

2020 State Tours in Review

A summary of last year's state tours hosted by Hereford breeders.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, numerous state tours, field days and workshops were cancelled. Below are the two tours reported to *Hereford World*. **HW**

Illinois Hereford Association

The Illinois Hereford Association hosted the 2020 Illinois Hereford Tour Aug. 29-30. On the first leg of the event, the featured stops were Burns Polled Herefords, Coulterville; Fauth Polled Herefords, New Athens; and Gen-Lor Farm, Columbia. Attendees then gathered the final day at Single Oaks Polled Herefords, Waterloo.



Illinois Hereford breeders gathered for a weekend spent touring multiple operations featuring high-quality Hereford cattle.

Iowa Hereford Breeders

The Iowa Hereford Breeders Tour was Aug. 30, in the west central region of Iowa. The tour kicked off with a stop at Wiese Farms, where Chance and Dave Wiese outlined their family's program in Manning. The attendees were able to sort through several pens of high-quality cattle. The next stop for Iowa breeders was at Templeton Rye Distillery in Templeton. A spokesperson gave a historical overview of the facility, which ships Templeton Rye worldwide.

Chad Wilkerson, Linden, followed the distillery stop and shared with the attendees his program that focuses on providing superior recipients to seedstock producers from around the country. The group then travelled to Simpson Polled Herefords in Redfield. Mike Simpson opened his gates to allow attendees to sort through cattle on display. Andy Montag and Andy McLaughlin, partners of 2 AM Cattle Co., rounded out the tour by explaining their operation on display at Brenton Feedyards.



A large gathering was on hand for the Iowa tour. The Templeton Rye Barrell tree provided quite a backdrop.