

2011 State Tours in Review

Hereford breeders host tours and field days.

On the following pages are highlights of 2011 field days and tours that were reported to *Hereford World* staff. We apologize to state associations with events not reported.



California Field Day

On May 7 more than 75 Hereford breeders enjoyed the California Hereford Field Day. Stops included Morrell Ranches, Willows; Holzapfel Angus Ranch, Willows; and Lambert Ranch, Oroville. At Lamberts' guests enjoyed a panel discussion, wine and cheese tasting, a steak dinner, and Baxter Black for entertainment.

Pictured at the California Hereford Field Day are Jim Mickelson, California/Nevada Hereford Association president; Baxter Black; and Tom Weimer, California/Nevada Polled Hereford Association president.



West Virginia Field Day

Grassy Run Resources Inc., Winfield, W.Va., hosted the 2011 West Virginia Polled Hereford Field Day July 30.

The program included a presentation on new and improved grasses and another on nutrition, as well as an American Hereford Association (AHA) update. Youth attending had a chance to participate in a judging contest and observe a fitting demonstration. Cattle that Grassy Run Resources offered for sale this fall were on display.

Pictured are Amy, Mason and Aaron Glascock. Aaron is general manager of Grassy Run Resources, Inc., which is owned by Gary Kale and family.

Baker County Hereford Tour

More than 100 Hereford enthusiasts attended the Baker County (Oregon) Hereford Tour Aug. 13-14. The event was sponsored by the Oregon, Washington, and northern Idaho Hereford Association (OWNI), Oregon Hereford Association, Bird Herefords and Harrell Hereford Ranch.

Attendees toured five commercial operations and four registered operations, as well as experiencing the Wild Sheep Jet Boat Tour through Hells Canyon. Stops included Forsea & Sons, Richland; Hutton Herefords, Halfway; Bird Herefords, Halfway; Willmarth Herefords, Halfway; Chandler Herefords, Baker City; Colwell Ranches, North Powder; Maxwell Ranches, Clifford; Tom Hill Ranch, Haines; and Harrell Hereford Ranch, Baker City.



Baker County Hereford Tour attendees pose for a group picture at Richland City Park.



Cattle on display at Bird Herefords.



Attendees had a chance to experience a jet boat tour through Hells Canyon.

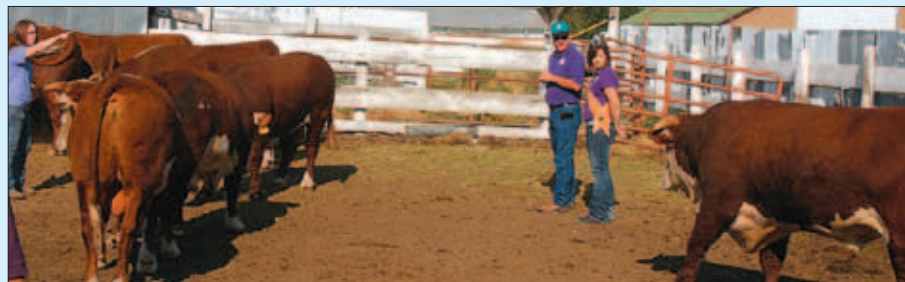


Bulls on display at Colwell Ranches.

Kansas Hereford Tour

Kansas Hereford breeders hosted the 2011 Kansas Hereford Tour Aug. 27-28 in western Kansas.

Hosts included Priest Herefords, St. Francis; 4V Douthit Hereford Ranch, St. Francis; Douthit Herefords, St. Francis; Mader Herefords, Jennings; Jamison Herefords, Quinter; Harmony Herefords, Quinter; Pieper Land & Cattle Co., Palco; Pelton Hereford Ranch, Zurich; Towns Herefords, Palco; VJS Polled Herefords, Hays; and Brannan & Reinhardt, Otis.



Craig Beran and his daughter, Bridget, the 2011 Kansas Hereford Queen, look at Douthits 4V Ranch's carload bulls.

Tour participants enjoyed an evening of viewing cattle and supper at Jamison Herefords.



Iowa Hereford Tour

Approximately 100 people from three states turned out for the annual Iowa Hereford Tour and Iowa Hereford Breeders Association (IHBA) annual meeting on Aug. 28 in southeastern Iowa.

The day was full of good cattle, good friends and educational presentations. Special guest speaker was Joe Kaczmarek of Kaczmarek's 4K Herefords, Salem, Mo. The Kaczmareks have developed a successful black baldie breeding program to complement their Hereford operation.



Lacey State Park near Keosauqua provided a picturesque setting for a steak lunch and the IHBA's annual meeting.



Tom Heidt (center) welcomed guests to his family's K7 Herefords operation near Lockridge.



Cattle on display at Cole Farms near Roberts.

Illinois Hereford Tour

Hereford enthusiasts from four states attended the Illinois Hereford Tour over Labor Day weekend Sept. 3-4 in central Illinois. While beautiful weather and quality Hereford cattle highlighted the weekend, tour participants also enjoyed delicious food and homemade wine and celebrated the Hereford Heritage of John Kline of Kline Herefords.



Tour attendees enjoyed the stop at Kline Herefords.

Tour hosts included Cole Farms, Roberts; Tjardes Farms, Gibson City; Swigart Herefords, Farmer City; Kline Herefords, LeRoy; McKown Polled Herefords, Atlanta; Behrends Farm, San Jose; Benedict Herefords, Mason City; and Oak Hill Farm, Mason City.

Idaho Hereford Association

Hereford enthusiasts enjoyed Hereford cattle, friends and hospitality during the Idaho Hereford Tour Sept. 10. Tour stops included Elkington Polled Herefords, Idaho Falls; OJJ Ranch, Ririe; and Wooden Shoe Farms, Blackfoot.



A restored antique tractor pulled visitors around to view cattle.

Missouri Hereford Association Field Day

Aufdenberg Farm, Perryville, hosted the 2011 Missouri Hereford Field Day Sept. 10. Six breeders from the area had cattle on exhibit including Alex Roth Herefords, Altenburg; Muellers Polled Herefords, Perryville; Lizzie's Polled Herefords, Jackson; Mouser Farm, Perryville; Welker Farm, Patton and the hosts, Aufdenberg Polled Herefords.



Darrell Aufdenberg, Missouri Hereford Association president and tour host, welcomed guests to the field day.

Minnesota Hereford Breeders Tour



Scott and Melissa Runck hosted a lunch stop and had AHA board member Keith Fawcett give an industry update.

The Minnesota Hereford Breeders Tour was Sept. 10 in southwest Minnesota. Tour stops were Springwater Polled Herefords of Garretson, S.D., and Pipestone; K&M Cattle Co., Ellsworth; Schmidt Herefords, Pipestone; J&J Hanson Polled Herefords, Comfrey; Scott and Melissa Runck, Avoca; and Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton.



Tour participants enjoyed looking at cattle at the Springwater Polled Herefords and K&M Cattle Co. tour stop outside of Pipestone.



Delaney Herefords was the last stop of the day. During the stop, Delaneys hosted a bid-off sale and provided everyone a great supper.

Nebraska Hereford Tour

Hereford enthusiasts attended the 2011 Nebraska Hereford Tour Sept. 10-11.

Tour stops the first day included Ridder Hereford Ranch, Callaway; Estergard Ranch, Callaway; Cain Land & Livestock, Broken Bow; Double Heart Diamond Cattle, Berwyn; Kucera's Beaver Creek Ranch, Litchfield; Holm Ranch, Mason City; and Linton Polled Herefords, Miller, with a display by Zero Hereford Ranch, Miller. Sunday stops included Helms Polled Herefords, Holbrook, with a display by Schroeder Bros., Arapahoe; Nebraska Bull Service, McCook; Estermann Herefords, Wellfleet; Gibson Hereford Ranch, Wallace, with displays by Sukraw Herefords, North Platte and Sachtjen Herefords, Wallace.

North Dakota Hereford Tour

The North Dakota Hereford Association hosted its tour and banquet on Oct. 8. Ranches with cattle on the tour included Friedt Herefords, Mott; Pollestad Herefords, Taylor; Pelton Polled Herefords, Halliday; Larry J. Behm and Family, Beulah; Stroh Herefords, Killdeer; and Baumgarten Cattle Co., Belfield.

During the tour, Gary Freidt, Mott, was awarded the Hereford Man of the Year award, and Casey Hoff, Richardton, was named Commercial Man of the Year.



Wisconsin Hereford Association

Wonderful fall weather and a large crowd of Hereford enthusiasts attended the 2011 Tour in southeast Wisconsin Sept. 10-11.

Saturday stops included Maple Crest Farm, Cedarburg; Kegley Farm, Burlington; Lininger Farm, Burlington; Baker's Polled Herefords, Elkhorn; and Wiswell Farms, Elkhorn, which featured a Certified Hereford Beef (CHB®) steak dinner.

Sunday stops included MGM & S&J Merry & Family, Hartford; C&L Hereford Ranch, Ixonia; Gari Alan Farm, Johnson Creek; and Spruce Hill Polled Herefords and Spruce Knoll Polled Herefords, Deerfield. **HW**

