



On the following pages are highlights of 2014 field days and tours that were reported to *Hereford World* staff.

California/Nevada Hereford Tour

The California/Nevada Hereford Association hosted a tour in Sonoma County on April 26. More than 85 Hereford enthusiasts were welcomed by Jim Mickelson and family of Sonoma Mountain Herefords, Santa Rosa, Calif. Jim is also president of Kunde Family Vineyards, Kenwood, Calif.

Mickelson's son Bobby, herdsman, provided the group with a cow herd and ranch tour. Marcia Mickelson and Christy Bradshaw, AHA education coordinator, gave an in-depth view of CattleMax and *MyHerd.org* programs. Kunde winery staff provided tours of the wine-making process. At the conclusion of the event, participants were treated to a Certified Hereford Beef® tri-tip and wine dinner on the patio.



The 2014 California/Nevada Hereford Association directors pictured front row (l to r) are Barry Morrell; Shelly Truelock, secretary; Chris Bianchi; and Gail Blagg, treasurer. Back row are Carl Blagg, Tim Baker and Jim Mickelson, president.

Iowa Hereford Breeders Tour

Iowa Hereford Association members and guests enjoyed a day of farm visits amidst the wet conditions left from late summer rains during this year's Iowa Hereford Tour on Aug. 30. Around 60 Iowa Hereford Association members and guests, including breeders from Missouri, turned out for a day of fellowship and Hereford history.

Tour stops included Black's Herefords, Chariton, along with Offenburger Polled Herefords, Lacona, which brought a sampling of its herd to this location; Ohnemus Farms, Inc., Milo; Amos Hereford Farm, Indianola; and BAJA Cattle, Truro. A highlight of the tour was a stop at the birthplace of Polled Herefords near St. Marys and New Virginia.



The tour made a stop at the birthplace of Polled Herefords near St. Marys and New Virginia. The parcel of land is the spot where the Gammon Barn originally stood before being moved to the Iowa State Fairgrounds.



BAJA Cattle, Truro, displayed heifers during the tour.



Participants walked through a pen to view the herd at Black's Herefords in Chariton.

Illinois Hereford Tour

A nice crowd attended the Illinois Hereford Tour Aug. 23-24 in central Illinois.

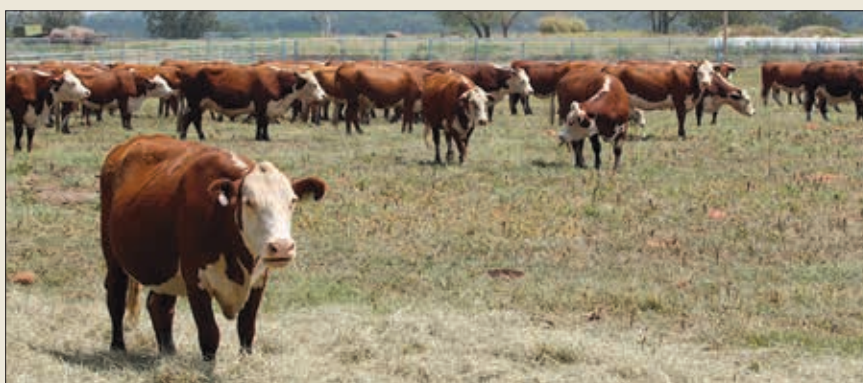
Hosting tours on Saturday were Stephens Hereford Farm, Taylorville; Sturdy Hereford Outlet, Rochester; Ostermeier & Meteer Cattle, Athens; and Prairie Rose Cattle, Sherman. West Wind Herefords, Edinburg; Bafford Farms, Blue Mound; and Loehr Hereford Farm, Peoria, welcomed attendees on Sunday.



Numerous Illinois Hereford breeders welcomed attendees to their operations.



Hereford breeders visited farms in central Illinois during the Illinois Hereford Tour.



MM Ranch, Chanute, hosted a tour stop which included lunch for the attendees.

Kansas Hereford Tour

Kansas Hereford breeders toured six farms and ranch operations in the Flint Hills region of the state Aug. 16-17.

Saturday stops included Goedeke Herefords, McCune; MM Ranch, Chanute; and Evans Hereford Farm and Blackjack Herefords of Fredonia.

Breeders who hosted tours on Sunday were Malone Polled Hereford Farm, Emporia; Milbourn Ranch, El Dorado; and the Dwaine and Teresa Waite operation, Winfield.



A bull was displayed at the Waites' operation in Winfield, where participants heard about the history of the Waite family and its contributions to the Hereford breed over the years.



Cattle on display at Malone Polled Hereford Farm, Emporia.



A nice crowd attended the Minnesota Hereford Tour.

Minnesota Hereford Tour

Numerous Hereford breeders in northwestern Minnesota hosted Hereford enthusiasts during the Minnesota Hereford Tour on Sept. 20.

Tour hosts were Red Oak Farms, Detroit Lakes, with guests Lost Meadow Farms, Frazee, and Bellefy Herefords, Bagley; Krogstad Polled Herefords, Fertile with Rangeline Cattle Co., Thief River Falls; and Dakitch Hereford Farms, Ada with Keulbs Cattle Co., Hillsboro, N.D., and Morgan Sip, Ada.



The first stop of the tour was Red Oak Farms, Detroit Lakes, where cow-calf pairs were on display.

Nebraska Hereford Tour

The Nebraska Hereford Tour was Sept. 20-21 and headquartered at the Niobrara Lodge in Valentine, Neb. Tour attendees enjoyed the scenery and viewed great cattle as the tour wound through the rolling hills of north central Nebraska. The tour showcased eight breeders and the Sandhills Cattle Association.

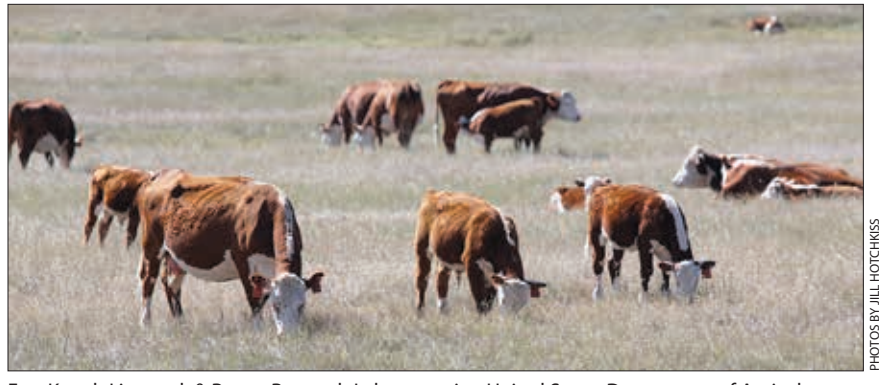
Tour stops included KEG Herefords, Valentine; Nolles Cattle Co., Bassett; Stewart Hereford Ranch, Newport; Rod and Brett Gireau, Springview; Ollerich Bros., Clearfield, S.D.; Adams Bros. & Co., Kilgore; Dwight Logterman Family, Kilgore; and Hoffman Herefords, Thedford.



Rod and Brett Gierau, Springview, display a set of yearling heifers.



Participants gather at the Niobrara Lodge to hear from Ronna Morse, Sandhills Cattle Association manager.



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Fort Keogh Livestock & Range Research Laboratory is a United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service location, working cooperatively with Montana State University to discover innovative range livestock and rangeland management technologies and practices. The Fort Keogh Line 1 Hereford cattle are offered to the public as a spin-off of the research program.

Montana Hereford Tour

Montana Hereford breeders hosted the 2014 Montana Hereford Tour Sept. 5-6. The event started at Sparks Ranch, Plevna, and ended at the Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce for the Ag Appreciation Banquet and Dance.

Cattle were on display from J Bar E Ranch, Plentywood; Thomas Herefords, Gold Creek; Diemert Ranch, Lothair; Wichman Herefords, Moore; M/D Herefords, Baker; Beery's Land and Livestock Co., Vida; L Bar W Cattle Company, Absarokee; and Brillhart Ranch Company, Musselshell; and a tour was provided at the Keogh Livestock & Range Research Laboratory.

The program also featured numerous presentations from industry speakers.



Tom Sparks, Montana Hereford Association president from Plevna, welcomed the group to Sparks Herefords.



A good crowd attended the tour.

North Carolina Hereford Field Day

The North Carolina Hereford Association (NCHA) hosted its annual field day on Aug. 9, at the Rowan County Fairgrounds in Salisbury, N.C.

The morning program kicked off with a presentation on feeder calf grading by Marcus Harward, Turnersburg, who operates Stanly County Livestock Market, and Steve Lemmons, Stanly County livestock Extension. They discussed conformation, condition and muscle thickness needed for grading feeder cattle and answered several questions from Hereford breeders.

Rod Lowe, DVM, Rowan Animal Clinic, provided a hands-on reproduction and artificial insemination (AI) demonstration, utilizing actual reproductive tracks from cows.

After lunch Tommy Coley, American Hereford Association eastern region field staff, gave a presentation on "What it takes to make a good sale consignment." An auction followed with proceeds going to the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association. Will Thompson, NCHA director, served as the auctioneer.



Rod Lowe, DVM, Rowan Animal Clinic, provided a reproduction and AI demonstration.



North Carolina Hereford field day attendees heard from Marcus Harward, who operates Stanly County Livestock Market, on feeder calf grading.

Oregon Hereford Field Day

A nice crowd attended the Oregon Hereford Association Field Day on July 26. The program began with a tour of Dayton Natural Meats LLC in Dayton. Kim Herinckx of Dayton Natural Meats provided a tour of the facility and presented on the company. Herinckx is also the Oregon Junior Hereford Association advisor and was recently elected to the National Hereford Women board of directors.

Dave and Becky Kneiling of Rocking K Ranch in Salem hosted the group for a ranch tour. On display were show cattle and donor females and their progeny along with cow-calf pairs in the pasture.



Oregon Hereford breeders enjoyed a tour of Dayton Natural Meats LLC.

South Carolina Hereford Field Day

South Carolina Hereford breeders met at Clemson University, Clemson, S.C., on Sept. 20, for the South Carolina Hereford Association (SCHA) field day. SCHA president Deryl Keese welcomed the group, and Matthew Burns, Clemson University beef specialist, opened the program with a discussion on the negative effect of toxic fescue on reproductive efficiency and gave several suggestions for management.

Steve Meadows, director of public service and agriculture program integration at Clemson, provided the history of Herefords at the university, dating back to the 1930s. Meadows handed out copies of an article that was printed in the July 1952 *Hereford Journal* about the Clemson cow herd and its early history. A discussion followed about Clemson's link with the Neil Trask herd, and his genetics, which are the nucleus of today's cowherd.

After lunch the group was addressed by George Askew, vice president of public service and agriculture; Tom Dobbins, director of Extension service, and JR Strickland, department chair for agriculture and veterinary science. Following the program attendees took a walking tour of the cow herd.



Steve Meadows, Clemson University, provided a history of the university's Hereford herd which began in the 1930s.



South Carolina Hereford breeders viewed the Clemson University Hereford herd.

Tennessee Hereford Field Day

Burns Farms, Pikeville, Tenn., hosted Tennessee Hereford Association members for its annual field day on Sept. 27.

David Burns welcomed the group to the farm and gave a brief history of their operation.

Neil Schrick, University of Tennessee (UT) department head of animal science, gave a demonstration on delivering calves with abnormal presentation.

Jason Duggin, University of Georgia (UGA) Extension beef specialist, presented on bull selection and explained the importance of selecting for structure and eye appeal as well as using performance records.

Duggin's program moved out to the pens to discuss live cattle and concluded with a question and answer session.

A Stock Show U fitting demonstration was provided for juniors in attendance.

The program concluded with a program on animal handling and herd health by Todd Jennings, senior sales development representative for Merial.



David Burns welcomed attendees to Burns Farms.



Junior participants practiced delivering a calf from UT's Neil Schrick's homemade box, which represented a cow.



Jason Duggin, UGA Extension, discussed bull selection for structure and performance.

West Virginia/Mason-Dixon Field Day

The West Virginia Hereford Association and the Mason-Dixon Polled Hereford Association hosted a joint field day on July 19.

Kevin Shaffer, West Virginia University Extension specialist for livestock, shared the history of the Hereford herd at the university and gave an update on its current program. **HW**



Kevin Shaffer, West Virginia University Extension specialist for livestock, explained to the group the research in feed intake studies.

