

2021 State Tours Recap

A summary of Hereford tours, field days and workshops hosted by Hereford breeders.

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Iowa Hereford Tour

This past summer, attendees of the annual Iowa Hereford Tour enjoyed a full day of viewing cattle, educational presentations, camaraderie, and food as they traveled central Iowa, where the effects of last summer's derecho still linger.

The first stop of the day was at Pitt Farms near Nevada. John and Marytha Pitt displayed several cow-calf pairs, bred heifers and bulls. The group then went to the Diamond Bar E Genetics facility near State Center, where they were welcomed by Shannon and Cory Eldridge. William Garcia, DVM, for Vytelle, demonstrated how to collect eggs from a donor female and explained the in vitro fertilization (IVF) process.

Other stops along the tour included BJK Herefords in Vinton, Schanbacher Family Herefords near Newhall, and TopHill Herefords in Belle Plaine.



William Garcia, DVM, explains how to collect eggs from donor females and the IVF process at the Diamond Bar E Genetics facility.

Herefords on the Mountain



Governor Lee and Martha Dixon awarding Tommy and Kim Coley the 2021 Event of the Year award.

Tommy and Kim Coley hosted the 8th Annual "Hereford on the Mountain" at their home in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. This year's event was attended by more than 230 people from 15 states.

This year's program was the "Political Side of the Cattle Business." The headline speaker and special guest was Tennessee Governor Bill Lee.

Other speakers on the program were: Bryan Blinson, executive director of North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, Scott Bennett, director of Congressional relations for American Farm Bureau, Jennifer Houston, past president National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Lowell Midla, veterinary technical services at Merck Animal Health, who co-sponsored the event.

After the program, Hereford breeders enjoyed fellowship and a Certified Hereford Beef® dinner with music provided by Nashville's Brandi Spradley.

Missouri Hereford Field Day

The Missouri Hereford Field Day was held Aug. 29, 2021, with an evening social the night prior. The social was hosted by Aufdenberg Polled Herefords in Jackson.

The tour began with breakfast hosted at Leimer Farms in Jackson. The second stop was at Aufdenberg Polled Herefords with Darrell Aufdenberg. Ribeye sandwiches were served for lunch at the third stop at Lizzie Polled Herefords in Jackson and was hosted by Spooler Farm and Cattle of Jackson and Consolidated Cattle Co. of Oak Ridge. The fourth stop was at Alex Roth Polled Herefords of Altenburg and AMR Cattle Co. of Frohna. The day ended with dinner and door prizes at Mueller Polled Herefords in Perryville.



Brad, Shannon, Emmalee and Phillip Mueller hosted the last tour stop at their operation in Perryville.



Scott Leimer, Leimer Farms, welcomed field day guests on their first stop.

Kansas Hereford Tours



Charlie and Darla Moore, H Bar Ranch, discuss the ranch's breeding program with attendees.

The Kansas Hereford Association (KHA) enjoyed Hereford tours in the western portion of the state.

John Adams of XIT-Adams Ranch, south of Meade, explained the history and breeding program to tour participants and guided them on a drive through sets of cow-calf pairs, replacement heifers, yearling bulls and brood mares with colts.

Next, Charlie and Darla Moore welcomed the tour crowd to H Bar Ranch southwest of Scott City. Darla explained the history of their breeding program, the philosophy behind what they do and hosted a meal.

Lee Mayo and Chase Gleason hosted the next stop at HRC Feed Yards west of Scott City. They explained the data involved with the recent Hereford Fed Steer Shootout program they hosted, and they discussed the advantages and challenges of Hereford cattle in the feedlot. They entertained questions from the tour participants, which led to an educational meeting.

Lee and Katie Mayo hosted the final stop on the 2021 KHA Tour at their ranch north of Scott City. Katie explained their breeding program, which uses embryo transfer (ET) and artificial insemination (AI) to create marketable beef cattle. They hosted an evening meal and showed tour guests a set of replacement heifers, cow-calf pairs and donors.

Virginia Hereford Association

The Virginia Hereford Association, in partnership with the Virginia Junior Hereford Association, hosted a fitting clinic in conjunction with their Annual Fall Bonanza Sale and Mid-Atlantic Fall Round Up Hereford Show, Nov. 13-14, 2021.

Jacob and Garrett Coffey of Coffey Cattle Co. conducted the clinic on Saturday afternoon. The clinic was open to all Virginia Junior Hereford youth. Youth in attendance for the show and sale or those interested in participating also were invited to join.

Approximately 30 youth from Virginia and Maryland attended the clinic and learned about daily hair care and show day fitting and preparation. The Virginia Hereford Association is proud to provide opportunities like this for the next generation of Hereford breeders.

