



Stahly NRSP Results Announced

The Hereford breed continues to gain market share within the commercial industry. This was made clear after the survey done last spring prior to the American Hereford Association (AHA) Strategic Planning meeting. The commercial producers who were surveyed showed a great deal of interest in continuing to add well-proven and documented Hereford genetics to their breeding programs.

Economically relevant traits (ERT) like calving ease, disposition and fertility were on the high priority

list. In the AHA 2010 Strategic Plan, core strategy 1: Improve the overall quality, consistency, predictability and profitability of Hereford genetics, an important focus is objective B: Grow research and National Reference Sire Program (NRSP). It has become evident that the NRSP is one of the most important programs for the AHA to quickly identify the young sires that can make a difference in the breed.

Printed here, you will find the results of the Stahly Ranch test. Mike and Judy Stahly own and operate

Stahly Ranch, Cavour, S.D., and they have utilized young Hereford sires in their commercial herd for years. This is one of the structured tests that the AHA utilizes to provide strength and accuracy to a sire's genetic make-up.

In addition to these tests, the AHA membership has done a great job of finding the genetics that will move the breed in the right direction and provide their customers with the product they need to be profitable.

This will continue to be a challenge as commercial cattlemen from around

the country look to Herefords for their programs. With this challenge comes responsibility. As a seedstock producer, you will need to continue to throw prejudice out the door and make decisions based on data and needs.

Keep up the good work and remember to submit young sires that you would like tested in the NRSP. You can find a form in the January *Hereford World* or online at Hereford.org/NRSP, or contact me at jward@hereford.org or 816-842-3757. **HW**

Table 1: 2009-born calves at Stahly Ranch

Sire name	No. progeny	Reg. No.	BW Ratio	WW Ratio	YW Ratio	HCW Ratio	MB Ratio	REA Ratio	Fat Ratio	No. steers	CE EPD	CE Acc	BW EPD	BW Acc	WW EPD	WW Acc	YW EPD	YW Acc	MM EPD	MM Acc	M&G EPD	MCE EPD	MCE Acc	SC EPD	SC Acc	FAT EPD	FAT Acc	REA EPD	REA Acc	MARB EPD	MARB Acc	BMI \$	CEZ \$	BII \$	CHB \$
KCF Bennett M326 S342	42	42763176	100	97	99	102	102	101	102	17	2.5	0.15	3.2	0.68	58	0.58	115	0.61	28	0.2	57	3.3	0.13	1.8	0.4	-0.01	0.43	0.35	0.45	0.48	0.47	30	19	25	40
KCF Bennett Red House S330	40	42763158	97	101	100	100	112	94	99	7	1.9	0.22	3.2	0.72	70	0.61	120	0.62	22	0.23	57	3.2	0.18	2.3	0.42	0	0.39	0.1	0.41	0.64	0.42	37	20	33	45
SHF Twister R125 T27	36	42795872	103	102	102	98	85	105	99	19	-2.6	0.17	3.7	0.73	71	0.66	129	0.68	15	0.19	51	3.2	0.14	1.4	0.47	-0.01	0.46	0.79	0.48	-0.09	0.49	22	12	17	33