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A Cattlemen's Congregation

The beef industry ventured to Oklahoma City for the inaugural Cattlemen's Congress.

After the postponement of the 115th National Western Stock Show, cattle producers quickly rallied together to plan the first Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, where exhibitors displayed 9,627 head of cattle representing 33 breeds from 44 states and Canada.

The national Hereford show featured 677 head, exhibited Jan. 7-10. The four-day event included a junior show, open bull show, pen show, open female show and the Hereford Night National Sale. Keep reading for the major highlights.

Junior show

Judge Shane Werk, Manhattan, Kan., evaluated 274 head in the junior show, Jan. 7, to kick off the Hereford display in the Jim Norick Arena.



Lauren May, Mineral Point, Wis., exhibited the polled champion female, Purple HB LMAY Star 189G. The horned champion female was awarded to Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas, with KOLT GARW Candi Stock 25 ET.

Will, Thomas and Ben Freking, Alpha, Minn., captured reserve honors in both the polled and horned shows. The polled reserve champion female title went to ECR MC LDSC Flo's 1928 ET and H BL Miss Spice 938 ET claimed horned reserve champion female.

Bull show

Brandon Callis, Minco, Okla., sorted the 82-head Hereford bull show. Hoffman Herefords, Thedford, Neb.; Haroldsons Polled Herefords, Wawota, Saskatchewan; and Poplar Meadows, Houston, British Columbia, took home polled champion honors with Haroldson's United 33D 36G.

The champion horned bull went to Blakelee Hayes, Ada, Okla., and Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., with BK BH Fast Ball F102 ET.

JMS Ranch, Carthage, Texas; Morris Hereford Farms, Carthage, Texas; Kirbie Day Sims, Waxahachie, Texas; and Neal McCoy, Longview, Texas, received the polled reserve champion bull banner with KLD RW Marksman D87 ET. Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas, was named reserve champion horned bull with BR 109 Catapult G032 ET.



Pen show

Saturday, Jan. 9, began with the pen show judged by Keith Phillips, Mays Lick, Ky.; Brent Mrnak, Bowman, N.D.; and Troy Thomas, Harrold, S.D. The three judges sorted nine female pens, four pen-of-five bulls and 17 pen-of-three bulls for a total of 98 Hereford cattle.

Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., won the pen-of-three female show. Jensen Bros., Courtland, Kan., topped the pen-of-five bull show and GKB Cattle, Waxahachie, Texas, took pen-of-three bull honors.

Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., showed the reserve grand champion pen-of-three females and the reserve champion pen-of-five bulls. Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas, was selected as reserve grand champion pen-of-three bulls.

Hereford Night Sale

The Hereford Night National Sale topped off activities on Saturday night, Jan. 9. After the final bids were tallied, 36.08 lots averaged \$17,385 and brought a gross doubling last year's sales.

Auctioneer Joe Goggins sold 10.08 bull lots averaging \$29,489, 10 female lots averaging \$9,425, seven bred females averaging \$15,036 and nine pick lots bringing in a \$14,611 average.

Topping the sale was Lot 16 consigned by Bar Star Cattle, Musselshell, Mont., with Bar Star Fresh Prince 018 ET. This lot commanded a bid of \$107,500 and sold to Ye Ole McDonald Farm, Grand Rapids, Mich. Thirty-three buyers claimed 33 semen packages.

Female Show

Sunday's open female show featured 291 head sorted by Brandon Callis. Lauren May, Mineral

Point, Wis., claimed the horned champion female title with Purple Iris 145G. Alexis Griswold, Stillwater, Okla., and C BARI Classy Lass 9153 were awarded the polled champion female title.

The horned reserve champion female went to Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas, with KOLT GARW Candi Stock 25 ET. Hans and Vada Vickland, Longmont, Colo., with H KFL Pixie 9372 ET, claimed polled reserve champion female.

Premiere praise

Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., was recognized as both horned and polled premier breeders. The horned premier exhibitor was Gary and Kathy Buchholz, Waxahachie, Texas. Polled premier exhibitor was awarded to Hans and Vada Vickland, Longmont, Colo.

Alyssa Copeland with Copeland and Sons Herefords LLC, Nara Visa, N.M., was awarded the Hereford Herdsman.

Supreme success

Herefords dominated in the grand drive, Jan. 13, where judges selected the supreme junior female, open female and open bull. Lauren May, Mineral Point, Wis., walked away with the supreme open female title with her horned champion female, Purple Iris 145G.

Hoffman Herefords, Thedford, Neb.; Haroldsons Polled Herefords, Wawota, Saskatchewan; and Poplar Meadows, Houston, British Columbia, topped the supreme open bull drive with their polled champion bull, Haroldson's United 33D 36G.

If you couldn't be ringside in Oklahoma City or if you'd like reminisce on the inaugural Cattlemen's Congress, enjoy these scenes from the event over the next couple of pages. **HW**

Pick of Paintings Raises \$5,000

The Hereford Youth Foundation of America's (HYFA) Pick of the Paintings raised \$5,000 for Hereford youth and was purchased by HYFA Vice President George Sprague, of Bar One Ranch, Eugene, Ore. **HW**





Shane Werk, Manhattan, Kan., went to work sorting Thursday's junior Hereford show.



Competition was fierce in the junior ring as 274 head of Hereford heifers vied to top honors.



Brandon Callis, Minco, Okla., evaluated the open Hereford bull and female shows at the inaugural Cattlemen's Congress.



More than 80 potential herd sires were sorted during Friday's Hereford bull show.



In total, 98 head of Hereford cattle were presented in the Cattlemen's Congress pen show.



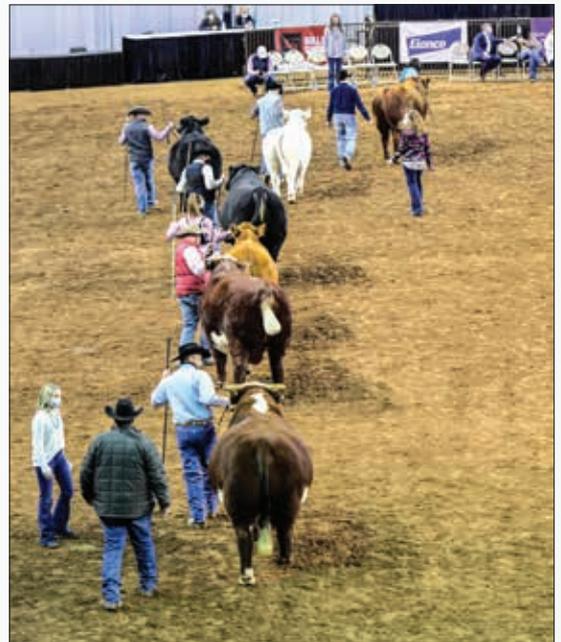
When Auctioneer Joe Goggins' gavel fell for the final time in Oklahoma City, the Hereford Night National Sale's gross doubled last year's sale totals.



Breed enthusiasts of all ages enjoyed the Hereford Night National Sale. The quality was deep, and the large crowd was abuzz.



Callis was also charged with placing the 291 open Hereford females that showed in Oklahoma City.



The breed once again proved its prowess as Herefords garnered supreme honors in both the bull and female rings.



Pictured (l to r): Troy Thomas, Keith Phillips and Brent Mrnak sorted the pen show.



Hereford royalty take part in the festivities during the Cattleman's Congress.