

2006

State Tours AND Hereford 101s in Review

State Hereford associations host tours, field days and 101 educational seminars.

On the following pages are highlights of 2006 Hereford 101s as well as state field days and tours that were reported to *Hereford World* staff. We apologize to state associations with events not reported. To be published in the 2007 year in review, send highlights to the American Hereford Association (AHA), attention *Hereford World* editor, by Nov. 1.

Colorado Hereford Social

Greeley • May 21



Hereford enthusiasts from Colorado enjoyed a social on May 21 at Marshall and Barbara Ernst's home, Greeley.

The Marshall and Barbara Ernst family hosted a Colorado Hereford social at their farm in Greeley. A buffet provided by Julie Dillon, Jane Evans Cornelius and Barbara Ernst kicked off the event.

Junior members and adults enjoyed go-cart rides, a piñata and a water balloon fight. Chad Murnin, Colorado State University's livestock judging coach, officiated a judging contest. Winners included Jason King, Al Skogland and Julie Dillon.

Shea Dillon, Colorado Junior Hereford Association president, gave a report about the junior association. Revitalizing the Colorado Hereford Association was then discussed. Anyone interested in being a part of this group can contact Marshall or Barbara at (970) 674-5113 or barb_ernst@msn.com.



Juniors and adults enjoyed taking a swing at the piñata.



A highlight of the Colorado social was the judging contest.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Summer Ranch Tour

June 25-27



OCA tour participants looking at a group of Langford cows and calves on display.

The 2006 Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) tour focused on a four-county area with stops in Okfuskee, Okmulgee, McIntosh and Muskogee counties.

On Sunday, June 25, the third stop was Curry Hereford Ranch in Okemah. Ted and Janice Curry along with their sons Steven and Curtis operate Curry Hereford Ranch. Steven and his wife, April, live on the south end of the headquarters, while Curtis and his wife, Donna, have a ranch at McAlester.

Cooper and Holden Line One genetics are featured in Currys' breeding program. The operation consists of 650 acres of Bermuda, which is overseeded with wheat and ryegrass for winter grazing. It supports a 115-head cow herd. Annually 40-50 bulls are marketed private treaty through state and national consignment sales.

On Monday the seventh stop was at the Rafter R Ranch and M Bar Ranch southwest of Checotah. Rusty Martin ranches on approximately 5,000 acres of owned and leased land, which has mostly Bermuda and native pastures that support both a cow-calf and yearling operation. Hereford, Angus and Brangus genetics are utilized in the breeding program.

Connors State College (CSC), Warner, was stop 10 on Monday. The CSC Performance Bull Test was established in 1962. It is the second oldest performance bull test in Oklahoma and is one of the oldest continuous test sites in the nation. Two groups of 100 head are tested with fall and spring sales featuring the top 70 bulls from each test group.

The first stop on Tuesday was Langford Hereford Ranch. Since 1939 registered Hereford cattle have grazed the pastures at Langford Herefords (Leon's family in New Mexico) and at the Watson Ranch (Susie's family at Morris). Their son, Watson Langford, oversees much of the day-to-day details on the ranch. Today's headquarters operation consists of 2,300 acres of native Bermuda and fescue pasture that support a 400-head cow herd.

Each year the Langfords develop and market about 100 bulls private treaty and through state and national consignment sales. Electronic identification (EID) has been put in place to keep all records of birth, weaning and yearling performance information. A demonstration of how EID works at Langford Herefords was a highlight of this stop.

Stop 13, also on Tuesday, was at C.V. Ledbetter and Son, Morris. Chris Vernon and Chad Vernon Ledbetter are the father/son team who head up the family-owned farm and ranch that began in the early 1950s in Okmulgee County. The operation consists of 2,500 acres. It is devoted to wheat, soybean and corn production.

Chris oversees the farming and Chad is in charge of the livestock side where 3,500 acres of native, bluestem and Bermuda pasture support a 700-head cow herd.

The cow herd is comprised of Hereford, Brahman, Angus and Brangus genetics. F1 Braford females are produced with Hereford and Brahman genetics. The Angus cross and Brangus females are mated to Hereford bulls.

Kansas Hereford Tour

South Central Kansas and North Central Oklahoma • Aug. 11-12

The Kansas Hereford Association (KHA) hosted its annual tour Aug. 11-12 in south central Kansas and north central Oklahoma. Warm weather greeted the tour as 12 stops were made throughout the two days.

After lunch on Friday, KHA tour participants traveled to Mike and Jane Deewall's ranch near Coldwater. Pictured here Jane Deewall welcomes producers to the ranch. The Deewalls had cows and calves, yearling sale bulls, a pen of Hereford steers, and a herd bull on display.



Tom Granzow, KHA secretary-manager, introduces Bruce and Tracy Schlickau and family. The Schlickaus hosted the last stop on the tour at their new place near Haven.



Day two of the tour began at LeForce Herefords near Pond Creek, Okla. Henry LeForce and his crew provided breakfast and refreshments to get the day started. On display were herd bulls, sale bulls and pairs.



Doug Ulbrich welcomes guests to his family's operation and explains their program prior to lunch on Saturday. During the stop participants had a chance to look at Ulbrich's cow-calf pairs and replacement heifers.



At a pasture stop near Cheney Lake, Schlickau Herefords displayed herd bulls and replacement heifers. Pictured here James Schlickau explains their rotational grazing and cross fencing program. Also pictured is Dale Miller (in cowboy hat). Miller and his family hosted the sixth tour stop.



The final stop on Friday was at Lonker Hereford Ranch, Medicine Lodge. The Lonkers had sale bulls, heifers and cow-calf pairs on display. Pictured here Brent Lonker (Yankee's fan) and tour guests listen as Don Lonker explains the family operation.

Kansas Polled Hereford Association Tour

Northeast Kansas • Aug. 26-27

The Kansas Polled Hereford Association (KHPA) hosted its 2006 tour in northeast Kansas. The event included five stops and the KHPA annual meeting. Much needed rain did not dampen spirits on both days of the tour.



Allan Schumaker, Schumaker Herefords, Wetmore, visits with producers at the first tour stop Saturday morning. On display were pairs and bulls. Schumaker shared carcass results from the past six years of participation in the National Hereford Feedout.



Alton Malone, Malone Herefords, Emporia, announces a door prize winner during the last tour stop. The Malone family displayed bred heifers, cow-calf pairs and bulls.



Bret and Cindy Givens, Hutchinson, Kan., were presented a KHPA appreciation award during the KHPA annual meeting. Presenting the award is Bryce Schumann, KHPA director.



Gerald Silvers, Silver Lining Herefords, Louisburg, Kan., welcomed guests to his farm Saturday afternoon for the last tour stop of the day. The Silvers family had pairs, bulls and steers on display.



Stan and Annette Larson, Lawrence, Kan., were recognized as the 2006 KHPA Hall of Fame winners during the KHPA annual meeting.



Perry Garten, Garten Polled Herefords, Effingham, Kan., started in the Hereford business in 1963. Perry had pairs and heifers on display.



Pictured is a group of cow-calf pairs on display at Schu-Lar Polled Herefords, Lecompton, Kan.

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Missouri Hereford Field Day

University of Missouri-Columbia • Aug. 26

Look for highlights in the April 2006 *Hereford World*.

Iowa Hereford Breeders Association Tour

South Central Iowa • Sept. 9

A nice crowd attended the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association (IHBA) tour on a wet and rainy Saturday in September. Tour participants visited three farms and viewed cattle from eight different herds. The IBHA annual meeting was conducted during the noon lunch in Milo.

Craig Amos welcomes guests to Amos Hereford Farm near Indianola, the first tour stop. Amoses had cattle to view as well as a display explaining the operation's long history. Holding the speaker system is tour chairman Rande Seuferer, Milo.



Sarah Stream, Chariton, welcomes the crowd to the final tour stop. Stream Cattle Co. also hosted the evening meal. Randy Offenburger, Tex R.O. Polled Herefords, Lacona, and Willy Black, Chariton, also had cattle on display.



Duane and Mary Jo Ohnemus, Ohnemus Farms, Milo, welcome tour participants to the second tour stop. Grant Seuferer, Milo, and Craig Wright, Milo, also had cattle on display.

The late Delbert & Adeline Ohnemus, Milo, were recognized as the 2006 IHBA Hall of Fame recipients during the annual meeting. Pictured at the presentation (back row, l to r) are: IHBA President Steve Rau; Duane Ohnemus, son of Delbert and Adeline; and Duane's wife, Mary Jo. Pictured front row (l to r) are Nolan, Mason and Vance Ohnemus.



Michigan Tour

Southwest Michigan • Sept. 9

The 2006 Michigan Hereford tour began at McDonald Farm, Byron Center. The next stop was a commercial outfit. The tour then went to Barkow's RB Farm, Conlin. The final stop, which included lunch, was at PCR, Phil and Chris Rottman, Fremont.

About 40 people enjoyed the tour in southwest Michigan.

Minnesota Hereford Breeders Tour

Sept. 23

Approximately 100 breeders attended the 2006 Minnesota Hereford Breeders tour. Stops on the tour included Schafer Herefords, Buffalo Lake; a commercial feed mill; Stibal's Hereford Farms, Lester Prairie; and Jones Farms, LeSueur.

Craig Huffhines, AHA executive vice president, gave a presentation on the basics of biotechnology and the future of gene marker assisted selection.



John Schafer addresses tour participants.



Participants look at a chute display at Stibal's Hereford Farms.



Bob Schafer and Marc Hotchkiss visit during the tour.

WPHA Cow/Calf Symposium

Northeast Wisconsin • Sept 9-10

Hereford breeders from northeast Wisconsin hosted the 2006 Wisconsin Polled Hereford Association (WPHA) Cow/Calf Symposium. The event kicked off on Saturday, Sept. 9, with a nine-hole golf outing for those interested. The first herd stop was at Firshade Farm, Rosholt. The stop included viewing cattle, a judging contest and lunch.

The next stop was Starr Polled Herefords, Manawa. The group then traveled to Starr's Crosscut Solutions for evening activities.

Sunday the tour started at Pine Cone Acres, Kewaskum. The final stop was Huth Polled Herefords, Oakfield.

Montana Big Sky Tour

Sept. 25-26

Hereford enthusiasts from 18 states and one province attended the two-day tour in Montana Big Sky country. The tour included 10 stops.

Day one began in Great Falls and participants traveled through northwestern Montana. Stops included Anchor Polled Herefords, Vaught; Sand-Bayers, Power; Ginther Ranch, Fairfield; Westwind Ranch, Valier; and Holden Herefords, Valier. Ace Diemert, Northern Genetic Resources, had a display at Holden's.

On day two, the tour took participants to Hereford ranches in southwestern Montana. Stops included Cooper Herefords, Willow Creek; Feddes Herefords, Manhattan; Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan; and Ehlke Herefords, Townsend. McMurry Cattle had cattle on display at Ehlke's.

Approximately 80 people attended the event that covered about 600 miles.

Hereford 101s



Jack Ward, AHA chief operating officer and director of breed improvement, conducts a Hereford 101 presentation on March 31 in East Lansing, Mich.



More than 40 producers from four states attended a Hereford 101 Sept. 7 in Belle Valley, Ohio. Jack Ward facilitated the event.



Lee Haygood (left), AHA director, and Jack Ward present an online Hereford 101 on April 6. To make Hereford 101s available to more people, the AHA started presenting hour-long online seminars in 2006. Watch for announcements at *Hereford.org*, in *Hereford World* and in *Hereford eNews* regarding the dates and topics of these Webinars, and also for instructions on how to participate. Producers can ask questions throughout the presentations by calling in or by submitting inquiries to the online "chat." **HW**