

2015 State Tours in Review

Hereford breeders host tours and field days.



Illinois/Indiana Hereford Tour

A nice crowd attended the combined Illinois and Indiana Hereford Tour Aug. 29-30 in eastern Illinois and western Indiana.

Hosting tours on Saturday were Clear Creek Farms #2, Inc., Chrisman, Ill.; Lorenzen Farms, Chrisman; Winans Herefords, Chrisman; Ellis Farms, Dana, Ind.; and Able Acres, Wingate, Ind.

Hosting Sunday tours were Hunt Bros., Battle Ground, Ind.; Greives Herefords, Otterbein, Ind.; and McFatrige Cattle Co., Otterbein, Ind.



Hereford breeders in eastern Illinois and western Indiana welcomed breeders and enthusiasts for the Illinois/Indiana Hereford tour.

Iowa Hereford Tour

Hereford enthusiasts came from across the state as well as Nebraska and Kansas for fellowship and to see three diverse cattle operations in northwest Iowa on Aug. 29.

In addition, the approximately 60 in attendance enjoyed a noon barbecue meal while participating in the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association's annual meeting.

Tour stops included Solsma Show Cattle, Sanborn; Weeping Fox Ranch, Hartley; and Johnson Hereford Farm, Milford.



Jack Johnson of Johnson Hereford Farm, Milford, (left) and Amy Solsma of Solsma Show Cattle, Sanborn, (right), invited Hereford breeders to their farms.



Participants took a pasture tour at Weeping Fox Ranch in Hartley.

Kansas Hereford Tour

Kansas Hereford breeders toured nine farms and ranches in eastern Kansas Aug. 15-16.

Saturday stops included Silver Lining Herefords, Louisburg; Flory Polled Herefords, Lawrence; Triple R Herefords, Valley Falls; Broken B Herefords, Holton; and Shumaker Polled Herefords, Wetmore. During the evening meal, Kevin Schultz, American Hereford Association (AHA) Board member from Haviland, updated the group on the latest Association activities.

Sunday stops included G&R Herefords and GLM Herefords, Marysville; Dettke Farms, Marysville; Springhill Herefords, Blue Rapids; and Shannon Creek Herefords, Olsburg, Kan. Kansas State University hosted the final stop where Flying R Polled Herefords, Rossville, and New Century Cattle, Wamego, Kan., had cattle on display. Bob Weaber, associate professor of animal science, and Dave Nichols, professor of animal science, welcomed the group before Tyler Leonard talked about K-State cattle management practices. Billy Brown, Kansas Department of Agriculture animal health commissioner reported on export opportunities with emphasis on South America.



Kansas Hereford Tour attendees are pictured at Shannon Creek, Olsburg, Kan.



Sue Rowland, G&R Herefords; and Grant, Linda, and Bailey McKay, GLM Herefords, hosted the group in Marysville. Sue explained the history and general operation of this breeding enterprise and Grant explained about the philosophy and management practices used.



Oliver and Caitlin Beall, owners of Broken B Herefords, Holton, along with their son Ira, explained the no nonsense approach they have toward raising Herefords on the land they own and rent.

Missouri Hereford Field Day

The Missouri Hereford Field Day was hosted Sept. 12 in Salem, Mo.

Participants heard presentations from N.T. Crosby of Purina; Jared Decker from the University of Missouri; Glen Klippenstein, Maysville, Mo.; Missouri Senator Dan Brown; Joe Rickabaugh, AHA director of field management and seedstock marketing; Christy Bradshaw, AHA education and information service coordinator; Mick Welch, CHB LLC vice president of sales; and Cory Wood from Sullivan Supply.

More than 70 Hereford cattle were exhibited from seven southern Missouri breeders: Bonebrake Herefords, Glengrove Herefords, Journagan Ranch / Missouri State University, Kaczmarek Herefords, Miller Herefords, WMC Cattle Co. and Woessner Herefords.

Northwest Hereford Tour

Northwestern states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho hosted Hereford enthusiast Sept. 29 to Oct. 2. Attendees from 11 states and Canada toured the three states, heard from 13 breeders representing more than 2,000 registered Hereford cows, visited two large commercial ranches and a 150,000-head feedlot.

The group toured CX Ranch, Pomeroy, Wa.; Harder Livestock, Ritzville, Wa.; Ottley Herefords, Quincy, Wa.; BB Cattle Co., Connell, Wa.; Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho; Shaw Cattle Co., Caldwell, Idaho; Chandler Herefords, Baker City, Ore.; Harrell Herefords, Baker City; Simplot Cattle Feeders; and displays by Brumley Farms, Bar 1 Ranch, OJJ Cattle and Bird Herefords.

AHA Executive Vice President Jack Ward and Director of Commercial Programs Trey Befort attended the tour and spent time in Q&A sessions with participants.



Pennsylvania Hereford Field Day

Pennsylvania Hereford Association members and guests gathered for a day of networking at the state field day on May 30.

Hosted by Howe family of DeanaJak Farms, New Enterprise, Pa., the field day consisted of speakers, tours and a great meal.

John Meents, AHA upper midwest field representative provided updates on Association activities.



Andre Howe, DeanaJak Farms and Denny Stockdale, Dayton, Pa., (right) discuss are cattle at DeanaJak.



South Dakota Hereford Tour

Hereford breeders and enthusiasts gathered in eastern South Dakota for their state Hereford tour, Sept. 11-12.

The following farms and ranches hosted stops and had cattle on display:

Stenberg Herefords, Colman; Trickey's Herefords, Winfred; Eggers Southview Farms, Sioux Falls; Sleepy Hollow Farms, Centerville; Atkins Herefords, Tea; Starmack Cattle Company, Tea; Springwater Polled Herefords, Garretson; Schmidt Herefords, Pipestone, Minn.; Delaney Herefords, Inc., Lake Benton, Minn.; TSR Cattle Company, Elkton; Tesch Herefords, Goodwin; Raap Hereford Ranch, Pierpont; Leddy Herefords, Twin Brooks; and Ryan Ollerich Herefords, Clear Lake.



Hereford breeders visited farms and ranches in eastern South Dakota during the South Dakota Hereford Tour.

Tennessee Hereford Field Day

Hereford breeders in Tennessee gathered at Belle Meadow Farms, Wartrace, Tenn., for the Tennessee Hereford Association Field Day Oct. 17.

The day kicked off with a judging contest followed by a presentation from Matthew Burns, Clemson University, on managing reproduction on fescue pastures.

Tom Kasser presented "Reproductive Technologies and Genetic Advancements," followed by a stock dog demonstration from Tamara Kasser.

Participants also enjoyed a tour of Belle Meadow Farm.



Matthew Burns



Tamara Kasser

Wisconsin Hereford Tour

More than 80 Hereford breeders from three states enjoyed a tour of southeast Wisconsin Sept. 12-13.

The tour began Saturday morning at Merry's MGM Farms, Hartford, with additional stops at C&L Ranch, Ixonia; Reinke's Gari-Alan Farm, Johnson Creek; and Stanton Farms, Whitewater. A highlight of the day was a presentation by AHA Board member Kevin Schultz, Sand Hill Farms, Kan., on "Will genomic EPDs (expected progeny differences) help your herd improve?"

Sunday morning tours were hosted by The Baker Family, Elkhorn; Lininger Farms, Burlington; and Wiswell Farms, Elkhorn.



The 2015 Wisconsin Hereford tour was hosted in southeast Wisconsin. **HW**