

A League of Their Own

The grounds of the Denver Stockyards were filled with the red and white breed Jan. 16-19 for the 2019 National Western Stock Show (NWSS), garnering close attention from an excited crowd. Herefords put on a spectacular performance on the Hill and in the Yards, with a total of 806 head exhibited in the 113th NWSS — dubbed the “Year of the Yards.”

On the Hill

Hereford activities were kicked off Wednesday, Jan. 16, with the 195-head junior show in the Stadium Arena on the Hill, judged by Todd Herman, Lima, Ohio. Cory, Logan and Lucas Stumpf, Columbia, Ill., exhibited the grand champion polled female, GEN-LOR Reba E14. The reserve champion polled female, T/R Elsie E118 ET, was exhibited by Beau Ann Graves, Chillicothe, Mo.

The grand champion horned female, B&C Ms Mighty 8017F, was exhibited by Blayke Breeding, Miami, Texas. The reserve champion horned female, JCS Miss Buttercup 7296, was exhibited by Kynsleigh and Sage Krebs, Gordon, Neb.



Junior exhibitors took the Hill by storm to kick off the 113th National Western.

Thursday, Jan. 17, Charlie Boyd Jr., Mays Lick, Ky., along with associate judge Blake Boyd, Mays Lick, evaluated the impressive bull show. BR Belle Air 6011, by Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas; Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho; Bill King, Moriarty, N.M.; and Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas, took home champion horned bull honors. The reserve grand champion horned bull went to EXR Bankroll 8130 ET, owned by Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.



Judges Charlie Boyd Jr. (l) and Blake Boyd (r) were challenged to sort through some of the best cattle in the breed during the Hill shows.



Judge Todd Herman applauded Hereford youth on their ability to raise, prepare and exhibit Hereford cattle at such a high level.



The bull show brought out some of the most elite genetics in the Hereford breed today.

Winning grand champion polled bull was Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, Neb.; Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.; Williams Hilltop Farms, Rushford, Minn.; and Ward Ranch, Edmond, Okla., with H Deberard 7454 ET. Reserve grand champion polled bull went to Brady Jensen, Courtland, Kan., with KJ BJ Landmark 210F ET.

Hill champions are pictured on Pages 49-53, and Hill class placings can be found on Pages 72-79.

In the Yards

Despite some inclement weather, Friday, Jan. 18, brought the pen and carload show judged by John McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; Cody Sankey, Economy, Ind.; and Brent Meeks, Taylor, Neb. A total of 44 bull pens, 22 heifer pens and five carloads were exhibited.

Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, Neb., took home champion carload, and the reserve champion carload was exhibited by Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn.

Champion honors for the bull pen-of-three show went to Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla. Jensen Bros., Courtland, Kan., exhibited the reserve champion bull pen.

The grand champion pen of females was exhibited by Pérez Cattle Co., Nara Visa, N.M., while Krebs Ranch, Gordon, Neb., took home the reserve champion pen-of-three females banner.

To view more details about the champion pens and carloads, turn to Page 54. Find placings on Page 80.



Judges Cody Sankey, John McCurry and Brent Meeks were tasked with sorting the deep carload and pen show.



The pen show offers Hereford breeders an opportunity to scope out the most impressive seedstock on the market.



The Hereford carload show packed the house with attendees seeking out their next herd sire.

On the auction block

The Mile High Night National Hereford Sale ended Friday night with a boom, where 38 lots grossed \$836,450 and averaged \$24,425 to a crowd of more than 5,000 when Eddie Burks silenced the gavel.

“The Mile High Night National Hereford Sale in Denver is a credit to

the Hereford breed and breeders,” says Joe Rickabaugh, American Hereford Association (AHA) director of seedstock marketing. “The consignors continue to bring advancing Hereford genetics to the National Western and these genetics are readily accepted by the many cattle enthusiasts of all

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Cort Scheer, professional saddle bronc rider, shared a few words about his passion for supporting Hereford youth to Mile High Night attendees.

breeds who flood the showing floor annually to witness this sale. This year's crowd at the Mile High Night Sale was one for the record books."

Nine bull lots grossed \$364,200 and averaged \$40,467. Twenty-six female lots grossed \$447,250 and averaged \$17,202. Three pregnancies grossed \$25,000 and averaged \$8,333. For more information on the sale, turn to Page 60.

Lot 1, LCC 6964 Queen Bee 43F ET, raised \$120,000 to benefit the Hereford Youth Foundation of America's (HYFA) Growing a Lasting Legacy Campaign. The Queen was purchased by Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, Neb.; Upstream Ranch, Taylor, Neb.; HME Cattle Co., Winterville, Ga.; Hopper Herefords, Germantown, Ky.; and Cort Scheer, Bassett, Neb. She was donated by Lowderman Cattle Co., Macomb, Ill., and Michelini Cattle Co., Peru, Ill. For more details about this year's Foundation Female, turn to page 58.

The finale

The National Hereford Female Show brought the crowd back to the Hill Saturday, Jan. 19.

Judges Charlie Boyd Jr. and Blake Boyd selected NJW 36A 10W Turquoise 22E ET by Ned and Jan Ward, Sheridan, Wyo.; and Pablo Herrera, Sheridan, Wyo., as the grand champion polled female.

On the horned side, Moore Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., exhibited the grand champion horned female, BK Enchanted Points 7083E ET. The Porter Family Partnership, Greenfield, Tenn., won the reserve champion horned female banner with Lillies Spice.

Before the supreme champion selection, Matt Scasta, Madill, Okla., was selected as the 2019 Hereford Herdsman of the Year. Learn more about him on page 64.

After selection of the champion females, the judges selected the horned bull, Belle Air 6011, as supreme champion Hereford out of 363 total head exhibited in the open show. **HW**



Hereford breeders brought their best females to the Hill for fierce competition to round out the week.



The supreme drive was one for the record books as BR Belle Air 6011 claimed supreme Hereford honors.