The Red Wattle Hog Association board is setting up regional boards to promote more local participation within the association. Each of the 12 regions has been chosen by area to be served and the common borders of the states in that area.

We have no desire to run any of these regions and would like to leave that up to the individuals in those regions. We have however, drawn up a simple outline to follow so that all of the regions will be on the same page.

Under the “ Purpose” heading, while the main goal is to promote the Red Wattle as great pork, how you do it is up to each region. The sub-listings are simply suggestions. The same can be said for the meeting format and setting of dues (if any at all). The purpose must be the promotion of the Red Wattle hog and not individual farms. We are only stipulating that each region send in their annual report of activities and treasurers report that tells us what the stipend granted by the national RWHA board was used for. We want to be able to put these reports into the archives so everyone can learn from them.

We have attached (or enclosed in snail mail), a list of the regions and the members that belong to that region so it is easier to find each other. To get this set up, we are asking for volunteers from each region to get things rolling. If you are interested in helping to get this set up and would like to be considered for an office in your region, please email me at hindsightheritagefarm@hotmail.com. I will keep a list of volunteers for each region and at the end of two weeks, I will compile a list that will go out to each member of your region for voting. The winners of the posts will be announced at the end of that two week period.

Kathy, Jenifer, Ray, Jan and I will do all that we can to get you started. It is our hope and goal, that regional meetings and activities will increase participation in the association.

Regional meetings
1.  Purpose
          A.  Promotion of the Red Wattle
               a.  Hog shows
               b.  speakers
               c.  calendar of events for regional activity
          B.  Coordinated and cooperational marketing
               a.  Farm tours
               b.  taste tests
               c.  membership drives
               d.  cooperative CSA sales

2.   Officers
          A.  nominations
          B.  Elections
               a.  sec/treas. reports to the national board
               b.  members may belong to the closest region to them but belong to one only
               c.  regions with small populations can be combined until numbers are increased to
                five members, then the five members must start a regional board in their residential region.

 d.  keep records of meetings
          C.  Office terms to be determined by the region

3.   Meeting format
           A.  Roberts Rules of Order
               a.  email
               b.  skype
               c.  in person
4.  Rules
           A.  adhere to the National RWHA board rules
               a.  rules for the regions to be determined by the regional membership
               b.  annual report of activity to be shared with the national board for archives
5.  Financial
           B.  regional dues if voted by the majority of membership
           B.  Annual stipend from the national RWHA board

I have broken down the USA according to amount of area the states covered and then taking into account climate, roads and proximity to other states, I have divided the US into 12 regions. I have these 12 regions that are between 388,253 sq km(CA, NV and AZ) and 163,413 sq km (TN, KY, WV, NC, and Virginia). I have tried to look at the map and then overlay the mountains for accessibility and general climate/crops for commonality in raising, proximity for shows etc. and have come up with the following...
1. WA, OR, ID (253,250 sq km)
2. MT, WY, ND (315,555 sq km)
3. CA, NV, AZ (388253 sq km)
4. UT, CO, NM (310,580 sq km)
5. TX (268580 sq km- a small country on it's own :-)
6. KS, NE, MO (229333 sq km)
7. MN, IA, WI, SD (286060 sq km)
8. IL, IN, MI, OH (235873 sq km)
9. AR, LA, MS, OK (223349 sq km)
10. FL, GA, AL, SC (209613 sq km)
11. TN, KY, WV, NC, VA (163416 sq km)
12. ME, MA, NH, VT, NY, RI, CT, NJ, DE, PA, MD (196224 sq km)