26,983           | -26.72%      |
| Chianina                | 18,197           | 17,611           | 3.33%        |
| Chi-Maine               | 17,265           | 20,313           | -15.01%      |
| Lowline (Loala)         | 16,804           | 16,019           | 4.90%        |
| Texas Longhorn          | 16,715           | 16,935           | -1.30%       |
| Red Brahman             | 11,918           | 2,146            | 455.36%      |
| Simbrah                 | 9,575            | 9,038            | 5.94%        |
| Amerifax                | 7,731            | 7,347            | 5.23%        |
| Irish Black             | 7,667            | 3,039            | 152.29%      |
| Scotch Shorthorn        | 7,275            | 8,554            | -14.95%      |
| Santa Gertrudis         | 5,519            | 9,054            | -39.04%      |
| Piedmont                | 5,299            | 3,025            | 75.17%       |
| Black Hereford          | 5,253            | 3,821            | 37.48%       |
| British White           | 4,468            | 1,383            | 223.07%      |
| South Devon             | 4,317            | 7,461            | -42.14%      |
| Salers                  | 4,212            | 5,958            | -29.31%      |
| Mashona                 | 3,955            | 120              | 3,195.83%    |
| Murray Grey             | 3,254            | 2,828            | 15.06%       |
| Chi-Angus               | 2,768            | 1,600            | 73.00%       |
| Scotch Highland         | 2,583            | 521              | 395.78%      |
| Red Brangus             | 2,374            | 3,808            | -37.66%      |
| Braunvieh               | 2,339            | 4,980            | -53.03%      |
| Other Beef <sup>c</sup> | 188,291          | 274,419          | -31.39%      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>3,183,321</b> | <b>3,051,669</b> | <b>4.31%</b> |

<sup>c</sup>Other Beef includes: American Breed, Ankole Watasi, Beefalo, Belgian Blue, Belted Galloway, Braford, Brahmousin, British White, Corriente, Crossbreed, Devon, Dexter, Galloway, Hays Converter, Indu-Brazil, Pinzgauer, Red Poll, Romagnola, Senapol, Tuli, White Park and miscellaneous beef.

**Editor's Note:** This meeting report was provided by the NAAB. For more information contact NAAB at 608-827-0277 or [naab-css@naab-css.org](mailto:naab-css@naab-css.org).