### 2016 AJSA Classic Dates

- **May 5** – AJSA Regional Classic entry/ownership deadline
- **May 23** – AJSA National Classic Hotel Headquarters
- **June 1** – AJSA South Central Regional Classic, Stillwater, OK
- **June 15-18** – AJSA Eastern Regional Classic, Cookeville, TN
- **June 23-25** – AJSA Western Regional Classic, Bozeman, MT
- **July 9-15** – AJSA National Classic, Des Moines, IA

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By Cameron Crawford, MS

**AJSA National Classic**

I hope you’ve been collecting your pop tabs because the Battle of the States is on! Which state will collect the most pop tabs? Head to Des Moines this summer for the National Classic to find out! If you aren’t able to attend, don’t worry, send them along with someone who is attending. Collect some tabs and make a difference for those enduring the burden of an extended hospital stay.

Get excited, don’t let a can get thrown away without taking off the tab first, and we’ll see you this summer at the Classics!

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**Did you know . . . ?**

- Ronald McDonald House (RMH) chose pop tabs as their fundraiser to remind everyone that even the little things make a big difference. Help the AJSA make a big difference by collecting as many as you can!
- RMH sells the pop tabs as scrap metal to raise money for the services they provide to sick children and their families.
- Collecting pop tabs is a win-win: you’re recycling and helping the families of children during extended hospital stays!
- RMH sponsors housing, community rooms, activities, and meals for families from the money that you help raise.
- There are 1,267 pop tabs in one-pound.

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By Kiersten Joss, IA
10th Trustee

With the National Classic fast approaching, 2016 Coordinators Tammy Heatton and Gina Long, are excited about the upcoming cattle show. Both Tammy and Gina have extensive knowledge of the cattle industry through their work with both the Junior and Youth Simmental Associations. Tammy is a long-time member of both the American Simmental Association and the Junior Simmental Association. She currently serves as the Junior Simmental National President. Gina is a Past President of the American Junior Simmental Association and a 2016 Simmental National Classic Coordinator. Both women have spent most of their lives in the cattle industry.

Tammy and Gina, along with all the adult and junior Simmental Association members, are excited to bring the 2016 National Classic to Des Moines. The National Classic is one of the most prestigious cattle shows in the world and is the event that all Simmental breeders strive to participate in. It is a time when Simmental breeders have the opportunity to showcase their genetics and compete with the best in the world.

The National Classic is held in Des Moines, Iowa, and is a week-long event that features a variety of cattle showing events. These events include the National Classic, which is the most prestigious event of the show, and several other events such as livestock judging, public speaking, and photography. The show is open to all Simmental breeders, and it is a great opportunity for breeders to showcase their genetics and compete with the best in the world.

The National Classic has a long history of success, and it has been held in Des Moines since 1973. The show is known for its high level of competition and its commitment to showcasing top-quality cattle. It is a time when Simmental breeders can come together to share their passion for the breed and to compete against each other.

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