



2014 NJHA/HW Photo Contest Results

It's been said a photo is worth a thousand words. With the snap of a camera shutter, a moment is frozen in time.

But it's not always as simple as pushing that button. Composition, lighting, sharpness and attention to detail can make a good photo "great."

The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and the *Hereford World* (HW) sponsor an annual contest for junior members interested in photography. This year, the contest had 96 entries in four age divisions and three categories – Hereford cattle, people and enhanced.

Judges were pleased to see the participation and interest in photography from young people. They commented on the great quality of photos throughout the contest.

The judges agreed that the contestants showed great talent in capturing unique moments in creative settings. They commented on how they'd like to see more competition in the contest, especially in the older age divisions.

The judges shared these suggestions for improvement:

- In the enhancement category, it would have been interesting to see some of the original photos alongside the enhanced version. Also, make sure you do not take the edits too far.
- People category needs to focus on the person and we like to see the faces of those in the photo.
- We prefer natural shots rather than staged portraits.
- Continue to picture clean, healthy and conformationally correct cattle. Good job in this area to all contestants.
- Choose subject matter well.
- Pictures that used the rule of thirds showed more depth and drew the viewer into the photo allowing them to capture the moment more fully.
- Work to get a unique angle while capturing the moment.
- Be careful when taking close-ups not to distort.
- Do not enter a picture of a picture.
- Please do not add a signature to entries.
- No phone shots allowed – quality lacks with most phone shots.
- Please turn date and time off.

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Peewee
1st place
Hereford Cattle

Gavin Rhode
Gower, Mo.

The lighting is good and the photo is very clear. Good color adds to the photo and the position of subject is excellent.



Peewee
3rd place
Hereford Cattle

Abbey Yates
Sallisaw, Okla.

This photo has excellent clarity and lighting, which add to the overall quality. The white on the calf's head was very distinct and stood out to the judges.



Peewee
2nd place
Hereford Cattle

Dakota Gillig
Schuyler, Neb.

Photo composition is excellent. Good lighting and clarity add to the photo. Judges liked how distinct the cow's freckles are in the photo.



Junior
1st place
Hereford Cattle

Isaac Rhode
Gower, Mo.

Good lighting and clarity benefitted this photo. Waiting until both subjects were looking was a good choice.



Junior
2nd place
Hereford Cattle

Wesley Denton
Blue Rapids, Kan.

This photo is very clear and has good framing. There is good focus on the cow to make her a focal point.



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Junior

3rd place

Hereford Cattle

Lexie Vinson

Sallisaw, Okla.

Composition is good but focus is not quite there. Taking the time to get cows all together and in the same direction made the photo better.



Intermediate

2nd place

Hereford Cattle

Grace Gullat

Salem, Ala.

Great color and overall composition of the picture is excellent but the clouds are what really make the picture.



Intermediate

1st place

Hereford Cattle

Jordan Spindle

Moriarty, N.M.

This is a really good shot. It's clear – even the grass. Good use of focus on the bull with less on the background.



Senior

1st place

Hereford Cattle

Kayla Keahey

Commerce, Texas

Good lighting and clarity make this photo excellent. Waiting for both cow and calf to look made the composition excellent.



Senior

2nd place

Hereford Cattle

Bailey McKay

Marysville, Kan.

This is a cover worthy shot. Clarity is excellent and even the blades of grass are in focus.



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3rd place
Hereford Cattle

Melissa Grimmel

Jarrettsville, Md.

You had to be at the right place at the right moment to catch this unique shot. It shows a very sweet moment between the cow and calf.



Peewee
2nd place
People

Wade Allen
Quincy, Ill.

The composition of this photo is really cool and captured a great moment between the girl and calves.



Peewee
Honorable Mention
People

Dustin Denton
Blue Rapids, Kan.

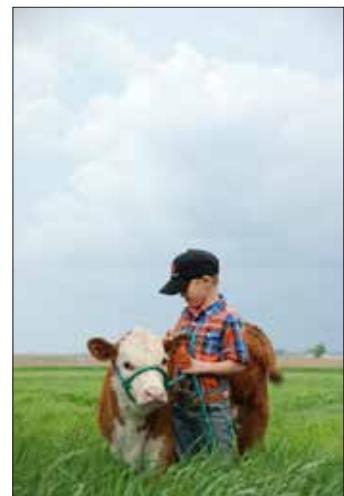
This photo has good color and used subjects very well.



Peewee
1st place
People

Waylon Lee
Wellington, Ill.

Good composition and cropping. The photo is clear and has good color.



Peewee
3rd place
People

Gavin Rhode
Gower, Mo.

Creative photo idea with great clarity really made this photo. This is a unique shot that captures the real side of the cattle business.



Junior
1st place
People

Blakelee Hayes
Ada, Okla.

This is a good, fun and clear shot. The focus is excellent and colors are fun and distinct.



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Junior 2nd place People

Isaac Rhode
Gower, Mo.

Good composition and great clarity made this a great photo. Lighting is also good and caught a great moment.



Junior 3rd place People

Wesley Denton
Blue Rapids, Kan.

The color and clarity in this photo are both excellent. Judges could tell you made sure the cow was paying attention.



Intermediate 1st place People

Kelsey Decker
Pickerington, Ohio

The unique angle makes the shot and good lighting adds to the photo. Side lighting was an excellent decision and softens up colors.



Intermediate 2nd place People

Jordan Spindle
Moriarty, N.M.

Great action shot with good colors. Judges liked the cattle in the background but felt a tighter angle would make it even better.



Senior 1st place People

Bailey McKay
Marysville, Kan.

The interesting angle paired with clarity and good composition made this shot excellent.



Peewee 1st place Enhanced

John Crane
Utica, Ill.

The clarity of this shot separates it from the rest and judges liked the sepia choice.



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Peewee
2nd place
Enhanced

Clayton Hayes
Ada, Okla.

The composition and angle of this shot was good but it was a little over edited around the calf's head.



Junior
2nd place
Enhanced

Abby Billing
Greendell, N.J.

The calf was very clear in this photo and judges liked the color change.



Intermediate
1st place
Enhanced

Jordan Spindle
Moriarty, N.M.

Color is good and the photo is very sharp. Judges liked the detail of the tongue.



Junior
1st place
Enhanced

Lauren McMillan
Tiskilwa, Ill.

Good composition. Judges could tell it was thought out but there was too much fence in the foreground and angle.



Junior
Honorable
Mention
Enhanced

Blakelee Hayes
Ada, Okla.

Judges advised that less is more with photo editing. Eye is very good but the left side is too blurry.



Intermediate
Honorable
Mention
Enhanced

Amy Larson
Tecumseh, Okla.

Excellent portrait of a calf and the details of eyelashes were excellent but the head was over filtered.



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1st place
Enhanced

Melissa Grimmel
Jarrettsville, Md.

This photo has really good clarity and was an excellent shot. Editing was very natural and added to the photo.



Senior
2nd place
Enhanced

Kayla Keahey
Commerce, Texas

The judges felt this was a good picture but advised to be careful not to blow out the white during editing.

