

# The NJHA Wants You

Are you already involved in 4-H or FFA? Maybe you own a Hereford heifer and keep her at someone else's farm, maybe you and your family own a hundred Hereford cows, maybe you just LOVE Hereford cows and dream of one day having a Hereford to call your own.

A love for agriculture and an interest in Hereford cattle, that's all you need to become a member of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA). If you are in 4-H or FFA, you're already halfway there!

The NJHA is one of the largest youth cattle organizations in the world, with more than 2,000 junior

members. It's not just all about cows in the NJHA; in fact, you don't even have to own one!

The NJHA gives youth members between the ages of 7 and 22 advantages and opportunities like no other. The NJHA has something for everyone from scholarships to basketball competitions, the Hereford Idol competition to quiz bowl and even a chance to win a new Hereford calf.

The Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) is hosted in July every year. It is a magnificent family event. More than a thousand kids and their families gather with their show cattle to enjoy a week of meeting new friends; catching up with old friends; competing in scholarship, creative arts, speech and grill-off contests — to name a few; and showing Hereford cattle.

Several weeks after JNHE, the NJHA hosts Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Convention. This event is for junior members from across the country along with advisors and chaperones from the represented state associations. The last convention was in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia; the next one will be in Boise, Idaho, Aug. 2-4, 2010, so mark your calendars and stay tuned as more details become available.

PRIDE gives junior members a chance to gather together without cattle for three days to focus on leadership building, Hereford farm and ranch tours, and the opportunity to meet people

from all across the country with similar interests. It's also a great opportunity to travel and see the local sites!

If you are ready to take advantage of the opportunities, join the NJHA today! It's quick and easy, and you can join as an active junior member for \$15 per year. If you are not already a member, the annual dues must be paid in order for you to exhibit in American Hereford Association (AHA) junior shows, compete for scholarships and awards, run for junior office and participate in any other NJHA activities for the upcoming year. In addition to not being able to participate in activities, only current members who have paid their dues will receive mailings from the AHA such as Junior AI notifications, *The Advantage* newsletters and the JNHE entry packet. If you intend to register cattle in the next year there is also a \$20 member service fee.

Visit [JrHereford.org](http://JrHereford.org) to become a member. While you're online, be sure to become a fan of the NJHA on Facebook. If you have any questions, give me a call or shoot me an e-mail, and I'll be happy to talk with you about all the places I've been, the people I've met and the cattle I've seen thanks to this life-changing organization. **HW**

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