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## President's Message by Kaye Zebarth

Spring Greetings!

This is what makes it all worthwhile; cute little calves bouncing about the pastures and beautiful antlers growing. Doesn't hurt that the weather has been warm, sunny and comfortable also. Hope this calving season is going well for all of you.

Still hearing pretty positive news about velvet prices; we can hope for the best. Also, hunt ranches seem to be selling and booking more Fall hunts, so that also is a very encouraging sign.

There are a couple of opportunities yet open for sponsorship in the MnEBA calendar. YOU must have a really good bull (or beautiful cow) that you would like to feature, don't you? Let Brenda know asap so that project can get wrapped up in the next 10 days or so. Thanks, in advance. You get to feature your ranch and help the industry promote your investment.

MnEBA has a new opportunity to make the industry known statewide, but especially in the Twin Cities. Southwest MN State University has asked MnEBA to participate in their annual "Smokefest" competition, in the Anything Elk category the middle of September. What a great opportunity to introduce chefs and "tasters" to our great product. We can also be on hand at Marshall that day to hand out information about MnEBA and all the things we have to offer. I guess my feeling is that we need to grasp every opportunity we have presented to us to

advertise our products and increase awareness of this industry.

Mark August 21st on your calendar for a state meeting and get together at Brian Wagner's farm near Howard Lake. More information in this newsletter or to follow.

*"Men often become what they believe themselves to be. If I believe I cannot do something, it makes me incapable of doing it. But when I believe I can, then I acquire the ability even if I didn't have it in the beginning."*  
Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

Have a safe and successful Summer.



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## Velvet Watch

Velveting season is here and everyone is wondering what the price is going to be! While efforts were made by at least two pool organizers to contract a price pre-season, these efforts were ultimately unsuccessful.

Minnesota elk producers have the good fortune of having several pool organizers close to home. Here is what they are saying about this year's expectations:

1. Scott Groen (320) 979-0911 or Brian Wagner (612) 366-5078

*"The velvet market looks stronger than it has in past years. Some older bulls may be past the cutting stage, but cut as many bulls as possible to take advantage of the higher expected prices. This will also help out the shooter bull market. We will have a solid price soon. Call with any questions about cutting antler or prices. Stay informed and updated."*

2. Larry Gerdes (715) 594-3534

*"Buyers are currently working to establish price which will likely be market value at time of sale. As of now, producers will have to wait and see what the going market value is."*

3. Scott Salonek (763) 428-8561

Excerpt as posted on Wapiti.net on May 21<sup>st</sup>: *"Prices are expected higher than last year and certainly not less. You should cut the same bulls you would anyway, all 2's, 3's, 4's and some 5&6 year olds. I say some 5 & 6 year olds because these bulls should cut enough to cover feed cost and possibly make a hundred or two. Certainly as long as they have potential, with the hunt market still soft but better than last year, it is better to take the money on velvet and not have to take less on the bulls just to get rid of them. Solid velvet prices are probably 4-6 weeks out yet."*

## Scholarship Applications Being Reviewed

Thank you to all who expressed interest and appreciation for the \$500 scholarship sponsored by MnEBA for any student pursuing a post-secondary education in an ag-related field. There were 6 applicants! These applications are currently under review by an independent party of retired educators and the winner will be awarded on the basis of the information provided on the application. The winner will be announced in the August 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter.

## MnEBA

### Mission Statement

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association represents a unified voice that strengthens the Elk farming industry in Minnesota by creating awareness about Elk production and promotion and consumption of Elk products.

## Board Meeting Minutes

### May 24, 2010 Phone Conference

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on May 24, 2010. Kaye Zebarth, Pat Prodzinski, Brian Wagner, Mark Lucas and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Wade Schimmelpfennig was absent. Zebarth called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Hartkopf submitted financials to date for board review prior to the meeting.

Hartkopf was asked by Zebarth to explain the discovery of required filings which are past due of which no one in the Association was aware of. Hartkopf and Zebarth are working with an accountant to get the proper paperwork filed. Wagner moved to move forward with preparing the raffle calendar and take it month by month on printing as MnEBA continues to work on completing the proper paperwork. Prodzinski seconded, motion carried.

Board discussed obtaining gun bids for the raffle. Would like these turned in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Hartkopf reported that 9 calendar sponsorships have been sold with 3 more sponsors needed. Board will make some calls to see if more interest can be generated.

Zebarth reported that six MnEBA scholarship applications were received, all of which were very strong candidates. She made the suggestion to have two retired teachers with whom she is acquainted

make the final decision on the winner. These individuals have no tie to the applicants or to the elk industry. Board agreed with this plan. The winner will be announced in the August 1<sup>st</sup> edition of MnEBA News.

Hartkopf shared an invitation by Southwest Minnesota State University to become a sponsor in their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual State Championship BBQ contest (Smokefest) in Marshall, MN on September 16-18, 2010. This contest is a national area qualifier. Along with four required categories, they are proposing to add a 5<sup>th</sup> category, Anything Elk. Sponsorship would require the combination of monetary funds for prize money and trophies along with meat for the teams to prepare in the amount of \$1,500. MnEBA would also be allowed to set up a booth. Wagner moved to pursue a sponsorship in the upcoming Smokefest competition with Zebarth pursuing product from Elk Marketing Council. Lucas seconded, motion carried.

Wagner discussed ideas for the upcoming MnEBA Summer Picnic and Hog Roast. Hartkopf was asked to put together details and submit to Board for approval.

Wagner moved to adjourn, Prodzinski seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Hartkopf



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### Joke of the Month

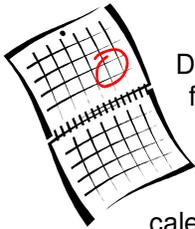
*Reverend Ole was the pastor of the local Norwegian Lutheran Church and Pastor Sven was the minister of the Swedish Covenant Church across the road. I saw them yesterday standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground that read:*

***'Da End iss Near!  
Turn Yourself Aroundt Now!  
Before It's Too Late!***

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" From the curve, we heard screeching tires and a big splash...Rev. Ole turns to Pastor Sven and asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say, '**Bridge Out**'?"

## Just Three Sponsorships Left for the 2010 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle

Once they're gone, they're gone!



Due to great response from the membership and the general public, the MnEBA fundraising committee is once again organizing a MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle for the calendar year 2011.

MnEBA members now have one final opportunity to sponsor a month in the calendar. Sponsorship applications went out with the February 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter and are still available by contacting the MnEBA Office. All that's needed is a picture from your farm, a business card (or business card info) and payment. This is a great way to advertise your special bull or other elk from your farm to hundreds of people for an entire calendar month! Talk about great exposure!!!

There are just a few months still available for sponsorship. If you're wanting a calendar month, be sure to forward payment as soon as possible to secure your spot! Call or email the MnEBA Office at 320-543-2686 or [info@mneba.org](mailto:info@mneba.org).

**Pictures Needed!** Most producers who have paid for their calendar sponsorship have not yet submitted their pictures. These are needed ASAP! Please forward them to the MnEBA Office as soon as possible. Remember, picture quality is of utmost importance. Electronic pictures work the best, higher pixels are better. Hard copy photos do not enlarge well, but a high quality full size 8½ "x11" hard copy photo will work just fine.



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# NAEBA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Conference & International Antler Competition August 5 – 7, 2010



**Harrah's Hotel & Casino ~ Council Bluffs, Iowa**

The schedule of events will be out soon. Speakers are currently being lined up and lots of fun activities are being planned. See [www.naelk.org](http://www.naelk.org) for updated information as plans become finalized!

The North American Elk Breeders Association (NAEBA) is pleased to invite all elk producers to attend NAEBA's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and International Antler Competition on August 5-7, 2010. We're heading back to one of the most central locations in the United States, Harrah's Hotel & Casino in historic Council Bluffs, Iowa which is located only 380 miles or 5 hours from Minneapolis!

Make plans now to attend this special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we're working hard to make this a very special anniversary convention! There will be a special tribute to NAEBA's original founding fathers, live entertainment, outstanding educational opportunities, and lots of networking and fun!

Council Bluffs is a great city to combine business with pleasure with lots of attractions for everyone in the family! You'll want to make sure to check out Bass Pro Outdoor World, the Henry Doorly Zoo (one of America's biggest zoos), casinos including Harrah's, Ameristar and Horseshoe, and many other attractions! Council Bluffs has a rich river history with an extensive number of historical museums and sites to visit. Plan to spend time before or after the convention to take advantage of these fun, summer opportunities! See [www.councilbluffsia.com](http://www.councilbluffsia.com) for more information.

## **International Antler Competition**

Big changes were made this year! For the first time in many years, there will be no Regional antler competition, just an International Antler Competition. Antler registration fees have been drastically lowered to only \$25 per set! Bulls entered into the competition must be Gold or Silver registered and a copy of their registration papers must be included with the application.

Even if you're not able to make it, you can still send your antler to compete with someone who is attending. Just make sure to fill out and sign the application form (find one at [www.naelk.org](http://www.naelk.org)), send a copy of the gold or silver registration form, and payment of \$25 per set.

There are sure to be many surprises at this year's competition, no bulls will have been officially scored as of yet. How many new awesome bulls will be discovered? How will past winners fare? If you're serious about improving your genetics, you will want to be there!

Make sure to return your conference registration form and payment before July 1<sup>st</sup> to save even more on registration fees. Consider the opportunity to gain exposure for your farm or ranch by taking out an exhibit booth, sponsoring one of several convention events, or by making a donation to the silent or live fun auction. This is NAEBA's biggest fundraising opportunity of the year and a time where all producers come together to support the North American elk industry which is so important to each and every one of us.

For more information, contact Brenda Hartkopf, Convention Coordinator at 320-543-2686 or the NAEBA Office, Eric or Kim Mohlman at 402-756-3355. Hope to see you there!!!

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Elk Breeder's Association  
INTERNATIONAL ANTLER COMPETITION & ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
*August 5-7, 2010 ~ Harrahs Hotel & Casino ~ Council Bluffs, Iowa*

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**Contributions/Donations**

This event is NAEBA's largest fundraiser! All donations and contributions generate revenue which will allow NAEBA to operate throughout the coming year. Please consider making a monetary or item donation to benefit NAEBA. Make sure to note your item(s) below to ensure your donation is included in the onsite conference program. The committee will decide whether the donations will appear in the LIVE or SILENT auction. Item description(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTACTS:** Brenda Hartkopf, Convention Coordinator (320) 543-2686  
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## MnEBA Kitchen

*It's grilling time!!! Try this easy recipe for elk kabobs on a beautiful summer night. This recipe was found at Deerfarmer.com courtesy of Brad Frano, Staff Writer Colorado Outdoors Magazine and the IEBA 3<sup>rd</sup> Cookbook.*

### Elk Kabobs

2-3 lbs. elk steak, cut in 1½ " cubes  
Cherry tomatoes (about 12 pieces)  
Whole mushroom caps (about 12 pieces)  
Onion, ¼ sliced (about 12 pieces)  
Green pepper, cut into 2" pieces  
Zucchini, sliced thick

#### Marinade:

½ cup pure olive oil  
½ red wine  
¼ cup lemon juice  
½ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. coarse ground pepper  
2-3 garlic cloves, crushed  
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce



Combine ingredients for marinade and mix well. Add meat cubes, cover and marinate in refrigerator for 3-4 hours or overnight.

Alternate marinated elk steak with vegetables on skewers. Grill or broil, turning often, basting with remaining marinade for 10-15 minutes for medium-rare, or 15-20 minutes for medium. Serve over wild rice.

## Thank You!

*Many thanks to Jim Byrne, Mark & Sue Hendrickson and Mark & Lisa Luedte for hauling the trailer and setting up and manning the MnEBA booth at the SCI Lake Superior Chapter 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunter's Banquet at Grand Casino in Hinckley on April 9-10.*

*Members taking time to promote the Minnesota elk industry is very much appreciated by all!*

*MnEBA also thanks the SCI Lake Superior Chapter for their support of the December 2009 Charitable Elk Hunt and inviting MnEBA to their banquet! MnEBA looks forward to working with them on sponsoring MnEBA's 4<sup>th</sup> annual elk hunt for another very deserving veteran in 2010.*

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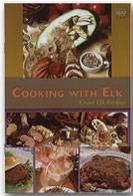
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**Velvet Antler for Pet Brochures** is a first of its kind general info brochure about velvet antler & pets. \$12.50/pack of 50

**Velvet Antler Brochures** is a general velvet antler brochure, originally produced by NAEBA. \$.30 each

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# SMOKEFEST 2010

Each fall, Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN hosts a State Championship BBQ contest on their campus. This year they expect over 50 BBQ teams from across the region to attend the SMSU Smokefest scheduled for September 16-18, 2010. They have four categories that they must judge in order to be a State sanctioned event; pork ribs, pork butt, beef brisket, and chicken.

A fifth category of choice can also be offered. They thought it would be fun to have an Anything Elk Category and have invited the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association to sponsor this event. Anything Elk would be judged as an official entry into the contest. They would offer prize money and trophies for the winners in the Elk Category. MnEBA has decided to take part in this event!

You can find Smokefest information on their website at [www.smsumustangs.com](http://www.smsumustangs.com). Click on special events to find the Smokefest link.

## **Vet Corner** by Glen Zearth, DVM

### **USDA Starting Over on National Animal ID System Elk Industry Leaders Provide Feedback**

Over recent months, USDA has conducted a series of meetings with industry leaders to discuss a new approach to the National Animal ID System. Brian Wager represented NAEBA attending a meeting in Kansas City and I represented NAEBA attending a meeting Denver. Basically, USDA is looking to go to more of a state and tribal type program over a federal program.

The advantages of this are that a much larger variety of tags can be used and there will be more local control. The disadvantage is that information is not as readily retrieved as with electronic ID. Electronic ID will continue to be an acceptable means of identification.

Details are in the proposal stage now. The ID systems currently approved through the MN Board of Animal Health should continue to qualify and there should be no new costs involved.

For more information on USDA's new direction on animal traceability and the steps to improve disease prevention and control, see [www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability).

### **South Dakota Animal Industry Board Report on Bovine Tuberculosis Quarterly Newsletter April 2010**

#### **Bovine Tuberculosis**

Concerns regarding the fate of SD's TB Accredited Free status were partially alleviated following USDA's announcement of a Federal Order on April 15, 2010. The Federal Order allows USDA APHIS flexibility in determining whether or not a State's TB status should be downgraded. The Order will remain in effect for 2 years unless extended, allowing time for APHIS officials to draft changes to the Federal regulations governing Bovine Tuberculosis.

In addition, the Federal Order allows for relaxed interstate movement requirements for cattle that are not known to be infected with TB moving from Modified Accredited Advanced (MAA) States or zones. California is a MAA State, and New Mexico, Michigan and Minnesota all contain MAA zones.

Beef breeding cattle may now move from Minnesota to South Dakota without a TB test. Per South Dakota import requirements, all dairy breed cattle imported to South Dakota will still be required to be negative to an official TB test within 60 days prior to import. All cattle from MAA zones including feeder cattle, are required to be officially identified prior to import.

South Dakota's finding of a beef cattle herd infected with Bovine Tuberculosis in January 2010, has resulted in an extensive epidemiologic investigation. Herds with cattle exposed to the South Dakota index herd were identified in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. All exposed cattle herds were tested and quarantines have been released where no infection was found. Two herds, one in South Dakota and one in Nebraska, purchased bred heifers from the index herd, and have since been found to be infected. The South Dakota herd is depopulating with Federal indemnity. The index herd remains quarantined. All responders have been removed from the herd and a herd plan is being developed.

In summary, 5 cows were found infected in 3 herds and 1 SD feedlot. All 5 cows were most likely purchased additions to the index herd. The index herd pastured these cows as yearling heifers on a summer grazing pasture in Nebraska, approximately 1/2 mile from a captive elk herd that was found to be heavily infected with the same strain of TB. An exact mode of transmission has not yet been discovered.

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## In The News

### Drug Residue Study in White-tailed Deer

#### Assoc. Press Release

**March 24, 2010** (SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS)

A cooperative research study between the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, College Station determined that tissue residues on the 11<sup>th</sup> day post-treatment in chemically immobilized white-tailed deer were at minimal levels. A total of thirty-three adult white-tailed deer donated by the Texas Deer Association were immobilized with a combination of the predominantly used capture drugs, Xylazine and Telazol, and then reversed 45 minutes later with Tolazoline. All injections were given intramuscularly in the neck above the shoulder. The dosages used were in the upper range of dosages recommended by a panel of five practicing veterinarians and two wildlife biologists, all with a minimum of 10 years of experience immobilizing white-tailed deer.

Body weights were estimated prior to drug treatment, and the dose was calculated as would customarily be done when darting deer on the hoof in a permitted facility. A blood sample was collected from each deer prior to and following drug treatment to assure all deer received a full dose of each immobilizing and reversal drugs. After anesthesia and prior to reversal, actual body weights were taken and exact

dosages in mg/Kg of body weight were determined. After the deer recovered from the reversal of anesthesia, they were returned to their resident pen, given unlimited access to feed, water, and shelter for the following ten days.

On day 11 post-drug injection, the deer were brought into a Cervid Handling Facility, blood samples were collected, and then the deer were humanely sacrificed by a penetrating captive bolt by trained Texas Parks & Wildlife personnel. At necropsy, tissue samples were collected from the right and left side of each deer's neck muscle, right and left hindquarter muscle, and liver. All the collected tissue samples were taken to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory for analysis of metabolites of the injected drugs. Triplicate samples of all tissue and blood samples were analyzed and the results summarized. Mean tissue residues for Xylazine, Tiletamine and Tolazoline were all below 1 part per million (ppm) and below 1.4 ppm for Zolazepam. The levels of Xylazine and Tolazoline in the deer tissue were ten times less than those published as safe for human consumption in beef following a withdrawal period of three days in a New Zealand study.

The results of the present study in white-tailed deer indicates that there is no evidence that any residue

present in venison eleven days post-treatment at the dosages delivered would have any adverse pharmacological effect in humans. Specifically, at 1ppm (i.e., 1 mg/Kg and a Kg is 2.2 pounds), a person would have to consume 35 oz (2.2 lbs) of venison in a few hours to ingest 1 ppm of the subject pharmaceuticals. The study indicates that a withdrawal period of 10 days is sufficient and safe for Xylazine, Telazol and Tolazoline in white-tailed deer at the usual and customary dosages of these drugs utilized in the immobilization of white-tailed deer.

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Headquartered in San Antonio, the Texas Deer Association is the only non-profit organization solely committed to improving the quality of Texas deer herds through improved habitat practices, modern harvest strategies and use of superior deer to enhance deer herds. To learn more about TDA or for membership information, visit [www.texasdeerassociation.com](http://www.texasdeerassociation.com) or call (210) 767-8300.

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# 2010 Minnesota State Fair Schedule



Thank you to all who have already signed up to work the 2010 MN State Fair! Here is the Minnesota State Fair Schedule to date; there are several time slots still open. Any and all help, for any amount of time, is greatly welcomed!

Working the State Fair booth has become a tradition for many MnEBA families. There are interesting things to do at the Fair for the entire family! Consider making the State Fair one of your family traditions. If you've never worked the booth, sign up to work with someone already on the list or take an open slot. Or, consider bringing a friend to work with you. Contact Morrie Evenson at (320) 212-1479 or Daphne Evenson at (320) 894-2304 to sign up.

Date	Time	Workers	Date	Time	Workers
8/26	8 - 2	Morrie & Daphne Evenson & friends	9/1	8 - 2	Norman Schimmelpfennig
	2 - 9	Glen & Kaye Zebarth		2 - 9	OPEN
8/27	8 - 2	Jon & Richard Aase	9/2	8 - 2	Jim Byrne
	2 - 9	Jon & Richard Aase		2 - 9	Jim Byrne
8/28	8 - 2	Kaplan Family	9/3	8 - 2	Jim Byrne / Martin Zacharias
	2 - 9	Kaplan Family		2 - 9	Jim Byrne / Martin Zacharias
8/29	8 - 2	OPEN	9/4	8 - 2	Prodzinski Family
	2 - 9	OPEN		2 - 9	OPEN
8/30	8 - 2	Sally Bergman & Evensons	9/5	8 - 2	OPEN
	2 - 9	OPEN		2 - 9	OPEN
8/31	8 - 2	OPEN	9/6	8 - 2	Larry Gerdes & Greg Lubinski
	2 - 9	OPEN		2 - 9	Paul & Lynn Hueg

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# MnEBA Summer Picnic & Hog Roast

**Saturday August 21, 2010**

Black Velvet Elk Ranch – Brian Wagner  
Howard Lake, MN

Mark your calendars for a fun day of good eating, socializing, touring and learning!

## August 21<sup>st</sup> Tentative Schedule

9:30 – 11:30 am	Open House Farm Tour at Lance & Brenda Hartkopf's
Noon	Potluck Meal at Brian Wagner's – Meat, utensils and non-alcoholic beverages provided. Bring a dish to pass. Cold storage is available.
1:30 pm	MnEBA Summer Meeting
3:00 pm	Seminar TBD
4:00 pm	Antler Scoring Seminar / Competition Antler on Display
5:30 pm thru evening	Hospitality

## Staying Over

**Camping:** Anyone is welcome to set up a camper or tent overnight at Brian's.

**Local Hotels:** Room blocks have been set up at the following hotels. Both room blocks expire on **July 21**.

**Americinn Lodge & Suites** – 620 Elm St. East, Annandale, MN (13 miles north)  
Room Rates: \$99.90 plus tax, GROUP CODE: Minnesota Elk Breeders  
Reservations: 320-274-3006

**Country Inn & Suites** – 1002 Hwy. 55 East, Buffalo, MN (14 miles east)  
Room Rates: \$99 plus tax (only until July 21<sup>st</sup>), GROUP CODE: 0810MNELKB  
Reservations: 763-682-5660

Attendees are encouraged to bring antlers for display which have been judged at the NAEBA International Antler Competition earlier in the month.

## Directions

Hartkopf – (9086 Keats Avenue SW Howard Lake, MN) – from Hwy 12 in town of Howard Lake, travel south on County 6 for 3 miles, turn west on County 30 for 1 mile, turn south on Keats Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> place on left.

Wagner – (8361 30<sup>th</sup> Street SW Howard Lake, MN) – from Hwy 12 in town of Howard Lake, travel north on County 6 for 4 miles, turn east on 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Farm is on right hand side <1 mile down the road.

## Committee Reports

### Government Relations as printed in MDA Newslink – May 21, 2010

The 2010 legislative session came to a slightly belated conclusion on the morning of Monday, May 17, after the Governor and legislative leaders wrapped up an agreement reached late on Sunday evening. HF1, the compromise agreement bill, ratified most of the Governor's unallotments including all those pertaining to MDA's budget.

With the earlier passage of the Omnibus Agriculture and Veteran Affairs policy bill, the passage of HF1 finalized the budget picture for MDA until the 2011 session. Legislators will return to the Capitol next January to take on what is expected to be another sizeable deficit for the upcoming two-year budget cycle.

The end of the 2010 session marked the end of the line for a number of legislators including some with prominent roles in agricultural policy and finance. The list of retiring senators includes Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Jim Vickerman, Steve Dille (the lead Republican on the ag committee), Mee Moua, Debbie Johnson, Dennis Fredrickson, Steve Murphy, Pat Pariseau and Tarryl Clark.

In the House, retirees include House Ag Policy Committee Chair Mary Ellen Otremba, Karla Bigham, Tom Emmer, Jeremy Kalin, Randy Demmer, Cy Thao, Laura Brod, Dan Severson, Paul Kohls, Rob Eastlund, Marty Seifert, Larry Haws and Margaret Anderson Kelliher. Representative Doug Mangus, a longtime member of the House ag committee, is retiring from the House to run for the state senate position in his area.

**Editor's Note:** As you can see, a large number of ag policy/finance and other legislators are retiring. If one of these legislators is your senator or representative, make it a point to get to know those legislators running for these open positions. MnEBA members have done an outstanding job of educating legislators, but the job is not done. We all need to keep in contact with our elected officials, whether new to the legislature or not, to ensure continued support at the Capitol.

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## MnEBA Attends the National Agriculture Week Rally at the Minnesota State Capitol!

*Thank you to Jim Byrne for representing MnEBA at this event!  
Below is a thank-you note from Farm Bureau.*



**Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation®**

March 23, 2010

Minnesota Elk Breeders  
Jim Byrnes  
11026 Co. Rd. 113 NW  
Pine Island, MN 55963

Dear Mr. Byrnes,

Thank you participating in the National Agriculture Week Rally at the Minnesota State Capitol on Tuesday, March 16. The rally's purpose was to highlight the importance of the Minnesota agriculture industry to our state and to announce the University of Minnesota (U of M) College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture.

The rally drew nearly 200 farmers and FFA members from across the state to the State Capitol Rotunda to hear from Commissioner of Agriculture Gene Hugoson, legislators and a variety of agriculture organizations. The event began with the announcement of the U of M CFANS annual Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture recipients by Dean Allen Levine. Recipients are chosen for three categories: knowledge (teaching, research and outreach); production agriculture and agribusiness. This year's recipients are: Donald Helgeson (agribusiness), Ronald Phillips (knowledge) and Sander "Sandy" Ludeman (production agriculture).

Governor Pawlenty along with both the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Senate issued proclamations recognizing the state's farming sector as they proclaimed March 14-20, 2010 Minnesota Agriculture Week. The state observance ties into National Agriculture Week, which is designed to raise awareness of the positive contributions agriculture makes in providing food and many other products used every day.

We also received media coverage from *Minnesota Farm Network*, *Red River Farm Network*, *KDHL* and *The Land*. Thank you again for your support of Minnesota agriculture and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Kevin Paap  
President

*Cc: Brenda Hartkopf*

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Thursdays

## Calendar of Events

**August 5 – 7, 2010** – NAEBA's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and International Antler Competition, Harrah's, Council Bluffs, Iowa

**August 21, 2010** – MnEBA Summer Picnic & Hog Roast, Black Velvet Elk Ranch, Howard Lake, MN

**August 26 – September 6, 2010** – Minnesota State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

**January 7 – 8, 2011** – MnEBA Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

**March 11 – 13, 2011** – Minnesota Deer Classic, St. Paul, MN

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