

# Walkers, Tuckers, Rushtons Win Owned Heifer Honors

**W**hitney, Mason and Catelyn Walker, Prairie Grove, Ark., and their heifer TC C Lexi 88Y won the polled show at the 13th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo in Grand Island, Neb., July 8. The reserve grand champion owned polled heifer banner went to Mitchell Tucker, North Platte, Neb., with DSUL Mona Lisa 1245 ET.

Mitchell and his brother, Blake, also came out on top in the 215-head horned owned heifer show with JWG Miss Serendipity 1114. The reserve grand champion, RF Goldies Anna 1302 ET, is owned by sisters Emma and Libby Rushton, Waverly, Tenn.



**Eldon Krebs**

Judge Eldon Krebs, Gordon, Neb., commended the juniors with being involved in the livestock industry because it teaches them so much; it's the best thing to put on a résumé. He added, "No woman or man has ever had the distinct privilege of witnessing an event like this. I've judged a lot of shows; I've judged a lot of breed events, and I've never seen this many good heifers under one roof."

Prior to selecting the champions he said these exhibitors deserve a standing ovation commenting on the entire owned female show. "This is an awesome set of livestock — I don't care what breed it is," he continued. "Unbelievable."

There were 539 polled females shown but it was the Walker's heifer, an April 2011 daughter TFR Cyrus 225 ET, that was slapped the winner. She showed with expected progeny differences (EPDs) of birth weight (BW) 5.1, weaning weight (WW) 58, yearling weight (YW) 97, milk (MM) 18 and milk and growth (M&G) 46.

Tucker's reserve champion heifer is an April 2011 daughter of KJ 068J Manhattan 262S and showed with EPDs of BW 5.4, WW 48, YW 78, MM 18 and M&G 42.

The Tucker boys' Miss Serendipity first won division IV and is a May 2011 daughter of STAR TCF Shock & Awe 158W ET and showed with EPDs of



BW	5.1
WW	58
YW	97
MM	18
M&G	46

**TC C Lexi 88Y**

**Grand and division IX champion owned polled female**, by Whitney, Mason and Catelyn Walker, Prairie Grove, Ark., with a March 8, 2011, daughter TFR Cyrus 225 ET.



BW	4.0
WW	51
YW	82
MM	19
M&G	44

**JWG Miss Serendipity 1114**

**Grand and division IV champion owned horned female**, by Mitchell and Blake Tucker, North Platte, Neb., with a May 3, 2011, daughter of STAR TCF Shock & Awe 158W ET.



BW	5.4
WW	48
YW	78
MM	18
M&G	42

**DSUL Mona Lisa 1245 ET**

**Reserve grand and division VII owned polled female**, by Mitchell Tucker, North Platte, Neb., with an April 24, 2011, daughter of KJ 068J Manhattan 262S.



BW	2.5
WW	50
YW	73
MM	24
M&G	49

**RF Goldies Anna 1302 ET**

**Reserve grand and division V owned horned female**, by Emma and Libby Rushton, Waverly, Tenn., with a March 2, 2011, daughter of CRR About Time 743.

BW 4.0, WW 51, YW 82, MM 19 and M&G 44.

The Rushton girls' Anna heifer was the spring yearling division V champion first is a March 2011 daughter of CRR About Time 743 and showed with EPDs of BW 2.5, WW 50, YW 73, MM 24 and M&G 49.

Kirbie Day, Waxahachie, Texas, and Carlee Meeks, Taylor, Neb., were named the junior premier breeders and Emilee Kottkamp, Clayton, Ind., was the junior premier exhibitor. Adult premier breeder honors went to Hoffman Herefords, Thedford, Neb.

Winning the female get-of-sire award

was a group STAR TCF Shock & Awe 158W ET. The champion breeder group was presented to Kirbie Day. Texas juniors took the top state group award.

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