

Nash-Deewall Family Honored with Century Breeder Award

In celebration of 100 years in the Hereford business, Franklin Nash & Family Herefords and Mike Deewall Family Herefords, Coldwater, Kan., were honored as a Century Hereford Breeder during the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Meeting Oct. 31. Craig Huffhines, AHA executive vice president, presented the award to Jane Nash Deewall along with her husband, Mike Deewall; sister, Julie Nash; brother, Jeff Nash, and his wife, Sherry; daughter, Dr. Kelly Deewall Shupe, and her husband, Nathan; and son, Kent Deewall, and his wife, Mary, at the Hereford Honorees Reception.

Jane's grandfather, Walter C. Nash, purchased the operation's first registered Hereford cattle in 1914. At that time the ranch was northwest of Canon City, Colo. Those cattle were of Gudgell & Simpson breeding. Walter and his son, Franklin, made key purchases in the 1930s of Dominant Mischief from W.N Balyney and Advance Domino 84 from Fred C. DeBerard. Today's Deewall cattle still trace back to these two influential bulls.

Franklin Nash, Jane's father, was considered an expert in linebreeding. With the exception of his military service during WWII, he spent his life working to improve the herd. One large ranch in Saguache, Colo., purchased Nash Ranch bulls for 60 straight years. That family still buys bulls today from Jane and Mike.

Jane and Mike attended Oklahoma State University (OSU), were on the livestock judging team and graduated



Franklin Nash & Family Herefords and Mike Deewall Family Herefords, Coldwater, Kan., were honored as a Century Hereford Breeder Oct. 31, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured sitting (l to r) are: Jeff Nash, McCloud, Kan.; Mike and Jane (Nash) Deewall, Coldwater, Kan.; and Julie Nash, Colorado Springs, Colo. Back row (l to r) are: Eric Walker, 2015 AHA president, Morrison, Tenn.; Sherry Nash, McCloud, Kan.; Mary and Kent Deewall, Norman, Okla.; Nathan and Dr. Kelly (Deewall) Shupe, Ashland, Kan.; and Steve Lambert, 2014 AHA president, Oroville, Calif.

with animal science degrees. Mike held several positions over the years, working for Turner Ranch, OSU, Higgins Herefords, Middleswarth Herefords and LeForce Herefords.

In 1991 Mike and Jane started purchasing cattle from Jane's family. Then in 1998, they settled on the Deewall ranch south of Coldwater that had been in Mike's family since 1892. Eventually, all the Nash Herefords found their way to Kansas. Mike and Jane also run a commercial Hereford herd based on his family's cow herd genetics.

Mike worked as the Comanche County Extension Agent for eight years but recently retired, and Jane works part-time for Stalcup Accounting in addition to operating Nash Originals LLC, a food gift box company.

They have two children, Kelly and Kent. Kelly is a veterinarian, practicing in nearby Ashland, Kan. She will continue the Nash/Deewall Hereford operation. Kent lives in Norman, Okla., and is the account manager for Quality Beverages. **HW**