

BANNERS IN THE BLUEGRASS

Hereford juniors from across the country and their families hung plenty of banners in the Bluegrass State at the 23rd annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Louisville, Ky., July 16-22.

The third JNHE since COVID-19 disrupted the world boasted 1,232 entries representing 775 juniors from 39 states. Exhibitors showed 200 owned horned females, 560 owned polled females, 279 bred-and-owned females, 79 bred-and-owned bulls, 87 steers and 27 cow-calf pairs on the green chips in Broadbent Arena. State groups of three and five were

back in full force for the first time since 2019.

Kicking off the fun-filled week on Sunday were opening ceremonies, state food and fun night and the 2022 National Hereford Queen's service project, Cornhole for a Cause. Throughout the week and via virtual contests prior to JNHE, more than 400 juniors participated in competitions.

The week was rounded out with the maroon jacket ceremony on Thursday night, where retiring directors received their bronze bulls and new directors received the coveted maroon jacket. That same night, more than \$33,000 was

awarded in scholarships to the youth of the Hereford breed. The week officially came to end with the grand and reserve champion owned females being slapped on Friday afternoon.

The 2022 JNHE was dedicated to the late CEO of BioZyme, Bob Norton. The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) is grateful for the support of the JNHE title sponsor, VitaFerm, and the contributions of their corporate and breeder sponsors. Without them – JNHE would not be possible.

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