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**Spring Gold TPR breeders named**

Eighty-nine dedicated Hereford breeders achieved Gold TPR™ (Total Performance Records) status for spring 2012, according to the American Hereford Association (AHA).

Also, the AHA has released the updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) for spring 2012. The EPDs and the updated Trends, Traits and Distributions report are available online at [Hereford.org](http://Hereford.org).

The Gold TPR Breeder recognition is presented to progressive Hereford breeders who have measured traits and collected and promptly submitted performance data at all levels of production.

"The reason the Gold TPR program was established was to recognize those breeders who go the extra mile to collect data at all levels of production and report that data in a timely manner," says AHA Chief Operating Officer and Director of Breed Improvement Jack Ward.

Since the program's inception in 2005, Hereford breeders have increased their data collection efforts.

Breeders must meet a specific set of requirements in order to be eligible for the program. They are:

- Herd inventory submitted prior to date inventory surcharge goes into effect.
- Complete reporting of calving ease and reproductive status for each dam on inventory.
- Complete reporting of birth weights for all live calves recorded in the calf crop.
- Complete reporting of weaning weights for all live calves recorded in the calf crop.
- Complete reporting of yearling weights for all live calves recorded in the calf crop.
- Complete reporting of scrotal measurements for each bull calf with a recorded yearling weight.
- Ultrasound data reported on 25% or more of the calf crop.
- Note: For weaning and yearling weights, disposal codes are accepted if the animal has been removed from the herd.

The following Hereford breeders were recognized as spring 2012 Gold TPR Breeders, organized by state:

**Arkansas**

David or Juanita Jennings, Rogers  
Triple S Ranch, De Queen

**California**

Cooper Cattle, Oakdale  
Gino Pedretti, El Nido  
Sonoma Mountain Herefords,  
Santa Rosa  
Weimer Cattle Co., Susanville

**Florida**

Jay Johns, Gainesville

**Georgia**

Gary Hedrick, Marietta  
Greenview Polled Hereford Farms  
Inc., Screven

**Idaho**

Canyon Gem Livestock, Jerome  
Elkington Polled Herefords, Idaho Falls  
JBB/AL Herefords, Gooding

**Indiana**

Gerber Polled Herefords, Richmond

**Iowa**

Asmus Herefords, Audubon  
K7 Herefords, Lockridge  
Simpson Polled Herefords, Redfield

**Kansas**

Brannan & Reinhardt, Otis  
CK Ranch, Brookville  
Douthit-Downey Land & Cattle,  
St. Francis  
Frank Hug & Sons, Scranton  
Kansas State University, Manhattan  
Kevin Jensen, Courtland  
Sandhill Farms/Kevin Schultz,  
Haviland  
Schu-Lar Polled Herefords,  
Lecompton  
Allan Shumaker, Wetmore  
Springhill Hereford Farms, Blue  
Rapids  
Virgil Staab & Sons, Hays  
Towner Farm, Girard

**Kentucky**

Beckleys Herefords, Ravenna  
Laffoon Family Farm, Madisonville

**Maryland**

Church View Farm Inc., Millersville

**Michigan**

Veesers Triple E Hereford Farm,  
Powers

**Minnesota**

Krogstad Polled Herefords, Fertile  
Kruse Polled Herefords, Harris  
Oxley Hereford Ranch-N Division,  
Mahnomen  
Lester Schafer, Buffalo Lake

**Missouri**

Felton Hereford Ranch, Maryville  
Maplewood Acres Farm, Sedalia  
Rolling Hills Acres, St. Elizabeth

**Montana**

Beery Land & Livestock Co., Vida  
Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan  
Holden Herefords, Valier  
Wichman Herefords, Moore

**Nebraska**

Blueberry Hill Farms Inc., Norfolk  
JB Ranch, Wayne  
Joe Brockman, Lawrence  
Keg Herefords, Valentine  
Linton Polled Herefords, Miller  
Monahan Cattle Co., Hyannis

**Nevada**

Bell Ranch, Paradise Valley  
Genoa Livestock LLC, Minden  
Lee & Dianne Hutchens Family Trust,  
Fallon

**New York**

Spring Pond Farm II, Branchport  
Kathleen Wagner, Catskill

**North Carolina**

Ralph Kiger, Kernersville  
Harry Myers Jr., Statesville

**North Dakota**

Baumgarten Cattle Co., Belfield  
Rockeman Herefords, Donnybrook  
Stuber Ranch, Bowman

**Ohio**

Douglas Banks, Hamilton  
NS Polled Herefords, Shaker Heights

**Oregon**

Quentin and Gayle Cook, Vale  
James England, Prineville  
Hacklin Hereford Ranch, Redmond  
Harrell Hereford Ranch, Baker City

**Pennsylvania**

Delaware Valley College of S&A,  
Doylestown  
Fields Edge Herefords, Narvon  
Flat Stone Lick, Marianna

**South Dakota**

Baker Hereford Ranch, Rapid City  
Bar JZ Polled Herefords, Holabird  
Courtney Herefords, Belle Fourche  
Dvorak Herefords, Lake Andes  
Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish  
Larry and Carol Gildemaster, Virgil  
Hillsview Farms, Eureka  
Ravine Creek Ranch, Huron  
Williams Herefords, Presho

**Texas**

BKR Cattle Etc., Abernathy  
Caldwell Hereford Ranch, Houston  
JP Family Limited Partnership,  
San Angelo  
P&J Polled Herefords, La Vernia  
Willis Polled Herefords, Emory

**Virginia**

Deer Track Farm, Spotsylvania  
Knoll Crest Farm, Red House

**West Virginia**

West Virginia University, Morgantown

**Wisconsin**

Elwing Polled Herefords, De Soto  
Huth Polled Herefords, Oakfield  
Owego Stock Farm, Argyle

**Wyoming**

Ned & Jan Ward, Sheridan

**Reno photos available**

Photos from the Western Nugget National Hereford Shows are available to purchase at [HerefordPhotoShop.com](http://HerefordPhotoShop.com).

**Order Educational Forum videos**

Hereford enthusiasts can order a copy of the 2011 Annual Meeting Educational Forum on DVD for \$10 plus \$5 shipping. Order online at [HerefordPhotoShop.com](http://HerefordPhotoShop.com) or by calling Angie Stump Denton at 785-363-7263. The forum featured presentations on genomics, expected progeny differences (EPDs) and reproduction by Dorian Garrick, Matt Spangler and Bill Beal.

You can also watch a highlight video from Beal's presentation on the Hereford YouTube channel, [youtube.com/user/herefordvideos](http://youtube.com/user/herefordvideos).

**Use Z for 2012**

The year letter code for 2012 is Z. This notice is for producers who use letter codes in their identification system. For more on tattoo and identification tips, visit the Education Center at [Hereford.org](http://Hereford.org).

**Take advantage of feeder calf sales**

Consigning Hereford and Hereford-influenced calves to a special Hereford sale not only provides a great outlet for buyers interested in Hereford genetics but may also result in a premium for the seller. Contact these organizers today for the specific requirements of each sale. Many have a consignment deadline, and the earlier you commit your stock, the better advertisement your calves will get. Whether you have one head or 100, one of these sales may be the perfect marketing outlet for you:

**Missouri Hereford Association**

**Hereford-Influenced Feeder Calf Sales**

Dates: April 9, 2012; and July 9, 2012

Location: Miller Co. Regional

Stockyards, Eldon, Mo.

Contact: Matt Reynolds 660-676-3788

or Marty Lueck 417-948-2669 or

[mvlueck@centurytel.net](mailto:mvlueck@centurytel.net).

**Shaws acquire Turner herd**

Shaw Cattle Co., Caldwell, Idaho, has purchased the entire registered Hereford herd of Oklahoma's Turner Bros.

Shaw Cattle Co. is excited to obtain the JET line of Turner Bros.' cattle and say they believe it will complement their existing herd well.

The Shaws will continue to maintain the /S line of performance cattle they have developed for more than 65 years. They plan to maintain the JET cattle with the same philosophy Jack Turner has followed for the past 35 years.

Turner Bros. began collecting performance data in the 1980s. With this data and a closed-herd breeding philosophy, Turners built sound, functional cattle that excel in carcass traits which was proven with progeny data at Circle A Ranch in Iberia, Mo., and the National Reference Sire Program at Olsen Ranches in Harrisburg, Neb. **HW**