

Herdsman

Through the years the American Hereford Association and the former American Polled Hereford Association have recognized those who helped keep Herefords looking their best in the showing.

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Since the early '60s, the American Hereford Association (AHA) and former American Polled Hereford Association have recognized men and women for their dedication in preparing cattle for the showing. The award is voted on by fellow herdsman and based on a person's ability as a herdsman.

Starting at the 1963 National Western Stock Show in Denver, the horned Hereford herdsman hosted a special night among themselves and elected by popular vote the Herdsman of the Year. The award is given in recognition of that herdsman's record of show

winnings, honors brought to the employer or family, or other accomplishments that are deemed extra special in his or her career.

Likewise, the polled herdsman gathered at each national show starting with the 41st National Polled Hereford Show in 1963 and recognized a Herdsman of the Year. The polled national shows rotated locations each show season.

After the merger in 1995, both a horned and polled herdsman continued to be recognized. In 2007 the decision was made to recognize a single Hereford Herdsman of the Year. In 2008 and 2009 past Herdsman of the Year recipients recognized two

individuals — Bud Snidow, Fairway, Kan., and Rex Siebert, Marion, Kan. — as Hereford Herdsman Emeritus recipients.

Through the years these top herdsman have gone on to do great things in the Hereford business, including building their own Hereford herds. Their efforts in breed promotion are greatly appreciated. On the following pages is a list of past herdsman winners. In this issue we highlight some of the past winners who continue to remain active in the breed. Watch for more features in future *Hereford World* issues. **HW**

Year	Horned Hereford Herdsman of the Year	Year	Horned Hereford Herdsman of the Year
1963	-- Art Killian, Cheyenne, Wyo.	1985	-- Jerry and Gene Stillahn, La Grand, Calif.
1964	-- Odell Gelvin, Richmond, Ill.	1986	-- Randy Beeman, Henrietta, Texas
1965	-- George Wilson, Brookville, Kan.	1987	-- Scott Downing, Ft. McKavett, Texas
1966	-- Jack Stone, Ft. Worth, Texas	1988	-- Howard and Debbie Fehlman, Junction City, Kan.
1967	-- Keith Smith, Elgin, Okla.	1989	-- Wes Hudson, Harrison, Ark.
1968	-- Kenny Eppers, Richmond, Ill.	1990	-- Steve Boyd, Connell, Wash.
1969	-- Ed Winters, Longmont, Colo.	1991	-- Bill Breeding, Miami, Texas
1970	-- Bill Peck, New Harmony, Ind.	1992	-- Mark and David Allan, Kilgore, Neb.
1971	-- J.D. Womack, Ft. Worth, Texas	1993	-- Mary Barber, Channing, Texas
1972	-- Eldon King, Kilgore, Neb.	1994	-- Adam Sellman, Crawford, Neb.
1973	-- Jack Stidham, Fredonia, Kan.	1995	-- Dave Wiese, Manning, Iowa
1974	-- Cecil "Fim" Marshal, Valentine, Neb.	1996	-- Chad Breeding, Miami, Texas
1975	-- Wayne Fields, Jay Em, Wyo.	1997	-- Jody Watson, Rockford, Ill.
1976	-- Jim and Carl Miller, Winchester, Kan.	1998	-- Scott Brown, Bruneau, Idaho
1977	-- Lyle Gross, Manning, Iowa	1999	-- Bobby Singleton, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
1978	-- Bernard Pfifer Jr., Miami, Texas	2000	-- Brooke and Kirk Bieber, Onida, S.D.
1979	-- Dennis Olson, New Harmony, Ind.	2001	-- Thomas Coop, Shelbyville, Tenn.
1980	-- Ted Morgan, Sasabe, Ariz.	2002	-- Frank Misek, High River, Alta., Canada
1981	-- Mark McClintock, Ft. McKavett, Texas	2003	-- Brent Mrnak, Bowman, N.D.
1982	-- Joe Bennett, Connell, Wash.	2004	-- Kyle Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho
1983	-- Kevin Mitty, Kilgore, Neb.	2005	-- Jason Hoffman, McArthur, Calif.
1984	-- Arlo Janssen, Lolo, Mont.	2006	-- Cody Helms, Taylor, Neb.

National

Polled Hereford Herdsman of the Year



41st – Indianapolis – Dec. '63	-----	Harold Arendt, Schneider, Ind.
42nd – Portland – Dec. '64	-----	Johnny Ryan, Middletown, Calif.
43rd – Springfield, Ill. – Dec. '65	-----	Alton Blackmon, Belle River, Ill.
44th – Oklahoma City – Dec. '66	-----	Beverly Beeson, Wayne, Neb.
45th – Columbus, Ohio – Dec. '67	-----	Dick Hubman, Middletown, Calif.
46th – Houston – Feb. '69	-----	George Rankin, Larned, Kan.
47th – Atlanta – Dec. '69	-----	Don Riffel, Enterprise, Kan.
48th – Denver – Jan. '71	-----	Gene Hitchcock, Schellsburg, Pa.
49th – Jackson – Feb. '72	-----	Erwin Serrien, Lincoln, Kan.
50th – Ft. Worth – Feb. '73	-----	John Lewis, Larned, Kan.
51st – Denver – Jan. '74	-----	Steve Decker, Osborn, Mo.
52nd – Louisville – Nov. '74	-----	Chuck Davasher, Columbus, Mont.
53rd – Kansas City – Nov. '75	-----	Dave Anderson, Gibson City, Ill.
54th – Jackson – Feb. '77	-----	Paul Trueblood, Osage City, Kan.
55th – Ft. Worth – Feb. '78	-----	Tom Weimer, Greensburg, Pa.
56th – Denver – Jan. '79	-----	Robert Botkin, Lexington, Ky.
57th – Louisville – Nov. '79	-----	Tom Patton, Rupert, Idaho
58th – Denver – Jan. '81	-----	J.C. Andras, Osage City, Kan.
59th – Jackson – Feb. '82	-----	Glenn Erickson, Maysville, Mo.
60th – Kansas City – Nov. '82	-----	John McBee, Ottawa, Kan.
61st – Louisville – Nov. '83	-----	Patti Moss, Millbrook, N.Y.
62nd – Ft. Worth – Jan. '85	-----	Bill Biglieni, Douglas, Man., Canada
63rd – Denver – Jan. '86	-----	Kevin Jensen, Courtland, Kan.
64th – Jackson – Feb. '87	-----	Don Sims, Sandersville, Ga.
65th – Kansas City – Nov. '87	-----	Todd Herman, Millbrook, N.Y.
66th – Louisville – Nov. '88	-----	John Delaney, Lake Benton, Minn.
67th – Ft. Worth – Jan. '90	-----	Greg Alsup, Fair Grove, Mo.
68th – Jackson – Feb. '91	-----	Cindy Weimer, Susanville, Calif.
69th – Louisville – Nov. '91	-----	Curtis Hedrick, Jeromesville, Ohio
70th – Ft. Worth – Jan. '93	-----	Margarete Riffel, Enterprise, Kan.
71st – Denver – Jan. '94	-----	Ned and Jan Ward, Sheridan, Wyo.
72nd – Denver – Jan. '95	-----	Steve Osborne, Courtland, Kan.
73rd – Louisville – Nov. '95	-----	Todd Edwards, Ft. Payne, Ala.
74th – Ft. Worth – Jan. '97	-----	Andrew Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky.
75th – Denver – Jan. '98	-----	Mike Runner, Skiatook, Okla.
76th – Denver – Jan. '99	-----	Rich Saltmarsh, Powell Butte, Ore.
77th – Denver – Jan. '00	-----	Hampton Cornelius, La Salle, Colo.
78th – Denver – Jan. '01	-----	Arlin Nelson, Camas, Wash.
79th – Denver – Jan. '02	-----	Josh Taylor, Skiatook, Okla.
80th – Denver – Jan. '03	-----	Randy and Jamie Mullinix, Toulon, Ill.
81st – Denver – Jan. '04	-----	Bob Goble, Alto, Mich.
82nd – Denver – Jan. '05	-----	Dylan Koepke, Freeman, S.D.
83rd – Denver – Jan. '06	-----	Tom Hawk, Earlville, Ill.



Hereford Herdsman of the Year

Hereford Herdsman Emeritus



2007 – Don Yoesel, Falls City, Neb.
 2008 – Mark Kelley, Ennis, Texas
 2009 – Kyle Perez, Nara Visa, N.M.

2008 – Bud Snidow, Fairway, Kan.,
 2009 – Rex Siebert, Marion, Kan.