



Iowa Hereford Breeders
Association
every calf deserves a white face

June 2008 Newsletter

Junior Show Is June 21-22

The Buchanan County Fairgrounds in Independence is the site of this year's Iowa Junior Hereford Show on June 21-22.

Junior exhibitors will have a full weekend, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, which is the deadline for stalling of cattle. Check-in begins at noon, with the state speech contest at 3:30 p.m., followed by a junior association meeting with election of officers and a meeting of Junior National Hereford Expo participants.

An evening meal of roast beef sandwiches, salads, dessert and drink will be catered at a cost of \$5 per person.

The show begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, immediately after the coronation of the Iowa Polled Hereford Queen and Princess.

A 4-H group will have a concession stand on the grounds both Saturday and Sunday.

Lodging for IJHA Show

Country Inn & Suites – 319-334-6400

Super 8 – 319-334-7041

Rush Park Motel – 319-334-2577

Camping is available on the fairgrounds.

For camping information, call Lonny or Tammy Cherry – 319-935-3371

Mark Your Calendar!

May 30 – Junior National Hereford Expo room reservations due to Landts

June 1 – Junior National Hereford Expo Entry & Ownership Deadline

National Scholarships & Contests Deadline

June 6 – IJHA Show Entry & T-shirt Order Deadline

Iowa Polled Hereford Princess Application Deadline

June 14-15 – Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Show, Des Moines

June 15 – PRIDE Conference Registration Deadline

June 21-22 – IJHA State Show, Independence

July 12-19 – Junior National Hereford Expo, Kansas City, MO

July 21 – Newsletter Deadline

July 31-Aug. 3 – PRIDE Conference, Washington, DC

Aug. 11 – Iowa State Fair Hereford Shows

Sept. 6 – Iowa Hereford Tour & IHBA Annual Meeting, eastern Iowa

Expo Sale Nomination Deadline

Iowa Advances One Spot On Dams of Distinction List

Iowa moved into 14th place on the American Hereford Association's prestigious Dams of Distinction list for 2007, up a notch from the previous ranking. Out of 1,903 Hereford cows from 630 performance herds in 44 states, Iowa accounted for 53 animals. In addition, Wiese & Sons, Manning, ranked 18th in the nation with 13 Dams of Distinction.

In order for a cow to be honored as a Dam of Distinction, a cow must have weaned a calf born since Jan. 1, 2006, produced at least three calves; initially calved at 30 months of age or less; had an interval between the first and second calves of no greater than 400 days and maintain a 370-day calving interval after her second calf; have weaning records submitted on every calf born before June 30, 2007; and have a progeny average 205-day adjusted weaning weight ratio of at least 105.

Iowa breeders with Dams of Distinction are:

Cooper Polled Herefords, Mondamin
Ashley Dierenfeld, Northwood
Gar-Nanc/Rau Farms, Stanley
Albert Heckenberg, Sperry
Travis Hinkel, Mondamin
Buell Jackson & Sons, Mechanicsville
Charley Johnson, Belle Plaine
Johnson Hereford Farm, Milford
K7 Herefords, Lockridge
Adrienne Landt, Union
Steve Landt, Union
Elden Lenth & Son, Postville
Maple Glen Farm, Princeton
Casey Ohrt, Haverhill
Tanner Rau, Stanley
Sheriff Polled Herefords, Orient
Simpson Polled Herefords, Redfield
Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Spark, Spencer
Van Weelden Herefords, Lynnville

Tim & Carol Weidauer, LeMars
Wiese & Sons, Manning
Woodland View Farms, Colfax

This year, the AHA also recognized 708 bulls as Sires of Distinction, bulls that have produced daughters that have received at least seven Dams of Distinction awards. IHBA Director Jim Kuhlman has done a thorough analysis and come up with the top-ranking Sires of Distinction based on several criteria. He found that Vindicator had the most daughters (65) named Dams of Distinction and Feltons 517 had the most DOD certificates (121 from 58 daughters). If you are interested in his data, contact him at jkuhlman4@mchsi.com.

Another Productive Cow

One other really productive cow can be found at Lenth Herefords, Postville – in January, the 6-year-old Hereford delivered triplets unassisted! In cattle, triplets occur only once in every 105,000 births.

Did You See Them?

The IHBA again sponsored co-op advertising in two prominent livestock publications during the spring bull-buying season, with 20 members participating.

Three different ads were run a total of five times in *Midwest Marketer* between March 29 and May 24. In addition, full page ads were placed in the April and May issues of *Livestock Plus*.

The major focus of the advertising was the benefits of heterosis achieved by using Hereford bulls and the financial gains cattlemen can realize with Hereford genetics.

Hereford Heifer Top Seller at Winter Beef Expo

Aside from it being Valentine's Day, February 14 was indeed a red-letter day for Herefords at the Iowa Winter Beef Expo. Not only did the 47 lots average more than \$300 higher than the 2007 sale, but a heifer consigned by St. Clair Hay & Cattle, Jefferson, was the highest selling heifer of any breed, garnering a \$9,000 bid over the Internet.

STC Loaded Lady 31 (pictured below), an April 5, 2007, daughter of AA PRF Wideload, was bought by Coulter Passwaters of Shepherd's View Farm, Bridgeville, DE.



STC Loaded Lady 31

Expo Results

22 Bulls	Average	\$2,481
24 Females	Average	\$2,377
1 Embryo Lot	Average	800
47 Lots	Average	\$2,427

Top Bulls

WS Reload 6326 ET, by Lagrand Reload 80P ET, 11-2-06. Wiese & Sons, Manning, to Kenneth M. Pangburn, Corning, \$4,200.

STRM Pure Gold 6201 ET, by C-S Pure Gold 98170, 1-3-06. Stream Cattle Co., Chariton, to Derek Tribble, Unionville, MO, \$3,400.

Top Females

STC Loaded Lady 31, by AA PRF Wideload, 4-5-07. St. Clair Hay & Cattle, Jefferson, to Shepherd's View Farm, Bridgeville, DE, \$9,000.

WS Grand Marketta 730, by WS Grand Mark, 4-1-07. Wiese & Sons to Sladek Farms, Iowa City, \$4,400.

Spring Board Action

At its March 8 meeting, the IHBA board of directors took the following actions:

- Voted to give Sarah Stream \$750 to assist with her expenses as a National Junior Hereford Association director.
- Allotted up to \$200 for door prizes for the tour.
- Agreed to continue as an endorsee of the Hereford Verified Calf Sale Dec. 4 in Carthage, IL.
- Appointed Kevin Johnson and Charley Johnson to the nominating committee.
- Voted to rehire Mike and Becky Simpson as managers of the 2009 Beef Expo Sale.
- Instructed our representatives to the Iowa Beef Breeds Council to communicate the board's opposition to imposing mandatory Iowa Cattlemen's Association dues on Expo Sale consignors. *(At a subsequent IBBC meeting, this proposal was rescinded.)*

Welcome, New Members!

IHBA membership currently stands at 120. Welcome our newest member:

JJB Cattle Co. – Jon Blin, Independence

Congratulations, Class of 2008!

Allyson Dierenfeld of Northwood graduated May 10 from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies and a minor in psychology. She is currently seeking a job in the event planning field in the Ames/Des Moines area.

Amanda Kelly of Fayette graduated May 16 from West Central Community High School. Upon graduation she will have completed one semester at Northeast Iowa Community College in the early childhood program. She will continue taking classes there this fall.

Ryan Mesch, Eldora, graduated May 18 from South Hardin High School. He plans to go to Ellsworth Community College and major in farm management, specializing in cow/calf and feedlot management.

Emma Offenburger, Lacona, graduated from Chariton High School on May 18. She will attend Kirkwood Community College to become a certified pet groomer and veterinary technician.

Kyle Biddle of Walcott graduated May 25 from North Scott High School. He plans to attend Kirkwood Community College, majoring in ag business.

Wedding Bells for Schroders

Congratulations to the "Schroder boys", former junior members!

Chad Schroder married Becky Forbes on April 5 in McCausland, IA. They reside in Warsaw, IN. On June 7, Toby Schroder and Brenda Rathjen will be married in Princeton, IA, where they will continue to live.

Tour Set for Sept. 6

This year's Iowa Hereford Tour, sponsored by the IHBA, will be visiting eastern Iowa on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Tour chairman Tena Biddle reports that hosts will be Deppe Brothers, Maquoketa; Petersen Herefords, DeWitt; Circle A Cattle Co., DeWitt; Maple Glen Farms Princeton; and Double K Herefords, Walcott. Look for more details in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Juniors Need Basket Items

Items are again being solicited for the Iowa delegation's basket entry in the silent auction at the Junior National. All contributions are welcome – they should have either an Iowa connection or a Hereford or farm theme.

Donations may be brought to the IJHA Show in Independence or sent to Amy Solsma, 6190 320th St., Sanborn, IA 51248. For more information, you can contact Amy at 712-729-3174; or e-mail jasolsma@mtcnet.net.

IJBBA Winter Expo Results

Champion Horned Heifer: Sarah Stream, Chariton
Reserve Horned Heifer: Austin Deppe, Maquoketa
Champion Polled Heifer: Cassidy Hanson, Linn Grove
Reserve Polled Heifer: Sarah Stream
Champion Hereford Steer: Montana Deppe, Maquoketa
Reserve Hereford Steer: Sage Hook, Humeston

“Win a Heifer” Award

Juniors exhibiting at the State Fair are encouraged to apply for the Iowa Beef Heifer Award sponsored by the IHBA and Iowa State Fair and coordinated by the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association. The winner will receive up to \$700 to apply toward the purchase of a Hereford heifer (minimum award is \$500 for a private treaty purchase from an IHBA member; \$600 if bought at the Winter Beef Expo from an out-of-state consignor and \$700 if purchased at the Beef Expo from an Iowa breeder.)

Contact your local Extension office or the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association for an application. **Applicants must exhibit at the 2008 Iowa State Fair (junior or open show) to be eligible.**

NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

Hall of Fame – Honors breeders who have made a significant contribution to the Hereford breed in Iowa. Submit nomination & brief bio, showing impact on the breed, to Rande Seuferer, 13411 200th Ave., Milo, IA 50166.

Deadline Aug. 1

IHBA Board of Directors – Four 3-year terms elected at annual meeting. Contact Charley Johnson, 1213 D Ave., Belle Plaine, IA 52208; ph: 319-444-3645; or Kevin Johnson, 23677 195th St., Iowa Falls, IA 50126; ph: 641-858-3557.

Condolences...

...to the Biddle family upon the death of Dennis’ mother on May 20.

Iowa Queen & Princess Program

by Nancy Maurer

The beginning of this year, the Iowa Poll-ettes decided to disband their organization; that left the “Queen and Princess” program without a sponsor.

At the last meeting of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association, the directors voted to sponsor this program. The Iowa queen chairman, Nancy Maurer, and IJHA Advisor Tena Biddle, will be in charge of the coronation at the Iowa Junior Hereford Show at Independence on June 22 at 8 a.m.

Our state will follow the National Organization of Poll-ettes queen rules. This will enable our queen to participate at the Junior National and the National Hereford Show in Denver, CO. The Iowa queen will represent the IJHA and the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association at the Iowa Junior Hereford Show, the Junior National, Iowa State Fair, IHBA tour and annual meeting, the National Queen Contest at Denver, CO, and the Hereford sale at the Iowa Beef Expo in Des Moines. At the coronation, the Iowa queen will be presented the Iowa Polled Hereford Queen banner, silk maroon roses, Montana Silversmiths belt buckle and monetary gifts.

We are looking for young gals between the ages of 16 and 21 who are interested in promoting our Hereford breed (horned and polled). To obtain rules and an application blank, please contact Nancy at 563-920-3365 or e-mail garnanccattle@iowatelecom.net BEFORE JUNE 6. Young ladies will serve a year as princess before becoming queen.

Scholarships Available

If there is a high school senior or college student in your family, check out these financial aid opportunities:

Iowa Beef Breeds Council

What: 4 scholarships, one for \$750 and one for \$500, automatically renewal for the second year

Who: Graduating high school senior, first- or second-year college student

Criteria: Must have shown in the junior show at the Iowa Beef Expo sometime in your career; also based on scholarship & beef involvement

Deadline: June 1

Applications/more information:

www.showcattlepage.com/ijbba; or contact Mike Dierenfeld at meddvm@myclearwave.net

Harms Scholarship (IHBA)

Who: Graduating high school senior or college student

Criteria: IHBA member; must have shown purebred (horned) Herefords for at least 3 years

Deadline: August 1

Applications/information: Available from IHBA Administrative Secretary Becky Simpson

Christensen Scholarship (IHBA)

Who: Son or daughter of IHBA member who raises Polled Herefords; in at least second year of study

Criteria: Must be enrolled in and studying in an agricultural field

Deadline: August 1

Applications/information: Available from IHBA Administrative Secretary Becky Simpson

Expo Nomination Deadline

For the 2009 Winter Beef Expo Sale, we will continue the practice of screening all cattle prior to entry and cataloging.

Entry deadline for nominating cattle is **Sept. 6**. Nomination fee is \$75 per herd, which will be applied to sale expenses when cattle are accepted. Look for more information and a nomination form in the next newsletter.

Thank You...

To all Iowa Hereford Breeders Association members,

Thank You so much for your generous support of my position on the NJHA board of directors. We have one of the best state associations, and I couldn't be more proud to represent you all. The \$750 from the senior board and matching amount from the juniors will help immensely with costs for the remainder of my term.

Sincerely,
Sarah Stream
IJHA President
NJHA Director

Thank you for putting the news of James' death in your newsletter. He knew and enjoyed lots of Iowa Hereford people.

Sincerely,
Clarabel Riddell
Sparland, IL

Congratulations...

...to IHBA members Ellis and Judy Kahn, Stone Creek Farm, Kewaskum, WI, newest members of the Wisconsin Polled Hereford Association Hall of Fame.

Meet Your Directors

One of two first-time directors on the IHBA board, **Bryce Godbersen** of Arthur was elected in September 2007.

He began Godbersen Herefords in 2003 with 10 bred heifers from Wiese & Sons, Manning. A bull from Woodland View Farms, Bondurant, soon followed. Along the way to building his current 25-cow herd, he has purchased bred heifers from the Mike Dierenfeld Family, Northwood, and from Topp Hereford Ranch in North Dakota. One of his cows made the Dams of Distinction list for 2006.

In addition to his cattle, Bryce works for the local elevator, hauling byproducts from the ethanol plant. In his free time, he enjoys golf and everything to do with cattle. He is also an active member of the Schaller Jaycees.

While it was her daughters who introduced her to Herefords, **Sue Stream**, Chariton, is now completely sold on the whitefaces, which led to her election to the IHBA board of directors last September. She serves as one of the association's two representatives to the Iowa Beef Breeds Council.

The Hereford portion of Stream Cattle Co. began when the family purchased their first show heifer in 2001. It now consists of five cows, seven heifers and two bulls. Sue's husband of 36 years, Dr. Rodney Stream, has been very successful raising cattle since purchasing his first 12 head in 1985. They started with an Angus herd and have purchased other breeds over the years. The Stream daughters, Lisa and Sarah, have been involved with the cattle operation since they were old enough to ride on their dad's back in the backpack. It was their

desire to show more breeds of calves in the IJBBA that led to the purchase of their first Polled Hereford heifer – and as Sue says, “the rest is history! We have had a lot of fun raising and buying state and national champions since.”

Older daughter Lisa had the second highest scholarship application for the National Junior Angus Association in 2005, which qualified her to run for National Angus Queen. A former Iowa Polled Hereford Queen, Sarah is currently president of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association and a member of the National Junior Hereford Association board. She was reserve senior champion showman at the 2007 Junior National.

Now that the girls are both in college (at Iowa State), they are training their mother to manage the show barn and day-to-day activities for Stream Cattle Co. Sue also manages Stream Rental Company. Over the last 40 years, she has been involved in many activities and occupations – a cosmetologist for eight years and manager of the Red Cross swim program for eight years. Sue also played women's fast pitch softball for eight years and homeschooled Lisa and Sarah for 10 years.

New Phone Number

Merlin Ohrt of Marshalltown has a new phone number: 641-753-8886.

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JULY 21!**

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*(year term expires; * denotes 2nd term)*

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Sue Stream, Chariton (2010)

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National Junior Hereford Association Director

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