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Herefords Take Denver by Storm

Herefords broke records at National Western Stock Show.

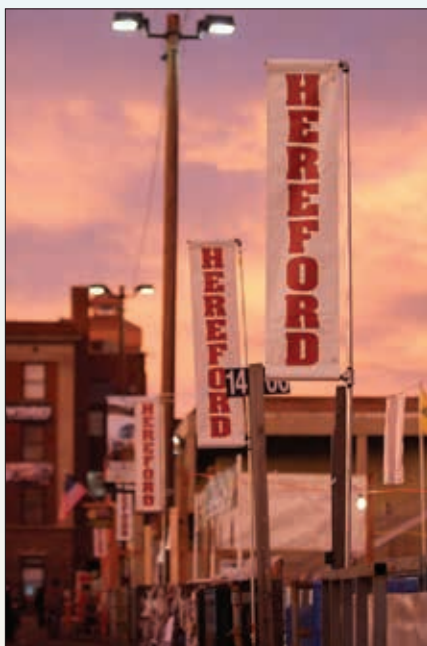
Herefords set records in the Yards and on the Hill at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Jan. 14-17 in Denver. A total of 730 Herefords were exhibited throughout the three-day event, which is an increase of 98

head compared to 2014. There were 314 head in the open show, 138 head in the junior show, 39 pens of bulls, 21 heifer pens and 10 carloads.

Hereford activities got underway in the Stadium Arena on the Hill with the bull show on Thursday, Jan. 15, judged by Troy Thomas, Harold, S.D., and Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont. Hill champions are pictured on Pages 68-71, and Hill class placings can be found on Pages 90-97.

Following the bull show, Lance Leachman, Maidstone, Sask., evaluated the junior show. For results of the junior show, see Page 71, or for complete results of both the open and junior shows, visit Hereford.org and under "Favorites" select "National Show Results."

Friday, Jan. 16, was the pen and carload show. Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., took home champion carload honors. Coyote



Juniors participating in the NWSS exhibited 138 head. Pictured are Trent Ray, Abingdon, Ill., with the champion horned female; 2014-15 National Hereford Queen Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb., and Chloe Castle, Rush Springs, Okla., with her reserve champion horned female.



Pictured is the polled bull grand drive.



Ridge Ranch, LaSalle, Colo., topped the pen of three bull show, and Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho, won the pen of three female show in the Denver Yards. Bill Goehring, Libertyville, Iowa; Ronny Morgan, Burwell, Neb.; and Paul Bennett, Red House, Va., teamed up to evaluate the Yard shows, which included 10 carloads, 39 bull pens and 21 heifer pens. A total of 278 Herefords competed in the Yards. Compared to 2014, this was an increase of 94 head. For Yard show champion photos, see Pages 72-73, and for class placings, visit Page 86.

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A highlight of this year's NWSS Hereford events was the pen and carload show as 278 head competed, up 94 head from 2014.



Junior show judge Lance Leachman, Maidstone, Sask., congratulates Shayne Myers, Colusa, Calif., who exhibited the grand champion polled female.



Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., were presented a bronze trophy after their carload of junior bull calves were named champion carload.



A large crowd gathered to witness the selection of the champion pen of three females.

Mile High Night sale

Completing the day was the record-setting Mile High Night National Hereford Sale in the Stadium Arena that grossed nearly \$1.4 million. An estimated 5,000 were in attendance for the sale's first time to be managed by the American Hereford Association.

"The 2015 Mile High Night Hereford Sale was one for the NWSS record books," says Marshall Ernst, NWSS livestock operations senior director. "With a record-setting attendance and a bred-female selling for a record \$250,000, this year's event will be one that is long remembered by Hereford enthusiasts as well as others in the beef industry."

Sale attendees came to see a show and that's just what they got. The

Hereford offering, as always, was elite, and the bidding proved it. When auctioneers Eddie Burks and Rick Machado silenced the gavel for the final time, \$1,382,350 had been spent. The 41 live lots grossed \$1,247,250 with an average of \$30,421. The five embryo lots more than doubled last year's average at \$8,270. One flush commanded \$15,500, and one semen lot brought \$78,250. For more on the sale, see Page 78.

Kicking off the sale was the Lot 1 Foundation Female selling for \$100,000. She was purchased by Bushy Park Farm, Mitchell, S.D., and Cottonwood Springs Farm, Cedar, Mich. All proceeds will benefit the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and the "Growing a

Lasting Legacy" campaign supporting leadership and education for the next generation of Hereford youth.

The Foundation Female, CCC SR ILR Foundation Lady 437B ET, was donated by Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, Mont.; Stuber Ranch, Bowman, N.D.; and Iron Lake Ranch, Athens, Texas. She is a Jan. 2014 daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET and is out of the phenomenal dam Churchill Lady 1162Y ET by Golden Oak Outcross 18U. For more on the Foundation lot, see Page 74.

Supreme and herdsman named

Saturday brought the crowd back to the Hill where Thomas and Barragree judged the female show. Following the female show, Thomas and Barragree



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The Lot 1 Foundation Female raised \$100,000 to benefit Hereford youth, thanks to buyers Bushy Park Farm, Mitchell, S.D., and Cottonwood Springs Farm, Cedar, Mich. The female was donated by Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, Mont.; Stuber Ranch, Bowman, N.D.; and Iron Lake Ranch, Athens, Texas.



The Mile High Night Hereford sale grossed \$1.38 million, topping last year's sale.



It was an exciting night at the Mile High Night sale, as Hereford enthusiasts witnessed a bred-female selling for a NWSS record: \$250,000.



selected the supreme champion — CHAC Mason 2214. First named grand champion polled bull, CHAC Mason is owned by Gary and Kathy Buchholz, Waxahachie, Texas; Eleanor James, Sherman, Ill.; and Prairie Rose Cattle Co., Sherman, Ill.

Prior to the selection of the supreme champion, Tom and Tammy Boatman, Rockford, Ill., were selected as the 2015 Hereford Herdsman of the Year. To learn more about the Boatmans, see Page 80.

Throughout the week, Hereford enthusiasts enjoyed catching up with Hereford friends and shopping the latest Hereford apparel at the Hereford General Store and Lounge in the Livestock Exchange Building in the Yards. **HW**

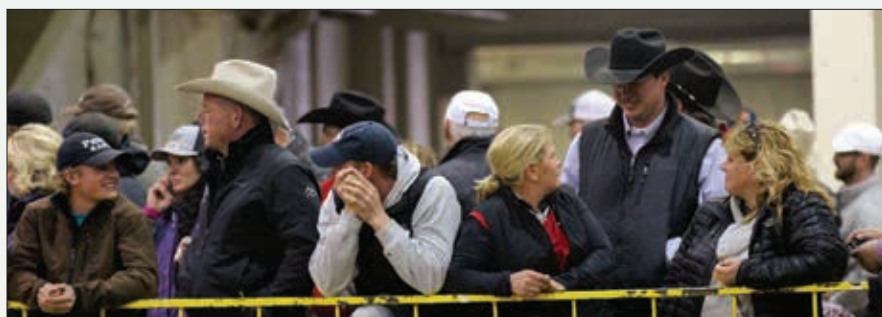


Supreme champion CHAC Mason 2214, owned by Gary and Kathy Buchholz, Waxahachie, Texas; Eleanor James, Sherman, Ill.; and Prairie Rose Cattle Co., Sherman, Ill., during the final drive.



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Tammy and Tom Boatman, Rockford, Ill., (second and third from the right) exchange a look after learning they were named Herdsman of the Year.



Lillie Skiles, Dalhart, Texas, exhibits her junior heifer calf in the horned show.



Troy Thomas, Harold, S.D., and Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont., judged the bull and female show on the Hill.



National Hereford Queen Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb., and Nebraska Hereford Queen, Mickayla Sheets, Wallace, Neb., lead in a class during the female show.

