

2009 State Tours in Review

Hereford breeders host tours and field days.

On the following pages are highlights of 2009 field days and tours that were reported to *Hereford World* staff. We apologize to state associations with events not reported.



More than 125 guests attended the 2009 Central Oregon Hereford Tour enjoying the company of Hereford friends and family along four tour stops.

Central Oregon Hereford Tour

More than 125 Hereford enthusiasts toured Central Oregon Hereford ranches on Saturday, June 13. After viewing cattle, guests judged a class of cattle at each of the four tour stops. The tour began at the ranch of Jud and Vicci Bowen and son, Chaney, of Powell Butte. The second stop was the England Ranch, Prineville, owned by Dick and Mary England and their sons, Jon and Jim. The tour attendees helped celebrate the England's 50th wedding anniversary with

cake. The third location was Hacklin Herefords, Redmond, owned by Haskel and Linda Norton, while the fourth stop was Forester Ranch, Redmond, owned by Bill and Lisa Forester. Bill Cox, retired American Hereford Association (AHA) and the Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) board member, was a special guest speaker along the tour, as well as Bob Harrell of Baker City, who was vice president of the AHA Board at the time of the tour.



The last stop of the day, Forester Ranch displayed several area junior Hereford breeders' show heifers as well as offered tour attendees a great tri-tip lunch.

Virginia Hereford Assn. Field Day

The increasing popularity and interest in the Hereford breed was quite evident at the 2009 Virginia Hereford Association Field Day. About 150 people from six states traveled to Virginia Tech for the opportunity to attend educational seminars regarding the Hereford breed, view Hereford and black baldie cattle from breeders across the state, and simply visit with other fellow Hereford enthusiasts.



Scott Greiner explains the potentials of crossbreeding.



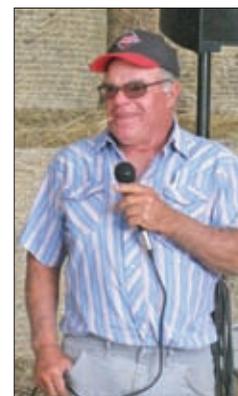
Junior members eagerly listen to Dan Eversole's presentation on animal nutrition.



Hereford enthusiasts take the opportunity to view some cattle on display during the 2009 Virginia Hereford Association Field Day.

Pennsylvania, Maryland and Mason-Dixon Hereford Assns. Field Day

On July 18, SCH Polled Herefords, Hagerstown, Md., hosted the 2009 Pennsylvania, Maryland and Mason-Dixon Hereford Associations Field Day. Activities included a judging contest, herd tour and program featuring presentations by John Meents, AHA fieldman; Paul Slayton, AHA Director; and Dale Stith, auctioneer.



Sam Hunter, owner of SCH Polled Herefords, welcomed more than 80 Hereford enthusiasts to the field day.



Kansas Hereford Association

More than 130 people attended the Kansas Hereford Association "Ladies of the Flint Hill" Tour Aug. 22-23. Participants enjoyed looking at Hereford cattle and visiting with old and new friends.



A highlight of the tour was the ranch rodeo hosted by JC Cattle Co., Junction City. Kansas State University entered a team along with several other top ranches in the area.

TS Herefords and Quarter Horses at Cottonwood Falls hosted a pasture tour. They had the cows gathered and then tour participants made a portable corral with their vehicles.



Buckeye Hereford Association Field Day

A good-sized group was on hand for the 2009 Buckeye Hereford Association Field Day hosted by J&L Cattle Services, Jeromesville, Ohio.



Tour attendees listen as Steve Boyles and Lou Ellen Harr explain how to body condition score cows.



A large crowd was in attendance at the KHA tour. Here they are looking through cows and herd bulls at Graznow Herefords, Herrington.



Illinois Hereford Tour

A cool, rainy weekend didn't deter more than 100 participants from joining the Illinois Hereford Tour, Sept. 5-6, in Western Illinois.



On Saturday, the tour visited Riddell Polled Herefords, Sparland; Purple Reign Cattle Co., Toulon; Knott Farms, Ellisville; and ended the day at Lowderman Cattle Co., Macomb, where the group enjoyed a steak dinner and was treated to a benefit auction to help defray the cost of the meal.



On Sunday, the tour headed to Middle Creek Ranch, Carthage; Northfork Ranch, Basco; McCaskill Farms, Clayton and concluded at Sayre Herefords in Virginia. Thanks to all the tour hosts for their hospitality.



Nebraska Hereford Tour

On Sept. 12-13, more than 110 Hereford enthusiasts gathered to tour Nebraska Hereford cattle ranches. With 16 stops on the tour, attendees had plenty of great Hereford cattle to view and lots of time to visit with Hereford family and friends.



Windhorst Polled Herefords, Syracuse, had a large number of guests view their cattle and herd bulls on the last stop of the two-day Nebraska tour.

Missouri Hereford Association Field Day

Beautiful weather, a great display of cattle, wonderful food and interesting programs combined to make the 2009 Hereford Field Day in Boonville, a special event. Larry and Sue Day, with help from the entire Day, Vest and Flaspohler families, worked extremely hard to provide us a fun-filled and educational experience. More than 125 Hereford breeders gathered for the two-day event Sept. 11-12.



On Friday, Sept. 11, those breeders bringing cattle for display or for judging, board members and their families, sponsors and a few early-bird breeders were treated to a CHB steak dinner at the Cooper County Fairgrounds. Following the great dinner, Jerry Huth of Huth Polled Herefords, Oakfield, Wis., and a member of the AHA Board of Directors, spoke on the need for all members to work together to access markets and on the accomplishments of the AHA this year.



On Saturday morning about 125 Hereford breeders gathered at Rocking F Polled Herefords in Fayette where Frank and Pam Flaspohler and their family treated guests to a very interesting three hours learning how they are managing their pastures and cattle facilities for the best use of the land.



Tour attendees view Flaspohler cattle.

Iowa Hereford Tour

Approximately 60 people turned out on a beautiful fall day for the 2009 edition of the Iowa Hereford Tour in the Amanas area. Those in attendance enjoyed good cattle, good food and good fellowship. Jim and Cathy Sladek welcomed tour goers to their Sladek Farms operation near Iowa City to start the day.

At Amana Farms, manager John McGrath explained the operation's history and set-up. Visitors toured the facility's manure digester and custom feedlot before heading to the pasture, where a group of 92 baldie heifers (all sired by Hereford bulls) grazed.

The next stop was C.J. Herefords, Marengo, owned by tour organizer Charley Johnson.

Jason and Amanda Heck and children hosted the final stop of the day at their beautiful wooded acreage near Chelsea.

Wisconsin Hereford Tour

More than 150 people attended the 2009 Wisconsin Hereford Tour Sept. 12-13. Hereford enthusiasts enjoyed tour stops at Wirth Polled Herefords in New Richmond, Friedrich's Windy Hill Herefords in Roberts, Lamb Brothers Beef in Wilson, and Larson Hereford Farms in Spring Valley.



Wisconsin Hereford Tour hosts.

South Dakota Hereford Tour

More than 175 people attended the 2009 South Dakota Hereford tour Sept. 18-19. Hereford enthusiasts were able to see great cattle at 13 different stops.

A special thanks goes to tour stop hosts, Darwin Aman and his son, of Hillview Farms, Sturgis, for helping change a bus tire while it was on the way to the Hillview Farms stop. Then, the bus would not start, and again, the Amans came to the rescue borrowing a school bus to help get the tour on track.



Fawcett's Elm Creek, Ree Heights, displayed several different sire groups of calves along with their mothers. Schuette Land and Cattle, Highmore, joined them on this stop to showcase some top show steer prospects.



K&B Herefords, Onida, S.D., hosted a pasture stop and had an impressive display of their bull calves and heifer calves that will be offered at their annual sale Feb. 9.



Guests enjoyed a wagon ride at the Hoffman Herefords lunch stop at Leola. Guests were shuttled from different areas of the ranch to look at high-quality cattle. **HW**