

# Vickland Sweeps Steer Show

Exhibitors from across the U.S. gathered for the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Denver July 11, but it was Grant Vickland, Longmont, Colo., who walked away with both grand champion steer on hoof and carcass steer honors.

Judge Jeff Mafi, Stillwater, Okla., commented that among the 78 steers exhibited Vickland had the most complete steer in the grand drive that combined muscle, shape and structural soundness.



Jeff Mafi, Stillwater, Okla., judged 78 steers July 11.

Vickland's champion steer, weighing 1,275 lb., was sired by DB Hard Drive ET. The steer scanned a 14.8-inch ribeye, .42-inch backfat and a 4.96 marbling score, which calculated to a 2.52 Yield Grade and a carcass weight of 790 lb.

Mafi followed with Chance Deppe, Maquoketa, Iowa, for reserve with a 1,290-lb. steer sired by DB Hard Drive ET.

At check-in ultrasound data was collected on all steers for the carcass contest. Steers were

scanned for fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score. This was used for the ultrasound carcass contest that educated steer exhibitors about what goes into marketing the finished product.

Tyler Cowan, Maple Hill, Kan., won reserve champion carcass steer honors with a 1,225-lb. steer sired by JCS Showtime. The steer scanned a ribeye area of 12.5 inches, .34-inch backfat and a 4.33 marbling score, which calculated into a 2.94 Yield Grade and a 760-lb. carcass weight.

See Page 88 for class placings and data on the top 10 carcass steers. Visit [Hereford.org](http://Hereford.org) for complete results. **HW**



### Vickland steer

Grand champion steer on hoof and champion carcass steer, by Grant Vickland, Longmont, Colo., with a 1,275-lb. son of DB Hard Drive ET.



### Deppe steer

Reserve grand champion steer, by Chance Deppe, Maquoketa, Iowa, with a 1,290-lb. son of DB Hard Drive ET.



### Cowan steer

Reserve champion carcass steer, by Tyler Cowan, Maple Hill, Kan., with a 1,225-lb. son of JCS Showtime.

