

# Vickland, Breedings Top Junior National Hereford Steer Show

Vada Vickland, Longmont, Colo., exhibited the grand champion progress steer and Blayke and Austin Breeding, Miami, Texas, showed the champion prospect steer at the 2012 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Grand Island, Neb., July 6.



**Ryan Rathmann**

Judge Ryan Rathmann, Lubbock, Texas, sorted 106 steers to find the winner and said he was impressed with the quality exhibited. “I think they all represent cattle that are darn good performance-type cattle — fundamentally correct, functional cattle that I wouldn’t perceive to be extreme. Cattle that will

naturally grow, feed and finish at an acceptable weight.”

Vickland’s champion progress steer sired by W4 Advance N506, weighed 1,350 lb., and had a weight per day average (WDA) of 2.78. Clayton Main, Seymour, Ind., showed the reserve champion progress steer. He weighed in at 1,298 lb. for a WDA of 2.79 and is a son of Purple Currency 24U ET.



**Vickland Steer**  
**Grand champion progress steer**, by Vada Vickland, Longmont, Colo., with a 1,350-lb. son of W4 Advance N506.



**Main Steer**  
**Reserve grand champion progress steer**, by Clayton Main, Seymour, Ind., with a 1,298-lb. of Purple Currency 24U ET.



**Breeding Steer**  
**Grand champion prospect steer**, by Austin and Blayke Breeding, Miami, Texas, with a 692-lb. son of BR DM Sooner 8043 ET.



**West Steer**  
**Reserve champion prospect steer**, by Savannah West, Channing, Texas, with a 622-lb. son of BR Summit 9139.



**Prill Steer**  
**Champion carcass steer**, by Lauren Prill, Wichita, Kan., with a 1,234-lb. son of TH 223 63N Hoss 504W ET.



**Schultz Steer**  
**Reserve champion carcass steer**, by Trevor Schultz, Columbus, Neb., with a 1,290-lb son of Purple Currency 24U ET.

The Breedings' champion prospect steer is a son of BR DM Sooner 8043 ET, weighed 692 lb. and had a WDA of 2.37. Savannah West, Channing, Texas, showed the reserve champion prospect steer, a son of BR Summit 9139 that weighed 622 lb. for a WDA of 2.48.

At check-in, ultrasound data was collected on the progress steers, including ribeye area, backfat thickness

and marbling score, and a yield grade and carcass weight were estimated.

Based on that data, Lauren Prill, Wichita, Kan., earned champion carcass steer honors with her 1,234-lb. steer LKP SJP Y32 Hoss W44 by TH 223 63N Hoss 504W ET. The steer scanned with a ribeye area of 18.8, .33 backfat, 4.63 marbling score with a calculated .92 yield grade and a carcass weight of 765 lb.

The reserve champion carcass steer was shown by Trevor Schultz, Columbus, Neb. His Purple Currency 24U ET son weighed 1,290 lb. and scanned with a 16.2 ribeye area, .32 backfat and a 4.05 marbling score, resulting in a 1.86 yield grade and 800-lb. carcass.

See Page 107 for class placings and top 10 carcass placings. Visit [Hereford.org](http://Hereford.org) for complete results. **HW**