

by Elizabeth Pitstick

The National Hereford Queen serves as an advocate for the breed and the industry.

I wrote this article on National Ag Day, and I am so thankful to be a part of this industry. Agriculture is a diverse industry that encompasses a multitude of people who use our platforms to educate those around us. Agriculture is a passion and a way of life we have chosen to follow, and I am forever grateful for all of those that contribute to this industry.

The American Hereford Association is fortunate to have a large variety of individuals and families who are passionate about their cattle and/or their agricultural-related jobs. The National Hereford Queen is given a platform to educate, promote and represent our amazing breed of cattle. We are incredibly blessed to have so many young ladies that have a love and desire to represent



The National Hereford Women support young women passionate about the breed who serve as a voice for agriculture including (l to r) Retiring National Hereford Queen Kaylee McInvale of Texas, 2022 National Hereford Queen Lauren Gatz of Kansas, First Runner-Up Madison Sifford from Virginia, Second Runner-Up Jenna Smith of Iowa, and Miss Congeniality Josie Correll of North Carolina.



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Hereford cattle and breeders in their states and across the nation.

The National Hereford Women (NHW) work very hard to support the National Hereford Queen program and make sure the perfect individual is chosen for this position. Each year, preparing the state queens to possibly reign as the next National Hereford Queen takes a lot of time and effort. We follow a set of rules and guidelines that help National Hereford Queen candidates know what is expected of them as models and spokeswomen for not only our cattle, families and ranches, but the agriculture industry as a whole.

Continuing to improve

The NHW queen program is one of the most successful and productive programs in the industry. The past, present and future members of the NHW board work very hard to

continue to improve and fund the scholarship in conjunction with Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA).

This past October, the NHW crowned Lauren Gatz of Fairview, Kan., the National Hereford Queen. Lauren has done an amazing job representing our breed and is looking forward to the Junior National Hereford Expo. Lauren has already begun planning her service project (read more about it on Page XX), and the NHW is excited to be preparing for an event, Catch-A-Vibe, that will be in conjunction with the Queen's Tea.

Make sure to join us for this special and epic event. **NHW**

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