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This year's Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) "Hereford Spectacular" was that and more. Despite COVID-19-related scheduling changes, it was bigger and better than ever as juniors and their families celebrated all things Hereford and Americana July 3-9 in Kansas City, Mo.

National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members and their families descended upon the American Royal Complex for a week full of fun, comradery, and competition. NJHA youth wowed the crowds in Kansas City with their talents and accomplishments both in and out of the showring. This event is the highlight of NJHA's summer activities, providing a place for members across the country to connect because of their love for the Hereford breed and to develop leaders through different educational contests.



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JNHE is one of the largest breed-sanctioned beef cattle shows in the U.S. The NJHA is one of the largest, strongest and most active junior livestock programs in the country — not just the beef industry. The NJHA, through its extensive leadership programs, continues to lay the foundation for the next generation of beef industry producers and leaders. It is inspirational to watch juniors grow from young participants and exhibitors through the programs provided for them to flourish and grow into strong adults and leaders. Many past junior directors and leaders are now leading the beef industry in a variety of roles, using the skills they developed through participation in the NJHA.

Many thanks

Events like JNHE would not be possible without loyal sponsors, especially the title sponsor VitaFerm®. Thank you, VitaFerm, for your support of the NJHA, and thank you to all NJHA corporate sponsors. Additionally, thank you to Sullivan Supply and Stock Show University for sponsoring the showmanship contest. It takes a village to make events like this possible. Thank you to all JNHE sponsors for your support of the industry's youth. Your generosity does not go unrecognized.

Everyone should extend gratitude to all those who work to give the membership the experience they look forward to each year. A very huge shout-out goes to Amy Cowan, American Hereford Association (AHA)

director of youth activities and foundation, and Bailey Clanton, AHA national shows coordinator and youth activities assistant, along with NJHA board members and ambassadors, for their determination and commitment for making this event possible for our kids. Congratulations to all junior members who won awards this year!

With so many cancellations due to social distancing guidelines in 2020, the National Hereford Women (NHW) were grateful that the schedule resumed as published in 2021. NHW began its week of duties with a board meeting, followed by the semi-annual NHW membership meeting on Tuesday and then the well-attended Queen's Tea. The National Hereford Queen program supports the Hereford breed and the young women who represent Hereford.

This year's JNHE was impressive with 1,385 entries and 1,156 head paraded in and out of Hale Arena by exhibitors from around the country. It was amazing to have the opportunity once again, to gather in Kansas City, as one Hereford family, for such a JNHE "Hereford Spectacular."

We're looking forward to seeing you on July 16-22, 2022, at the JNHE in Louisville, Ky. **HW**

To join and to learn more about the NHW, visit HerefordWomen.com or email nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com.

We shared Hereford's starring role in the movie "The Rare Breed" in the July 2021 issue of *Hereford World*. It featured the fictional bull, Valiant, born in the same era as Giant, the foundation bull of the Polled Hereford breed in the United States. An alert reader pointed out Giant was born in 1899. We mistakenly cited Giant's birth year as 1879.