

50-YEAR HEREFORD BREEDERS CELEBRATED

In celebration of 50 years in the Hereford business, four Hereford breeders were honored as Golden Breeders during the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 22, for their commitment to the breed.



Golden Breeders with 50 years of dedication to the Hereford breed are: Mill Creek Ranch, Alma, Kan.; K7 Herefords, Lockridge, Iowa; Reed Farms, Green Ridge, Mo.; and Snedden Ranch, Maricopa, Calif.

Mill Creek Ranch, Alma, Kan.

Mill Creek Ranch, owned by the David and Diane Breiner family, is located at the northern edge of the Flint Hills near Alma, Kan. Mill Creek Ranch purchased its first Hereford cattle during the spring of 1972. The budding herd featured Mark Donald, Line 1, Tiberius and Don Blanchard bloodlines. In the late '70s, David became the managing partner and owner. Over

the last half-century, an extensive AI and embryo transfer (ET) program was used to produce moderate birthweight, high performing seedstock with excellent carcass traits for registered and commercial producers.

K7 Herefords, Lockridge, Iowa

K7 Herefords started in 1968 as a 4-H project. K7 Herefords began in a small Wisconsin town, before moving to southeast Iowa, where carcass traits and customer needs are at the forefront of the herd focus. Today, K7 Herefords runs 100 cows and hosts a production sale every March. Run by Tom Heidt with the love and support from his wife, Jo, and their three children, K7 Herefords strives to keep up with the beef industry's ever-changing wants and needs.

Reed Farms, Green Ridge, Mo.

The Reed Farms operation was started by Jim Reed while he was in college in 1962. After Jim and his wife, Linda, married in 1965, they continued their

passion for the breed in Green Ridge, Mo. The family operation is now 60 years old. Jim and Linda have two sons, Brian and Craig. The Reeds spent a lifetime dedicating themselves to the Hereford breed. They have helped other breeders host successful Hereford sales and market their Hereford semen and certificates, all while raising polled Hereford cattle.

Snedden Ranch, Maricopa, Calif.

The Snedden family began ranching in Kern County, California, in 1867. Snedden Ranch has been running a primarily Hereford-based commercial cow herd for more than 100 years. As progress was made in developing cattle, Snedden Ranch began to see demand from local producers for its bulls. Snedden Ranch closed its herd almost 40 years ago to develop the desired quality and consistency. Today, Richard and Susie Snedden are partners with their son, Austin, and his wife, Sarah, in the ranch operation. Austin and Sarah's four children are also part of the ranching operation. **HW**



K7 Herefords, Lockridge, Iowa, was honored as an AHA Golden Breeder. Pictured (l to r) are: Bruce Everhart, past AHA president; Shane Heidt; Patti Heidt; Tom Heidt; Jo Heidt; Kenneth Kypke; Victoria Kypke; James Kypke and Bill Goehring, AHA president.



Mill Creek Ranch, Alma, Kan., was honored as an AHA Golden Breeder. Pictured (l to r) are: Bruce Everhart, David Breiner, Diane Breiner and Bill Goehring.



Reed Farms, Green Ridge, Mo., was honored as an AHA Golden Breeder. Pictured (l to r) are: Bruce Everhart, Macy Reed, Natalie Reed, Linda Reed, Jim Reed and Bill Goehring.



Snedden Ranch, Maricopa, Calif., was honored as an AHA Golden Breeder. Pictured (l to r) are: Bruce Everhart, Austin Snedden, Sarah Snedden, Susie Snedden, Richard Snedden and Bill Goehring.