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Turning Heads

The Hereford breed captured plenty of attention at the second annual Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City.

Excitement surrounded the Hereford breed in the Sooner State when cattlemen and women from around the country converged in Oklahoma City to watch the four-day national Hereford show, Jan. 5-8, during the second annual Cattlemen's Congress. Electric attention carried from watching judges sort junior heifers, bulls, females and pens to the packed sales arena, where the Hereford sale topped all other breed sale totals. Confirmation of growing interest in the breed came with each step.

In all, exhibitors presented 727 head of Hereford cattle in Oklahoma City. Read on to see which cattle hung banners or fetched top dollar.

Junior show

National Junior Hereford Association members were the first to step onto the red dirt. The junior female show kicked off Cattlemen's Congress for the Hereford breed on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Judge Lydell Meier of Clinton, Tenn., sorted the show of 269 junior heifers in Oklahoma City.

Paige Lemenager, Hudson, Ill., exhibited the grand champion polled female, Boy Harley 018H ET. Blake Bruns of North Platte, Neb., won the grand champion horned female title with H Pixie 0635 ET.

BK CMCC Highness 082H ET received the reserve grand champion polled female honors; this female is owned by Mason Allan of Nocona, Texas. Aidyn Barber, Channing, Texas, exhibited the reserve grand champion horned female with her bred-and-owned female, BR Gabriella 0142.

Pen show

Sam Shaw, Caldwell, Idaho; Keith Phillips, Maysville, Ky.; and Bruce Thomas, Gold Creek, Mont., evaluated the pen show on Thursday, Jan. 6. Hereford breeders presented 11 female pens, four pen-of-five bulls and 16 pen-of-three bulls for a total of 101 Hereford cattle.

Peréz Cattle Co., Nara Visa, N.M., won the pen-of-three female show. Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., topped the pen-of-five bull show, and Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., took pen-of-three bull honors. In remembrance of longtime Hereford exhibitor and herdsman, Arlo Janssen, Buck Cattle Co. received the first Arlo Janssen Memorial Award for their champion pen of bulls.

Perks Ranch, Rockford, Ill., presented the reserve champion pen-of-three bulls, and the reserve champion pen-of-three females was awarded to Matheny Herefords, May's Lick, Ky. Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., garnered the reserve champion pen-of-five bulls.

Bull show

The stakes were high as judges Matt and Cliff Copeland, Nara Visa, N.M., sorted the 91-head Hereford bull show on Friday, Jan. 7.

The champion polled bull went to Crayton and Cora Belle Chapman, Seneca, Ill., and Michael Pérez, Nara Visa, N.M., with PCC 7009 173D Maverick 0183 ET. Aidyn Barber, Channing, Texas; Ryon Cox, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Edwards Ranch,





Nearly 100 potential herd sires were presented in Oklahoma City. Here, BR ER Big Country 007 ET is shown to champion horned bull honors.

May, Texas; and Drew Pérez, Canyon, Texas, brought the champion horned bull to OKC — BR ER Big Country 007 ET.

Ben and Kevin Jensen, Courtland, Kan.; Bar A Cattle Co., Nocona, Texas; and TWJ Farms, Carroll, Neb., showed the reserve champion polled bull, KJ TWJ 907E Liberty 159H ET. DCF 642Z Dilly 002H, owned by Dry Creek Farm, Pell City, Ala.; Buck Cattle Company, Madill, Okla.; and Hoffman Herefords, Thedford, Neb., received the horned reserve champion bull banner.

Hereford Night in OKC sale

The Hereford Night in OKC National Hereford Sale was held in the Super Barn Sale Arena on Jan. 7. With auctioneer Cody Lowderman on the block, the sale grossed \$867,250 (excluding the HYFA Kentucky Derby Experience) — the highest of all breed sales at Cattlemen's Congress.

Topping the sale was the high-selling bull Lot 17, C GKB Guardian 1015 ET, consigned by Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho.; GKB Cattle, Waxahachie, Texas; and Iron Lake Ranch, Athens, Texas. This popular lot commanded \$100,000 for ¼ revenue share and \$225,000 in semen packages with a gross lot total of \$325,000. Ward Ranch, Edmond, Okla., and Schrammel Cattle Co., Orlando, Okla., purchased the revenue share opportunity on this bull. The Guardian Group purchased the semen package.

T/R Cattle Co., Glencoe, Okla., consigned Lot 27, T/R Miss Shelby J43 ET. This high-selling heifer was purchased by GKB Cattle for \$60,000, and half of the proceeds were donated to the Hereford Youth Foundation of America.

Fifty-one semen packages grossed \$247,500 with an average of \$48,853 per package; 4.5 bulls grossed \$131,500 with an average of \$29,222. The 11.5 females sold grossed \$156,750 with an average of \$13,360. The picks from prominent herds across the country always create a buzz with buyers. The 5.5 picks grossed \$115,500 with an average of \$21,000.



The 266-head Hereford female show was a fitting way to round out the second annual Cattlemen's Congress.

Female show

Judges Matt and Cliff Copeland, Nara Visa, N.M., stepped back into the ring on Saturday, Jan. 8, to evaluate the 266 head of Hereford females at Cattlemen's Congress.

Bryden Barber, Channing, Texas, was awarded the polled champion female title with BR Merida H031 ET. Blake Bruns, North Platte, Neb., presented H Pixie 0635 ET to horned champion female honors.

Kinnick Paulsen, Preston, Iowa, with OHR Miss VIP 510 ET, claimed polled reserve champion female. BK Just Flashy 154J, owned by Grady and Hudson Carter, Stratford, Okla., was named the horned reserve champion female.

Hereford honors

Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., was recognized as both the horned and polled premier breeder. The polled premier exhibitor was Gary and Kathy Buchholz, Waxahachie, Texas. Polled premier exhibitor was awarded to Hayes Devine, Chickasha, Okla.

Jacob Wolfrey, Jarrettsville, Md., was selected as the 2022 Hereford Herdsman of the Year. Wolfrey owns and operates Grimmel Girls Show Cattle with his wife, Michelle; son, Andrew; and sister-in-law, Melissa Grimmel Schaake. **HW**