

"What's New?" is a column designed to keep you in-the-know about Hereford happenings. You can also sign up for Hereford eNews, a weekly electronic newsletter from the American Hereford Association (AHA). Send an e-mail to [eNews@hereford.org](mailto:eNews@hereford.org) to subscribe. Archived issues are posted at [Hereford.org](http://Hereford.org).

**Use E for 2017**

The year letter code for 2017 is E. This notice is for producers who use letter codes in their identification systems. For more on tattoo and identification tips, visit the Education Center at [Hereford.org](http://Hereford.org).

**Reno photos available**

Western Nugget National Hereford Show photos, including candid and backdrop photos, are available to purchase at [HerefordPhotoShop.com](http://HerefordPhotoShop.com).

**Take advantage of Hereford-influenced 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 also may result in a premium for the seller. Contact these organizers today for the specific requirements of each sale.

**Mitchell Livestock Hereford-Influenced Feeder Cattle Sale**

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 16

**Location:** Mitchell Livestock, Mitchell, S.D.

**Contact:** Preston Burma, 605-680-0448

**Fredonia Livestock Hereford-Influenced Sale**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 28

**Location:** Fredonia Livestock, Fredonia, Kan.

**Contact:** Cody Mathes, 620-288-0034

**Tennessee Hereford Marketing Program Feeder Calf Sale**

**Date:** Thursday, April 20

**Location:** Tennessee Livestock Producers, Columbia, Tenn.

**Contact:** Darrell Ailshie, 931-212-8512

**Hereford offers summer internships, ambassador program**

**Hereford Publications Inc. (HPI) internship** — HPI is offering a communications internship for college juniors or seniors to assist with projects of the Creative Services department and production of the *Herd Book*, August and September *Hereford World* issues. The internship will provide experience in feature writing, photography, editing, proofing, communicating with clients and managing projects.

Applicants must be working toward a degree in agriculture communications or agriculture journalism. Writing and editing skills are required along with knowledge of Microsoft Office programs, InDesign, Photoshop and AP (Associated Press) style.

The internship will span from approximately mid-May to mid-August, with specific starting and ending dates depending on the applicant's availability. Applications are due Feb. 15.

Applicants can send their cover letter, résumé, three writing samples and references to Caryn Vaught, HPI production manager, [cvaught@hereford.org](mailto:cvaught@hereford.org) or P.O. Box 014059, Kansas City, MO, 64101. For more information, contact Vaught at 816-842-3757.

**Junior activities internship** —

The AHA youth department is offering college juniors or seniors the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of junior shows and leadership events and to gain experience in association work.

Applicants must be enrolled in an agriculture-related major and should be self-starters who are detail-oriented and outgoing and have the ability to work well with all types of people. Travel to the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) and other shows should be expected as part of the internship.

The internship will span from approximately mid-May to mid-August, with specific starting and ending dates depending on the applicant's availability.

Applicants for the junior activities intern can send a cover letter, their résumé and references by Feb. 15 to Amy Cowan, AHA director of youth activities, [acowan@hereford.org](mailto:acowan@hereford.org) or P.O. Box 014059, Kansas City, MO 64101. For more information, contact Cowan at 816-842-3757 or [acowan@hereford.org](mailto:acowan@hereford.org).

**JNHE ambassador program** —

College students may also apply for the JNHE ambassador program. The 2017 ambassadors will assist the NJHA board and AHA staff throughout the JNHE week — July 15-21 — in



**Don't wait to DNA test JNHE steers**

Steer exhibitors at the 2017 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) must submit DNA for their steers by April 1 before they can enter to show (according to new American Hereford Association [AHA] rule, all steers must have a basic DNA test on file at the Association). Once exhibitors have received the DNA results, the exhibitor can then enter his or her steer for the JNHE.

To request a DNA test kit, call AHA customer service at 816-842-3757 or send an e-mail message to [records@hereford.org](mailto:records@hereford.org). If you request a DNA test by e-mail, please provide your member number, the animal's registration number and the reason for DNA testing. **HW**

Louisville, Ky., and the week prior to the show in the Kansas City office.

Candidates must be a 2017 high school graduate or older and must have had national show experience. Ambassadors cannot be exhibitors or competitors at the 2017 JNHE.

Ambassador applications are available online at [JrHereford.org/jnheambassador](http://JrHereford.org/jnheambassador) and are due March 15. **HW**

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**Rader tops 2016 photo contest**

"Herefords in the Shade" by Sara Rader, Mount Vernon, Texas, was voted the winner of the 2016 Hereford Shots "Photo of the Year" contest. She receives a \$100 [ShopHereford.com](http://ShopHereford.com) gift card.

For more information about the 2017 "Hereford Shots" photo contest, see Page 42 of the December *Hereford World*, or go to [Hereford.org](http://Hereford.org). **HW**



## Spring 2017 Gold TPR Breeders



A record number, 127, Hereford breeders achieved Gold TPR™ (Total Performance Records) status for spring 2017.

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 to report that data in a timely manner,” Ward explains.

- 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:

- Submitting herd inventory 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.
- Reporting ultrasound data 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 2017 Gold TPR Breeders, organized by state:

#### Alabama,

Connie Sparks, Waverly  
Drummond Mine Ranch, Hanceville  
Sul-Tay Polled Herefords, Elrod

#### Arkansas

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

#### California

Gino Pedretti, El Nido  
Sonoma Mountain Herefords, Santa Rosa  
Tom and Kathy Deforest, Adin

#### Colorado

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins

#### Florida

Evergreen Polled Herefords, Old Town

#### Georgia

Hardy Edwards, Winterville  
Greenview Polled Hereford Farms Inc., Screven  
Gary Hedrick, Marietta

#### Iowa

K7 Herefords, Lockridge  
Ron Beaver Herefords, Clarinda  
Simpson Polled Herefords, Redfield

#### Idaho

Colyer Herefords, Bruneau  
JBB/AL Herefords, Gooding  
Jack and Colleen Filipowski, Sandpoint  
Shaw Cattle Co., Caldwell

#### Illinois

Tom and Tammy Boatman, Rockford

#### Indiana

Greives Herefords, W. Lafayette  
Charles Robison, Mulberry  
Cody Sankey, Economy

#### Kansas

Alexander Farms, Gypsum  
Brannan & Reinhardt, Otis  
CK Ranch, Brookville  
Douthit-Downey Land & Cattle, St. Francis  
Frank Hug & Sons, Scranton  
GLM Herefords, Marysville  
Gustafson Herefords, Junction City  
D. Brent McClayland, Alma  
Miami Purebred Herefords, Paola  
Mill Creek Ranch, Alma  
Reed Seedstock, Clifton  
S&S Farms, Windom  
Sandhill Farms/Kevin Schultz, Haviland  
Spring Hill Herefords, Blue Rapids

#### Maryland

Church View Farm Inc., Millersville

#### Michigan

Chaz and Meagan Anderson, Marlete  
Grand Meadows Farm, Ada  
Ronald MacNaughton, Grand Ledge  
Veasers Triple E Hereford Farm, Powers

#### Minnesota

Belfey Herefords, Bagley  
Krogstad Polled Herefords, Fertile  
Kruse Polled Herefords, Harris  
Lester Schafer, Buffalo Lake

#### Missouri

E.L. Mobley, Fairdealing  
Kaczmareks 4K Herefords, Salem  
Kenneth and Carleen Buchanan, Higginsville  
Muellers Polled Herefords, Perryville  
Nickelson Farms, Belgrade  
Thomas Family Herefords, Trenton

#### Montana

Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan  
Holden Herefords, Valier  
Mark Cooper, Willow Creek  
Richard and Shirley Thomas, Gold Creek  
Storey Hereford Ranch, Bozeman  
Wichman Herefords, Moore

#### Nebraska

Alfred Schutte & Sons, Guide Rock  
Blueberry Hill Farms Inc., Norfolk  
Hula Herefords, Weston  
JB Ranch, Wayne  
Joe Brockman, Lawrence  
Keg Herefords, Valentine  
Linton Polled Herefords, Miller  
Sellman Ranch, Crawford  
TWJ Farms, Carroll  
Van Newkirk Herefords, Oshkosh  
Wieden Cattle Co., Blue Springs

#### Nevada

Bell Ranch, Paradise Valley  
Genoa Livestock LLC, Minden

#### New Mexico

Copeland & Sons LLC, Nara Visa

#### New York

John and Kathi Wagner, Catskill

#### North Carolina,

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Statesville

#### North Dakota

Stuber Ranch, Bowman

#### Ohio

NS Polled Herefords, Shaker Heights  
Rex Bradford, St. Marys

#### Oklahoma

Express Ranches, Yukon  
Headquarters Ranch, Carney  
LeForce Land & Livestock Inc., Pond Creek  
Mendel Hereford Ranch, Covington

#### Oregon

Greg Thomas, Bonanza  
Hacklin Hereford Ranch, Redmond  
Harrell Hereford Ranch, Baker City  
High Desert Cattle Co., Canyon City  
High Meadow Farm, Fall Creek

#### Pennsylvania

Flat Stone Lick, Marianna  
Kniffen Livestock, Spring Mills

#### South Dakota

Bar JZ Polled Herefords, Holabird  
Blacktop Farms, Mitchell  
Eldon Olthoff, Emery  
Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish  
Hillsview Farms, Eureka  
Mettler Polled Herefords, Menno  
Mike and Lori Peskey, Iroquois  
Rausch Herefords, Hoven  
Ravine Creek Ranch, Huron

#### Tennessee

Bain Cattle Co., Savannah  
Billy Ashe, Selmer  
Crouch Polled Hereford Farm, McMinnville  
Hill Vue Farm, Cleveland  
Stan Webster, Chestnut Mound

#### Texas

Eric Daniels, Dalhart  
Flying S Herefords, Dallas  
Indian Mound Ranch, Canadian  
JP Family Limited Partnership, San Angelo  
L.C. Whitehead, Menard  
Ledbetter Cattle Co., Wheeler  
P&J Polled Herefords, La Vernia  
Still River Ranch, Van Alstyne  
Texas Stardance Cattle LLC, Hamilton  
Texas 2T Farm, Nacogdoches  
Trinity Farms, Mt. Pleasant  
Willis Polled Herefords, Emory  
W-2 Cattle Co., Dublin

#### Virginia

Bay Brook Farm, Dabneys  
Deer Track Farm, Spotsylvania  
Meadow Ridge Farms Inc., Broadway

#### Washington

H. Lorren Hagen, Chewelah

#### Wisconsin

Elwing Polled Herefords, De Soto  
Henry-Charlotte Handzel Jr. — Whiskey Run  
Farms, Cottage Grove  
Huth Polled Herefords, Oakfield  
Owego Stock Farm, Argyle

#### West Virginia

Five Star Polled Herefords, Smithville  
West Virginia University, Morgantown

#### Wyoming

Ned and Jan Ward, Sheridan **HW**