

2010 State Tours in Review

Hereford breeders host tours and field days.

On the following pages are highlights of 2010 field days and tours that were reported to *Hereford World* staff. We apologize to state associations with events not reported.

Oregon Hereford Association

Approximately 106 Hereford enthusiasts from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Canada attended the "Heart of the Valley" Tour/Field Day June 12.

The event was hosted in western Oregon. Producers with cattle on display were Cox Herefords, Jefferson; Vollstedt Farms, Albany; Hansen Polled Hereford Ranch, Eugene; and Kudlac Hereford Ranch, Grants Pass.

Bob Harrell Jr., 2010 American Hereford Association president, gave a presentation and updates on what's happening with the Association and the Hereford industry.



South Carolina Hereford Association

Breeders from three states gathered at Simpson Experiment Station on the Clemson University Campus July 10 to learn about the study being done on Hereford and Angus cattle, using the local Southeast-based genetics originating from Trask Ranch in South Carolina and Graham Angus in Georgia.

Steve Meadows reported on the progress of the study and showed the yearling heifers and bulls raised as the first calf crop.

Following lunch, attendees enjoyed a program on beef cattle and forages, presented by Clemson staff members.



Iowa Hereford Breeders Association

The 2010 Iowa Hereford Tour was Aug. 28 in southwest Iowa.

Iowa Hereford Breeders Association Director David Trowbridge, who has managed Gregory Feedlot near Tabor for more than 30 years, showed attendees the various components of feed used in the custom feedlot before conducting a walking tour of the facility.

Ron Beaver used a tractor and rack wagon to transport guests on a picturesque pasture tour of his performance-based cow herd at rural Clarinda.

Dennis and Mary Clark of TA Farms, Bedford, displayed their high-quality herd of horned Herefords they are developing at TA Farms, along with horses and a hay business.

On display at Hays Beef Development Center, Diagnol, were cow-calf pairs from Beef Resources Partnership, Tabor and Mt. Ayr, and a group of bulls owned by Dick Graham, Benton. Also at this stop, Becky Hays explained the special data-gathering feedbunks used to measure feed efficiency of animals, and her husband, Craig, demonstrated the use of ultrasound for pregnancy testing and carcass measurements.



David Trowbridge addresses tour attendees at Gregory Feedlot, Tabor.



Becky Hays explains data-gathering feedbunks at Hays Beef Development Center, Diagnol.

Kansas Hereford Association

The Kansas Hereford Tour was Aug. 14 and 15 in north central Kansas. More than 150 commercial and registered Hereford enthusiasts from seven states participated in the event.

Tour stops included Swenson Herefords, Concordia; Ringer Herefords, Concordia; Oleen Cattle Co., Falun; CK Ranch, Brookville; B&D Herefords, Claflin; Bookcliff Herefords, Russell; Herbel Herefords, Lucas; Meitler Herefords, Lucas; and Carswell-Nichols Herefords, Alton.



Tour participants look through the cattle at B&D Herefords.



Meitler Herefords had black baldie bred heifers on display along with its registered Herefords.



Tour attendees view Ron Beaver's cow herd, Calinda

Wisconsin Hereford Association

Fallen Oaks Farm, the home of Norbert, Rose and Jean Potter, Coloma, Wis., was the site for the 2010 Wisconsin Hereford Association Field Day Aug 28.

Visitors to the farm not only enjoyed viewing the Potters' Hereford herd and participating in judging and weight-guessing contests but also were able to take a pasture walk and explore various pasture management grasses and programs.



Illinois Hereford Tour

More than 100 participants joined the Illinois Hereford Tour on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-5, in east central Illinois.

On Saturday, the tour visited Ellis Farms, Chrisman; Lorenzen Farms, Chrisman; Winans Herefords, Chrisman; and ended the day at Albin Farms, Newman. On Sunday, tour attendees traveled to Adcock Show Cattle, Assumption; Stephens Hereford Farms, Taylorville; and Prairie Meadow Herefords, Glenarm.



Joyce and Phil Ellis welcome guests to Ellis Farms on Saturday morning.



Cattle on display at Lorenzen Farms.



The final stop on Saturday was Albin Farms.



Pairs on display at Stephens Hereford Farms.

Nebraska Hereford Tour, south central area

Hereford enthusiasts attended the 2010 Nebraska Hereford Tour Sept. 11-12. The tour, hosted in south central Nebraska, featured stops at Fillmore County Fairgrounds with displays from Priefert Farms, the Wythers Family and Glen Chapek; Vernon Yost & Sons, Edgar; Thayer County Fairgrounds with displays from Meyer Polled Herefords and TLC Ranch; Alfred Schutte & Sons, Guide Rock; Stillwater One, Lawrence; MCM Polled Herefords, Ayr; Webster County fairgrounds with displays from Rutt Herefords and Dana Polled Herefords; GLM Herefords, Franklin; and Gene and Serena Boner, Red Cloud.



Cattle on display at Stillwater One.



Boner cow herd on display.

Missouri Hereford Association Field Day

Missouri Hereford enthusiasts gathered Sept. 11 near Vandalia, Mo., for the 2010 Missouri Hereford Association Field Day.

In the morning attendees went to Bill Nation and his family's farm. Breeders with Herefords on display at the farm were Ed Roth, Dave Harrah, Matt Reynolds and Ed Jackson of Keithley Farms. Each producer had a chance to talk about his breeding program. Jackson also discussed things to be considered when raising feeder cattle.

The afternoon program at the Vandalia fairgrounds included three speakers; Mark Welman, who talked about the benefits of the VitaFerm feeding program; Karen Strange, president of Federation of Animal Owners and a registered lobbyist, who talked about the threatened assault on Missouri animal agriculture by extremists within the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS); and Gary Felger of Igenity, who explained DNA profiling of cattle. **HW**