

2 State Tours and 0 Hereford 101s in Review

Hereford breeders host tours, field days and 101 educational seminars.

On the following pages are highlights of 2007 field days and tours as well as Hereford 101s that were reported to *Hereford World* staff. We apologize to state associations with events not reported.

Kansas Polled Hereford Association Tour

More than 70 Hereford enthusiasts attended the 2007 Kansas Polled Hereford Association Tour Aug. 11. Participants enjoyed looking at Hereford cattle and visiting with old and new friends. The tour, which was held in south central Kansas, included two farm stops and a visit to the Kansas Underground Salt Museum, Hutchinson.



The noon stop was at S&S Farms, Windom. Also displaying cattle at the stop were Matt and Tera Stucky of Oak Creek Farm, Moundridge, Kan.



Orville Carver shared his cattle experiences and introduced family members to tour guests. The Carvers had bred heifers and a herd sire on display.



Jennifer Bormann, Kansas State University assistant professor, discussed Hereford \$Profit Indexes following lunch. Holly Smith, DVM, also talked about calving techniques.



Matt and Tera Stucky, Moundridge, Kan., were presented the 2007 New Breeder Award.

Left: Perry and Omalee Garten, Effingham, Kan., were recognized as the 2007 Hall of Fame winners.

Iowa Hereford Breeders Association Tour

A good-sized crowd was on hand for the Iowa Hereford Tour Sept. 8. The tour, which was located in northwest Iowa, included three stops.

During the stop at Carlson Cattle Co., Cherokee, veterinarians Mark and Britt Carlson gave an informative presentation on ultrasound. The Carlsons collect ultrasound on their herd and for many of their clients to determine carcass quality, fat thickness and ribeye area. Getzmier Herefords, Schaller, and Godbersen Herefords, Arthur, also displayed cattle at the Carlson tour stop.



Approximately 50 Hereford enthusiasts attended the Iowa Hereford tour.



Amy Solsma, Solsma Show Steers, Sanborn, shared information about the farm's Hereford breeding program during the noon stop. The Solsmas also have a farmers market enterprise and produce a wide variety of produce.

Jack Johnson of Johnson Hereford Farm, Milford, welcomed guests to the final tour stop and shared information about his program. Johnson Hereford Farm has been in the Hereford business for many years and is the birthplace of the "Golden Asters."



Indiana Hereford Field Day

The Indiana Hereford Association's annual field day was Sept. 9. The event was hosted by Carlson Cattle, Royal Center, Ind.



Host for the 2007 Indiana Hereford Field Day was Carlson Cattle, Royal Center. Carlson family members pictured (l to r) are: Laura Morrical, Rachel Carlson, and Joe and Deb Carlson.



More than 50 Hereford enthusiasts attended the event. Participants viewed cattle on display and enjoyed a presentation about Internet marketing and Web design.



Kozik Bros., Belle Plaine, was recognized as the 2007 Iowa Hereford Hall of Fame recipient. Pictured accepting the award is Doug Kozik (right) from Steve Rau, Iowa Hereford Breeders Association president.

North Carolina Polled Hereford Association Field Day

Eric and Tamara Stevenson, Bull Creek Farm, Union Grove, N.C., hosted the 2007 North Carolina Polled Hereford Association Field Day. About 65 Hereford enthusiasts attended the event on Aug. 18.

Highlights of the day included an ultrasound demonstration, a presentation on fall grasses and weeds, lunch, a president's report by John Wheeler, and an American Hereford Association Board report by Lavette Teeter.

Attendees had a chance to watch an ultrasound demonstration during the North Carolina field day.



Below: Bull Creek Farm had cow-calf pairs and donors on display for participants to view.



Topp Herefords Host Hereford 101



Jack Ward talked about AHA programs including a current research project focusing on the value of utilizing Hereford genetics in real-world commercial settings.

On Sept. 8 Topp Herefords, Grace City, N.D., hosted a Hereford 101 in conjunction with its Pasture Female Sale and Customer Appreciation Day.

Jack Ward, American Hereford Association (AHA) chief operating officer and director of breed improvement, and Jim Williams, Certified Hereford Beef LLC vice president of supply, were featured speakers.

Jim Williams explained marketing options available for Hereford and Hereford-influenced cattle, including Hereford Verified.



Left: Approximately 150 people attended the event.



Kansas Hereford Association Tour

Hereford enthusiasts attended the Kansas Hereford Tour Aug. 18-19 in southeast Kansas.

Stops on the tour included Satchel Creek, Rosalia; M Bar Ranch, Winfield; Mattingley Ranch, Dexter; Elk Valley Hereford Ranch, Elk City; EE Ranch, Fall River; and M-M Ranch, Chanute. Goedeke Herefords, McCune, had cattle on display at M-M.

During the stop at M-M Ranch, Monty Kerley, University of Missouri at Columbia (MU), gave a presentation on feed efficiency and residual feed intake, and Dan Moser, Kansas State University, gave a presentation on DNA testing.



Above: Monty Kerley gave a presentation on residual feed intake and the feed efficiency research being done at MU.



Tour participants enjoyed two days of viewing Hereford cattle in southeast Kansas.

Minnesota-South Dakota Hereford Tour

The Minnesota-South Dakota Hereford Tour was Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007. The event kicked off at the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Animal Science Arena. Two busloads of approximately 140 participants traveled to the four stops during the event.

The first tour stop was Springwater Polled Herefords, Garretson, S.D. Also displaying cattle were Stateline Herefords, Garretson, and K&M Herefords, Ellsworth, Minn. The second stop was Schmidt Herefords, Pipestone, S.D. The third stop before lunch was at Stenberg Show Cattle Facility with cattle on display by Squaw Creek Farms, Colman, S.D., and Big Sioux Cattle Co., Egan, S.D. The bus then returned to the SDSU Animal Science Arena for lunch.

Following lunch, Kelly Bruns, SDSU, gave a presentation on feeding byproducts and their effects on marbling development.

The final stop on the tour was Delaney Herefords Inc., Lake Benton, Minn. Also displaying cattle at Delaney's was Atkins Herefords, Tea, S.D.

Producers with cattle on display at SDSU Animal Science Arena were: Willow Creek Farms, Watertown, S.D.; J&J Hanson Herefords, Comfrey, S.D.; Eggers Southview Farms, Renner, S.D.; Leddy Herefords & Red Angus, Twin Brooks, S.D.; Nelson Polled Herefords, Tracy, Minn.; and Redlin Herefords, Summit, S.D.

Following the tour, participants could participate in the beef bowl BBQ and tail gate party followed by the SDSU beef bowl football game.



Minnesota-South Dakota tour participants traveled by bus to four breeder stops.

Below: A group of heifers was displayed at Springwater Polled Herefords. **HW**



Pennsylvania Hereford Association and Mason Dixon Polled Hereford Association Field Day

Deana Jak Farms Inc., New Enterprise, Pa., hosted the Pennsylvania Hereford Association and the Mason Dixon Polled Hereford Association field day June 2.

Highlights of the event included a wagon tour of the Deana Jak farm; a presentation by Jim Evans of Genetic Visions LLC on using ultrasound technology to detect early pregnancy in cattle; a presentation by Adam Kauf, a nutrition consultant, on keeping costs in line with rising feed prices; and an ultrasound demonstration by sisters Lacy and Lynn Weimer of Identical Genetics.

Also during the event was the Pennsylvania Junior Hereford Association Preview Show.