

PERFORMANCE PIECES

Congratulations to the Hereford breeders who have had success at bull tests in the past year. The following results listed are those known to the *Hereford World* staff. Please e-mail adenton@hereford.org to report additional news.

Able Acres, Wingate, Ind., had the top sale indexing bull in the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2006 Summer Test. Polled Hereford bull No. 24 (Reg. No. P42666080) excelled in eight economically important traits used by IBEP for determining sale index, topping the 65 bulls in the 58th IBEP sale, Oct. 21. The bull's test performance index was 111.3, and his carcass merit ratio was 105.2.

In addition his expected progeny differences (EPDs) for weaning and yearling weight, maternal milk, maternal calving ease and ribeye area (REA), as well as his Certified Hereford Beef Index (CHB\$), are in the top 5-15% of all non-parent bulls in the breed. No. 24 is sired by PR 122L Lad N33. He sold for \$2,350.

Able Acres also had five bulls entered in the IBEP 2006 Winter Test, which began Oct. 31 and finished March 26. A total of 226 bulls from 12 breeds completed the test.

A Hereford bull consigned by **Able Acres** was the top sale-indexing bull. AA Lad 669 ranked in the upper 25% of Hereford bulls on test for weight per day of age (WDA), scrotal circumference, % retail product and % intramuscular fat (IMF%). His EPDs are in the top 5% of the breed for yearling weight, top 10% for weaning weight and maternal milk, and top 15% for maternal calving ease, REA and CHB\$.

Eighteen Hereford bulls were consigned to the Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) All-Breed Performance Tested Bull Sale March 29 at the OBI Test Station in Stillwater, Okla. Six of the bulls competed in Test No. 61 (bulls born Sept.-Nov. 2005), and the other 12 competed in Test No. 62 (bulls born Dec. 2005-Feb. 2006).

The high-indexing Hereford bull in Test 61 was Lot 440 consigned by **Carl McDonald**, Taloga, Okla. The

JDB 517 Stewart H33 son averaged 4.30 lb. of gain per day through the 112-day feeding period and recorded a WDA of 3.17 lb. His adjusted 365-day weight was 1,176 lb., and his final test index was 112.5.

The high-indexing Hereford bull in Test 62 was Lot 463 consigned by **Durham Ranch**, Stillwater, Okla. The bull sired by MW LLL Farley 24F had a 5.72 average daily gain (ADG) and a 3.75 WDA. His adjusted 365-day weight was 1,383 lb., and he indexed 113.0. The second high-indexing bull, Lot 459, was consigned by **Falling Timber Farm**, Marthasville, Mo. This FTF Limited Edition 232 son indexed 109.6 with a 5.25 ADG, 4.01 WDA and 1,469-lb. adjusted 365-day weight.

The 14th Annual Washington Cattlemen's Association/Washington State University (WCA/WSU) Bull Test issued a progress report for the final test period of their 114-day feed test. Twelve polled Hereford bulls were led by a 1,515-lb. son of Remitall Nation Wide ET 93N consigned by **Nordlicht Herefords**, Addy, Wash. He posted a 4.41 ADG and also recorded the highest WDA at 3.70. The top overall index for the 17 horned Herefords was 112.82 recorded by a son of BB 32F Sandman 9083 consigned by **Reinland Herefords**, Addy, Wash. He posted a 3.82 ADG and a 3.45 WDA.

The Northeast Colorado Bull Test Association (NCBTA) completed its 31st annual test with 107 bulls averaging a 3.39 ADG and a WDA of 3.19.

In the Hereford division, **Roderick Polled Herefords**, Lindon, Colo., had the top-indexing bull with an index of 115. This son of STAR Toolbar 31N ET posted an ADG of 4.18 with a 3.35 WDA.

Three Allendale Robin Hood sons were the high-indexing Hereford bulls in Kansas Bull Test (KBT) No. 66, earning **Jensen Bros.**, Courtland, Kan., the top Hereford sire group award.

The top-indexing son, Lot 588, recorded a 114 index, 4.6 ADG and

3.7 WDA. His final weight was 1,386 lb. Actual REA was 12.2, and IMF% was 3.18.

The second high-indexing son, Lot 587, indexed 108, with a 4.1 ADG and 3.7 WDA. His final weight was 1,335 lb. Actual REA was 12.8, and actual IMF% was 2.93.

Lot 586 completed the sire group and was the third high-indexing Hereford bull at 107. His final weight was 1,349 lb., and he posted a 4.3 ADG and 3.5 WDA. Actual REA was 11.9, and actual IMF% was 3.4. He had the highest weaning weight ratio of all the Hereford bulls at 119.

Dan and Karen Craig, Phippsburg, Colo., consigned the high-performing Hereford sire group to the 2007 Four Corners Beef Cattle Improvement Association High Altitude Bull Test. Three sons of Allen 37H Home Run 1 averaged a 109 test ratio. One of the sons, DK Home Run 616, was the high-performing Hereford with a 116 test ratio, 4.11 ADG, 3.30 WDA and 1,160-lb. final weight.

Stone Ridge Farm, Livingston Manor, N.Y., consigned the high-indexing Hereford bull to the Pennsylvania Performance Tested Bull Sale. Stone Ridge Online 339 indexed 111 and was the fastest-gaining Hereford at 4.68 ADG. Stone Ridge also consigned the second high-indexing bull at 109, Stone Ridge Online 338.

Rolling Shade Polled Herefords, E. Greenville, Pa., consigned the high-selling Hereford bull, RS 884 Justin 276. Justin was sold as a calving ease bull, as he is in the top 30% of the Hereford breed in the calving ease EPD. He also had the highest IMF% of all the Hereford bulls at 4.24. **HW**