

# Delegates

Each state Hereford association elects delegates to attend the AHA Annual Meeting to vote on the candidates vying for positions on the Board of Directors. Below are this year's delegates.

## Alabama

*Two delegates to be determined*

## Arkansas

**Craig Bacon**  
Bacon Herefords  
Siloam Springs, Ark.

**Phillip Moon**  
Moon Herefords  
Harrison, Ark.

**Scott Sullivan**  
Triple S. Ranch  
De Queen, Ark.

## California

**Karl Blagg**  
Blagg Herefords  
Grass Valley, Calif.

**Steve Lambert**  
Lambert Ranch  
Oroville, Calif.

**Mark St. Pierre**  
Pedretti Ranch  
El Nido, Calif.

## Colorado

**Jane Evans Cornelius**  
Coyote Ridge Ranch  
La Salle, Colo.

**Marshall Ernst**  
Ernst Herefords  
Windsor, Colo.

*One delegate to be determined*

## Idaho

**Guy Colyer**  
Colyer Herefords  
Bruneau, Idaho

**Katie Colyer**  
Bruneau, Idaho

**Sam Shaw**  
Shaw Cattle Co.  
Caldwell, Idaho

*One delegate to be determined*

## Illinois

**Tammy Boatman**  
Perks Ranch  
Rockford, Ill.

**Joe Ellis**  
Ellis Farms  
Chrisman, Ill.

**James Milligan**  
Milligan Herefords  
Kings, Ill.

**Mark Stephens**  
Stephens Hereford Farms  
Taylorville, Ill.

**Scott Torrance**  
Torrance Herefords  
Media, Ill.

*One delegate to be determined*

## Indiana

**Andy Beck**  
Beck-Powell Polled Herefords  
Bainbridge, Ind.

**Jill Duncan**  
Able Acres  
Wingate, Ind.

**Bruce Everhart**  
Everhart Farms  
Waldron, Ind.

**Bob Greives**  
Greives Herefords  
W. Lafayette, Ind.

## Iowa

**Crystal Blin**  
JJB Cattle Co.  
Independence, Iowa

**Marilyn Lenth**  
Lenth Herefords  
Postville, Iowa

**Charles Rife**  
R&R Cattle Co.  
Wilton, Iowa

**Mike Simpson**  
Simpson Polled Herefords  
Redfield, Iowa

**Chance Wiese**  
Wiese & Sons  
Manning, Iowa

## Kansas

**Oliver Beall**  
Broken B Herefords  
Stockton, Kan.

**Craig Beran**  
B&D Herefords  
Claflin, Kan.

**Dave Breiner**  
Mill Creek Ranch  
Alma, Kan.

**Dean Davis**  
Davis Herefords  
Maple Hill, Kan.

**Tom Granzow**  
Granzow Herefords  
Herington, Kan.

**Kevin Jensen**  
Jensen Bros.  
Courtland, Kan.

**Jan Oleen**  
Oleen Bros.  
Dwight, Kan.

**Kevin Schultz**  
Sandhill Farms  
Haviland, Kan.

**Glenn Oleen**  
Oleen Cattle Co.  
Falun, Kan.

## Kentucky

**Charlie Boyd**  
Boyd Beef Cattle  
Mays Lick, Ky.

**Darrell Crawford**  
Crawford Farm  
Auburn, Ky.

**Ben Smith**  
Brandenburg, Ky.

## Louisiana

*Two delegates to be determined*

## Michigan

**Nancy Keilty**  
Cottonwood Springs Farm  
Cedar, Mich.

**Jill Bielema**  
Grand Meadows Farm  
Ada, Mich.

## Minnesota

**Jerry Delaney**  
Delaney Herefords  
Lake Benton, Minn.

**Robert Orsten**  
Cardinal Creek Cattle Co.  
Willmar, Minn.

**Robert Werk**  
Werk Herefords  
Herman, Minn.

## Mississippi

**Joe Waggoner**  
Waggoner Cattle  
Jackson, Miss.

**Jim O'Mara**  
Broadlawn Farm  
Lena, Miss.

## Missouri

**Darrell Aufdenberg**  
Aufdenberg Polled Herefords  
Jackson, Mo.

**Jim Bellis**  
Jim D. Bellis Family  
Aurora, Mo.

**Larry Day**  
Day's Family Farm  
Pilot Grove, Mo.

**Marty Lueck**  
Journagan Ranch/Missouri  
State University  
Mountain Grove, Mo.

**Travis McConaughy**  
WMC Cattle Co.  
Wasola, Mo.

**Jim Reed**  
Reed Farms  
Green Ridge, Mo.

**Edgar Roth**  
Roth Hereford Farm  
Windsor, Mo.

## Montana

**Mark Cooper**  
Cooper Hereford Ranch  
Willow Creek, Mont.

**Carl Loyning**  
L Bar W Cattle Co.  
Absarokee, Mont.

**Fred McMurry**  
McMurry Cattle  
Billings, Mont.

**Bruce Thomas**  
Thomas Herefords  
Gold Creek, Mont.

**Dale Venhuizen**  
Churchill Cattle Co.  
Manhattan, Mont.

## Nebraska

**Doug Bolte**  
Blueberry Hill Farms Inc.  
Norfolk, Neb.

**Marie Farr**  
XA Cattle  
Moorefield, Neb.

**Dave Goetz**  
Double Heart Diamond Cattle  
Berwyn, Neb.

**Dennis Hoffman**  
Hoffman Herefords  
Thedford, Neb.

**Scott McGee**  
Valley Creek Ranch  
Fairbury, Neb.

**Brent Meeks**  
Upstream Ranch  
Taylor, Neb.

**Mike Nolles**  
Nolles Cattle Co.  
Bassett, Neb.

**Ron Schutte**  
Alfred Schutte & Sons  
Guide Rock, Neb.

**Russ Tegtmeier**  
Clarence Tegtmeier & Sons  
Burchard, Neb.

**Joe Van Newkirk**  
Van Newkirk Herefords  
Oshkosh, Neb.

## Nevada

**Donald Brumley**  
Brumley Farms  
Orovada, Nev.

## New Mexico

**Cliff Copeland**  
Copeland & Sons LLC  
Nara Visa, N.M.

**Becky King-Spindle**  
Bill King Ranch  
Moriarty, N.M.

## New York

**Tim Dennis**  
Glade Haven Herefords  
Penn Yan, N.Y.

**John Kriese**  
Spring Pond Farm II  
Branchport, N.Y.

## North Carolina

**Jim Davis**  
Terrace Farms  
Lexington, N.C.

**Kim Prestwood**  
SP Prestwood  
Hudson, N.C.

## North Dakota

**Roger Stuber**  
Stuber Ranch  
Bowman, N.D.

*Three delegates to be determined*

## Ohio

**Lisa Keets**  
Berlin Heights, Ohio

**John Ostgaard**  
Ostgaard Cattle Co.  
Dayton, Ohio

*One delegate to be determined*

## Oklahoma

**Rindy Bacon**  
Turkey Feather Ranch  
Ada, Okla.

**Joel Birdwell**  
Birdwell Ranch  
Kingfisher, Okla.

**Curtis Curry**  
Curry Herefords  
McAlester, Okla.

**Leslie Harrison**  
Harrison Cattle Co.  
Arapaho, Okla.

**Jimmy Johnson**  
Red Hills Herefords  
Clinton, Okla.

**John Loewen**  
Loewen Herefords  
Waukomis, Okla.

**Eddie Sims**  
MCS Cattle Co.  
Elgin, Okla.

*Two delegates to be determined*

## Oregon

**David Bird**  
Bird Herefords  
Halfway, Ore.

**Duane Chandler**  
Chandler Herefords  
Baker City, Ore.

**George Sprague**  
Bar One Ranch  
Eugene, Ore.

# National Hereford Queen Candidates

## Pennsylvania

**Les Midla**  
Flat Stone Lick  
Marianna, Pa.

**Paul Slayton**  
Slayton's BearDance  
Bedford, Pa.

## South Carolina

Two delegates to be determined

## South Dakota

**Pete Atkins**  
Atkins Herefords  
Tea, S.D.

**Phill Eggers**  
Eggers Southview Farms  
Sioux Falls, S.D.

**Daniel Fawcett**  
Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch  
Ree Heights, S.D.

**Mark Frederickson**  
Frederickson Ranch  
Spearfish, S.D.

**Jeff Gerlach**  
Stickney, S.D.

**Jerome Ollerich**  
Ollerich Bros. Herefords  
Clearfield, S.D.

**Vern Rausch**  
Rausch Herefords  
Hoven, S.D.

**Dick Wettlaufer**  
Winfred, S.D.

## Tennessee

**Billy Ashe**  
Ashewood Farm  
Selmer, Tenn.

**Rob Helms**  
Candy Meadow Farms Inc.  
Lexington, Tenn.

**Roy Hopkins**  
Hopkins Ranch of Herefords  
Winchester, Tenn.

**Jeremiah Malone**  
JM Cattle Co. LLC  
Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

**Eric Walker**  
Walker Herefords  
Morrison, Tenn.

## Texas

**Brett Barber**  
Barber Ranch  
Channing, Texas

**Terri Barber**  
Barber Ranch  
Channing, Texas

**Gary Buchholz**  
GKB Cattle  
Waxahachie, Texas

**Jack Chastain**  
Chastain Cattle Co.  
Ft. Worth, Texas

**Glenn Chitwood Jr.**  
Wichita Falls, Texas

**Stephen Coates**  
Coates Ranch Co.  
Mertzon, Texas

**Larry Collins**  
Collins Cattle Co.  
Hughes Springs, Texas

**Mike Doyle**  
Doyle Hereford Ranch  
Garland, Texas

**Paul Funk**  
Spearhead Ranch  
Copperas Cove, Texas

**Lee Haygood**  
Indian Mound Ranch  
Canadian, Texas

**Tim Lockhart**  
Double L Cattle  
Bryan, Texas

**Barbara Metch**  
Metch Polled Herefords  
Canton, Texas

**Scott Nolan**  
Nolan Herefords  
Gilmer, Texas

**Susan Rader**  
Mt. Vernon, Texas

**Keith Rogers**  
Hidden Oaks Ranch  
Hamilton, Texas

**Loyd Whitehead**  
Rocking Chair Ranch  
Menard, Texas

One delegate to be determined

## Utah

**Scott Rees**  
Rees Bros. Herefords  
Morgan, Utah

## Virginia

**Paul Bennett**  
Knoll Crest Farm  
Red House, Va.

**Robert Schaffer**  
Deer Track Farm  
Spotsylvania, Va.

## Washington

**Joe Bennett**  
BB Cattle Co.  
Connell, Wash.

**William Cox**  
CX Ranch  
Pomeroy, Wash.

## West Virginia

**Derek Haught**  
Five Star Polled Herefords  
Smithville, W.Va.

**Neil Litton**  
Cottle Bros.  
Summersville, W.Va.

## Wisconsin

**Steve Folkman**  
C&L Hereford Ranch  
Ixonia, Wis.

**Jerry Huth**  
Huth Polled Herefords  
Oakfield, Wis.

**Fred Larson**  
Larson Hereford Farm  
Spring Valley, Wis.

**Steven Merry**  
MGM/S&J Merry & Family  
Hartford, Wis.

## Wyoming

**Dale Micheli**  
Micheli Herefords  
Ft. Bridger, Wyo.

**Jay Middleswarth**  
Middleswarth Herefords  
Torrington, Wyo.

**Gene Stillahn**  
Sticks & Stones Ranch  
Cheyenne, Wyo.

**Jan Ward**  
NJW Polled Herefords  
Sheridan, Wyo.

## Florida/Georgia

**Hardy Edwards**  
Winterville, Ga.

**Johnny Harris**  
Greenview Polled Hereford  
Screven, Ga.

**Whitey Hunt**  
Innisfail Farm  
Madison, Ga.

**Tommy Mead**  
Mead Cattle  
Midville, Ga.

## New England

**Dave Lamenzo**  
Maple Edge Hereford Farm  
Bloomfield, Conn.

## Upper Atlantic

Two delegates to be determined

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During the Annual Meeting, eight state Hereford queens will contend for the honor of being named the National Hereford Queen. The new queen will be announced during the National Hereford Show on Sunday at the American Royal. Pictured below are this year's candidates.

### Karstyn Cantrell, Collinsville, Okla.

Karstyn is the 17-year-old daughter of Steve and Michelle Cantrell. Wrapping up her senior year at Skiatook High School, she looks forward to pursuing a degree in agricultural education and agricultural communications at Oklahoma State University next fall. This 12-year state association member has served as the state sweetheart, reporter, and now queen. At the national level, she has been involved at Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) giving illustrated speeches and participating in team marketing over the last 10 years. Karstyn has also enjoyed attending events such as Faces of Leadership with the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA).



### Haleigh Ferguson, Smithton, Mo.

Haleigh is the 18-year-old daughter of Marty and Kim Ferguson. She is a 2019 graduate of Smithton High School, and she is attending Central Methodist University as a freshman. This future nurse was the fundraising chair for her state junior Hereford association and is the current reporter. During her tenure in high school, she was involved with the National Honor Society, band, sports, drama, and the speech club. The 2-year JNHE attendee has competed in the illustrated speech, extemporaneous speech, individual sales, quiz bowl, livestock judging, and showmanship contests.



### Melanie Fishel, Kernersville, N.C.

Melanie is the 21-year-old daughter of Neil and Karen Fishel. She is a senior agricultural business management major with minors in animal science, crop science and economics at North Carolina State University. Melanie is also a member of the university livestock judging team, the Collegiate Cattlemen's Association, the University Scholars Program, Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority, and the bass fishing team. She is the past secretary/treasurer and president of her state junior association in addition to serving as the state queen. Melanie is a 4-year NJHA member, competing in speech contests, individual sales, quiz bowl, livestock judging and showmanship.



### Molly Minihan, Claflin, Kan.

Molly is the 18-year-old daughter of Mark and Carol Minihan. She graduated from Onaga High School in May 2019 and is in her freshman year of an agricultural business degree at Fort Hays State University currently. As a 5-year member of the Kansas Junior Hereford Association, she has been the state queen and a member of the board. Molly has also been a member of the NJHA for five years, competing in livestock judging, photography, individual sales, showmanship, Certified Hereford Beef® Grill-Off and the quiz bowl.



### Audrey Nolan, Belville, Texas

Audrey is the 17-year-old daughter of Scott and Alise Nolan. The spring 2020 Gilmer High School graduate looks forward to attending Texas A&M University to pursue an environmental design degree. Audrey is highly active in school clubs and organizations as well as 4-H and FFA. As a member of the Texas Junior Hereford Association since 2007, she has served in many director positions, including president and current reporter. The 2019 Texas Hereford Queen has been a member of NJHA since 2010, while also competing in livestock judging, showmanship, Certified Hereford Beef Grill-Off and illustrated speech at JNHE.



### Gracie Oates, Paradise, Texas

Gracie is the 17-year-old daughter of Denise and Leslie Oates. The soon-to-be Paradise High School graduate has plans to attend West Texas A&M University and pursue a degree in agricultural communications and agricultural business. Within her state association, Gracie has participated in the illustrated speech, team sales and individual sales contests, as well as served as a director for both the polled and horned state associations. Through the NJHA, she has competed in the extemporaneous speech, individual speech and team sales contests. At JNHE, she has also enjoyed the Pen-to-Pen Program.



### Hannah Pearson, Oconto, Neb.

Hannah is the 18-year-old daughter of Wade and Michelle Pearson. The Thedford Public School graduate is a current freshman at Texas Tech University, majoring in agricultural communications. She has enjoyed working on her family cattle ranch, Pearson Ranch, her entire life and has developed a passion for the cattle industry through the hard work. She was an avid 4-H and FFA member throughout her high school career. At JNHE, outside of the showring, she participates in informative speech, extemporaneous speech and the livestock judging contest.



### Libby Rushton, Waverly, Tenn.

Libby is the 17-year-old daughter of Lee and Andrea Rushton. The Waverly Central High School senior has been a Tennessee Junior Hereford Association member since 2011. She has served as the past state reporter, president and representative, as well as the state queen. In school, she has been the class president and vice president, and participated in volleyball, the chorus and other school clubs. Livestock judging and the Certified Hereford Beef Grill-Off are among this 8-year NJHA members favorite events at the JNHE. HW

