

# Hereford Youth Awarded in NJHA Fed Steer Shootout Contest

In its second year, the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) Fed Steer Shootout presented 19 awards to 15 Hereford youth.

“We are excited to award these Hereford youth who participated in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout,” says Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs. “The program doubled in size in its second year, and we expect the program to continue to grow and give junior members an opportunity to gain valuable industry experience. Growing involvement in programs such as the Fed Steer Shootout is a great testament to the energy around the Hereford breed in the commercial industry, as well as the investment being made to advance youth programs.”

This year, 37 youth from 13 states entered 149 steers in the Fed Steer Shootout program. Contestants had the opportunity to collect actual feedlot performance and carcass merit data during the contest, ultimately learning about the importance of ultrasound technology, genetics and health. All steers were fed at Gregory Feedlots in Tabor, Iowa, in partnership with David Trowbridge and Gregory Feedlots.

BioZyme® Inc. and the Hereford Research Foundation sponsored \$10,000 in cash awards and Anderson Bean Boot Co. provided handcrafted boots for the winners. Endovac® Animal Health, UltraInsights Processing Lab Inc., GeneSeek®, Allflex® USA and Zoetis Animal Health also sponsored the program.

## This year’s award winners are:

### Purebred pen of three, group one

Champion: Molly Biggs, Dixon, Ill.  
Reserve: Austin Folkman, Ixonia, Wis.

### Purebred pen of three, group two

Champion: Wyatt Johnson, Milford, Iowa  
Reserve: Lydia Shaw, Caldwell, Idaho

### Purebred individual, group one

Champion and Reserve: Macy Reed, Green Ridge, Mo.

### Purebred individual, group two

Champion: Cierra Collins, Chattanooga, Okla.  
Reserve: Tava Gustafson, Junction City, Kan.

### Commercial pen of three, group one

Champion: MacKenzie Trowbridge, Tabor, Iowa  
Reserve: Trevor Johnson, Centerville, S.D.

### Commercial pen of three, group two

Champion: Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb.  
Reserve: Ben Ridder, Marthasville, Mo.

### Commercial individual, group one

Champion: Emily Cranwell, Hays, Kan.  
Reserve: Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb.

### Commercial individual, group two

Champion: Mark Haygood, Canadian, Texas  
Reserve: Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb.

### Overall champion, group one

Regan Carlson, Murdock, Minn.

### Overall champion, group two

Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb.

### Junior of the year

Tate Johnson, Centerville, S.D. **HW**



**Molly Biggs**, Dixon, Ill., consigned the champion pen of three Hereford steers, group one, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme, Inc.; Molly Biggs; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Austin Folkman**, Ixonia, Wis., consigned the reserve champion purebred pen of three Hereford steers, group one, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Austin Folkman; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Lydia Shaw**, Caldwell, Idaho, consigned the reserve champion purebred pen of three Hereford steers, group two, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Lydia Shaw; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Macy Reed**, Green Ridge, Mo., consigned the champion purebred individual steer, group one; and the reserve champion purebred individual steer, group one, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Macy Reed; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Cierra Collins**, Chattanooga, Okla., consigned the champion purebred individual steer, group two, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Cierra Collins; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Tava Gustafson**, Junction City, Kan., consigned the reserve champion purebred individual steer, group two, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Tava Gustafson; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Trevor Johnson**, Centerville, S.D., consigned the reserve champion commercial pen of three Hereford steers, group one, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Trevor Johnson; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Hannah Williams**, Kearney, Neb., consigned the champion commercial pen of three Hereford steers, group two; the reserve champion commercial individual steer, group one; the reserve champion commercial individual steer, group two; and the overall champion steer, group two, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Hannah Williams; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs; and Amy Cowan, AHA director of youth activities and foundation.

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**Ben Ridder**, Marthasville, Mo., consigned the reserve champion commercial pen of three Hereford steers, group two, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Ben Ridder; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Regan Carlson**, Murdock, Minn., consigned the overall champion steer, group one, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Mallory Carlson accepting for Regan Carlson; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Emily Cranwell**, Hays, Kan., was named champion individual commercial steer in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Emily Cranwell; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Mark Haygood**, Canadian, Texas, consigned the champion commercial individual steer, group two, in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Mark Haygood; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



**Tate Johnson**, Centerville, S.D., was named junior of the year in the 2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout. Pictured (l to r) are: Austin Matheny, 2018 NJHA Chairman; Ashley Fitzsimmons, BioZyme Inc.; Tate Johnson; Jessie Judge, BioZyme Inc.; Abbygail Pitstick, 2018 National Hereford Queen; and Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.



Since its inception, the Feed the Future program has given back to youth education and research. As a way to bridge the gap and educate Hereford youth about the cattle feeding industry, BioZyme has committed revenue generated from Feed the Future and other resources to support the Fed Steer Shootout. This year, the donation equated to \$30,000 for the program.