

# 'Hereford Nation' Breaks Records

The Hereford Nation took Grand Island, Neb., by storm June 27-July 3 as it hosted the record-setting 2015 VitaFerm Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). More than 800 youth from 38 states came together to not only compete in the showing and contests, but to participate in the ultimate family and youth event gaining new friends and new experiences.

Hereford youth exhibited a record-number of 1,441 entries, including 651 polled owned females, 269 horned owned females, 265 bred-and-owned females, 107 bred-and-owned bulls, 35 cow-calf pairs and 107 steers.

Throughout the week, outstanding juniors were awarded nearly \$25,000 in scholarships. They were also able to participate in 22 contests outside of the showing. New to this year's JNHE, team sales took the place of team marketing to keep up with the evolving world of technology and sales. Participants got a glimpse at a real-life situation of selling and using marketing and technology resources.

JNHE attendees also participated in the first-ever Hereford Nation State Tailgate party and found there is no better way to spend time with their Hereford family than with an all-state cookout.



Numerous youth also attended the newcomer orientation. This event allowed new JNHE attendees to meet the National Junior Hereford Association board and learn about all that JNHE offers. A scavenger hunt provided an opportunity for them to meet people from different states and learn their way around the JNHE grounds.

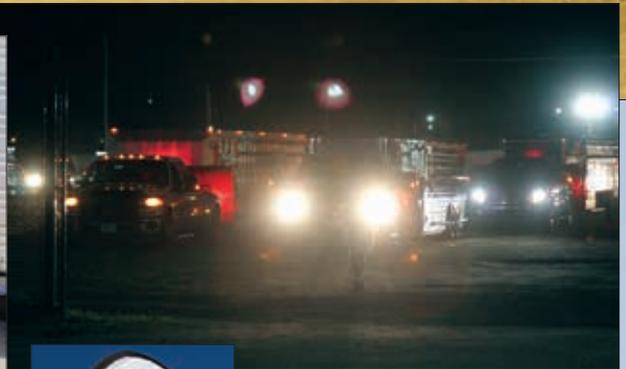
The Hereford Nation planning committee offered a grand slam meal pass. The "Season Meal Tickets" provided an affordable way to enjoy eight home-cooked meals that were easy to take back to the barns or showing for just \$65. The JNHE would not be possible without the incredible support from title sponsor Biozyme Inc., St. Joseph, Mo., as well as a multitude of corporate and breeder sponsors. Thank you to all the sponsors for your continued support of the JNHE.

"Hereford Nation" once again offered a winning experience for the Hereford family. On the pages that follow, check out the highlights from this year's JNHE. **HW**

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# Day by Day Highlights — Friday/Saturday



Hereford youth and their families arrived in Grand Island, Neb., Friday and Saturday.



# Day by Day Highlights — Saturday



It takes a team to pull off an event like the JNHE. Since 2012 a talented group of individuals has been selected each year to serve as JNHE ambassadors. Helping with everything from checking-in cattle and people to organizing contests and working in the show office, the ambassador team play an important role. This year's ambassadors are **Taylor Adcock**, Moweaqua, Ill.; **SyAnn Foster**, Lockney, Texas; **Allison Schulz**, Iron Ridge, Wis.; **Payton Stoppel**, Russell, Kan.; and **Jessica Webster**, St. Runnels, Iowa.



Scholarship finalists were interviewed.



NJHA board candidates assisted throughout the week.



Saturday was cattle processing and people check-in day.



New this year, the NJHA board hosted a newcomer orientation for youth and their families to learn about what JNHE offers. Following the informational portion, attendees enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the barn.

# Day by Day Highlights — Sunday



Hereford Nation hit the courts Sunday evening as youth participated in the annual 3-on-3 basketball contest.



NJHA youth put their Hereford and beef industry knowledge to use during the Hereford bowl written test.

National Hereford Queen Katie Nolles welcomes current and future Hereford royalty at the annual princess tea.



Youth participated in the illustrated speech contest.



State basket silent auction.



Winning second place team sales in the peewee division were Nebraska youth Wiley Ziegler, Bloomfield; Brianna Hula, Creston; and Madie Ziegler, Bloomfield.



Family and friends enjoyed watching the grill-off.



Kalie Seagraves, Pocahontas, Ark., grills steaks during the grill-off.

# Day by Day Highlights — Sunday



A total of 38 NJHA members ended their junior show careers at the 2015 JNHE.



The show arena was packed at the opening ceremonies Sunday evening.



Kenzie Ahlman, recent graduate of Grand Island high school and local 4-H member, sang the National Anthem during opening ceremonies.



The Illinois team won best recipe at the Hereford State Tailgate.



The first Hereford State Tailgate was a hit as the crowd sampled each state's tailgate snacks.

# Day by Day Highlights — Monday



The judging contest kicked off Monday's events.



On Monday, JNHE participants wore their Sure Champ t-shirts.



On Monday morning, teams participated in the HYFA golf tournament at the Indianhead Golf Course.



A Certified Hereford Beef® sandwich was one of many delicious meals served at JNHE.



JNHE participants had choice of three Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University clinics on Monday: a fitting demonstration, a nutrition clinic or a showmanship clinic.

# Day by Day Highlights — Monday



The NJHA membership meeting was hosted Monday evening. NJHA board candidates spoke prior to state delegates casting their vote for the election of board members.



Teams from 24 states participated in the Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University team fitting contest.



Texas and Oklahoma teams compete in the junior division during the Hereford bowl final "buzzer" round.



Monday afternoon, Sure Champ hosted a nutrition clinic for attendees.

# Day by Day Highlights — Tuesday



During the pre-peeewee showmanship Tuesday afternoon, 32 youth ages 5 to 7 participated in the pre-peeewee parade. Judges John and Melody McCurry talked to each showman before they received their rosette and had a picture taken with the National Hereford Queen.



State Hereford princesses assisted the National Hereford Queen during showmanship.



Jade Stone, Stanton, Texas, and Curtis Canida, Adair, Okla., compete in the peeewee showmanship division.



Thank you to Sullivan Supply for donating a showbox full of supplies to one lucky exhibitor.



Peeewee showmanship champion Kade Boatman, Rockford, Ill., receives a hug from his mother, Tammy, following the show.

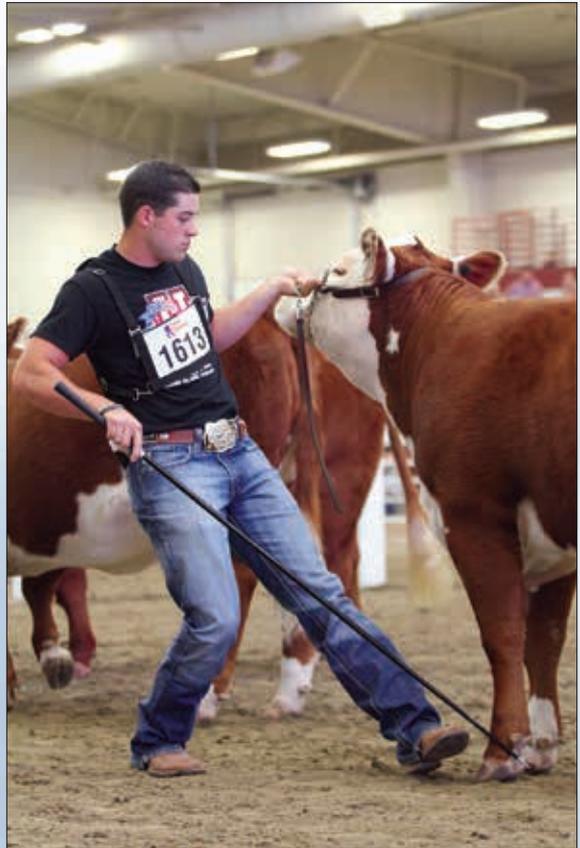


Lauren McMillan, Tiskilwa, Ill., was selected champion junior showman.

# Day by Day Highlights — Tuesday



Reserve champion intermediate showman Lauren May, Mineral Point, Wis., shows during the finals.



Wyatt Durst, Morrowville, Kan., competes in senior showmanship.



The top 10 senior showmen competed in the fitting portion of the senior showmanship finals and then went on to the showing for the selection of champion showman.



# Day by Day Highlights — Wednesday



On Wednesday evening a crowd gathered for the awards night to recognize contest winners and celebrate another great JNHE.



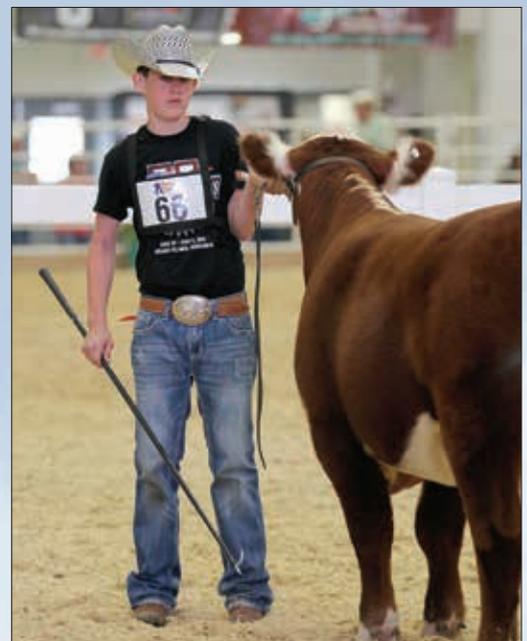
Judge Matt Leo, Le Blanc, Calif., congratulates Bryden Barber, Channing, Texas, who exhibited the grand champion bred-and-owned bull.



Abby Geye, Rising Star, Texas, led the champion bred-and-owned female.



Winning champion bred-and-owned pair was Austin Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky. The cow-calf pair went on to be named reserve grand champion.

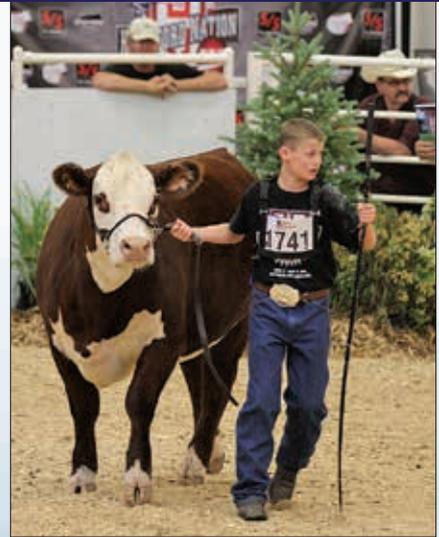


Walker Dunn, Cochran, Pa., shows his reserve champion prospect steer.

# Day by Day Highlights — Thursday



Hereford royalty from numerous states assisted National Hereford Queen Katie Nolles during the owned heifer show.



Overlooking the showing, the Foundation Club was a prime spot to take in the shows and gather with new and old friends.



Thursday, owned heifers took the ring in Grand Island.



Juniors were busy fitting their calves for the first day of the owned heifer show.

# Day by Day Highlights — Friday



Horned division winners vying for grand champion horned female.



Sara Sullivan, Dunlap, Iowa, (left) led the reserve grand champion polled female and Bailey Buck, Madill, Okla., (right) exhibited the grand champion polled female.



Judge Jeff Bedwell congratulates Lillie Skiles, Dalhart, Texas, as her calf was selected grand champion horned female.



Polled division winners compete for grand champion polled female.