

Team Fitting Title Awarded to Illinois



Pictured (l to r) are first place team members from Illinois: **Stetson Storey**, Stockton; **Noah Benedict**, Dewey; and **Kade Boatman**, Rockford.

Teams from state associations of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) flocked to Stadium Arena to demonstrate their fitting skills in the Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University team fitting contest during the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), July 9, in Denver.

The objective of the team fitting contest is to encourage team participation for the preparation of an animal for the showing. In this competition, a team of three has 45 minutes to fit a heifer for the judge, and one member of the team then shows the heifer.

Judge and 2019 American Hereford Association Hereford Herdsman of the Year, Matt Scasta, Madill, Okla., selected Illinois as champion team. Members were: Stetson Storey, Stockton; Kade Boatman, Rockford; and Noah Benedict, Dewey.

Nebraska came in second place in the fitting competition with team members: Kaisha Alber, Guide Rock; Matt Bruns, N. Platte; and Jake Sellman, Crawford. The third-place title went to the Indiana team consisting of: Maddox Gunn, Greenfield; Collin Deatsman, Leesburg; and Payton Farmer, Brownstown. **HW**

Team Fitting



2019 Hereford Herdsman of the Year Matt Scasta, Madill, Okla., judged the team fitting competition.



Pictured are team fitting contest winners: first place team members from Illinois: **Stetson Storey**, Stockton; **Kade Boatman**, Rockford; and **Noah Benedict**, Dewey; second place team members from Nebraska: **Kaisha Alber**, Guide Rock; **Matt Bruns**, North Platte; and **Jake Sellman**, Crawford; and third place team members from Indiana: **Maddox Gunn**, Greenfield; **Collin Deatsman**, Leesburg; and **Payton Farmer**, Brownstown. Also pictured is Taylor Harrison, Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University