

Herefords on the Red Dirt

Champions selected at the 2023 Cattlemen's Congress.

Excitement was in the air as Jason Hoffman, Thedford, Neb., sorted the 72-head Hereford bull show and 186-head Hereford female show at the 2023 Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla. A total of 321 head of open entries were exhibited throughout the four-day national Hereford show, Jan. 4-7.

"I think it's so flattering as a breeder to be able to have the balance in this breed that we do,"

Hoffman said during the champion polled Hereford bull selection. "You can have these really nice heifers that can go out and compete, and their bull mates in a flush also serve a purpose. There's no byproduct of the Hereford breed."

Bull show champions

The champion horned bull went to Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas, and GKB Cattle, Desdemona,



Land Slinger 2296 1046

Grand and polled champion yearling bull, Dry Creek Farm, Pell City, Ala.; Walker Herefords, Morrison, Tenn.; Landgren Ranch, Bartlett, Neb.; and Dirt Road Farms, Franklin, Tenn., with an April 16, 2021, son of UPS Sensation 2296 ET.



BK CMCC Kool Profit K001ET

Reserve and polled champion junior bull calf, Moore Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., with a Feb. 26, 2022, son of H The Profit 8426 ET.



BR GKB Winchester 1314

Grand and horned champion senior bull calf, Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas, and GKB Cattle, Desdemona, Texas, with a Sept. 19, 2021, son of BR Belle Air E133 ET.



B&C El Sensation 1207J

Reserve and horned champion yearling bull, Chad Breeding, Miami, Texas, with a March 5, 2021, son of B&C El Jefe 7086E.

Abbreviations used in expected progeny differences (EPDs) tables: calving ease (CE), birth weight (BW), weaning weight (WW), yearling weight (YW), dry matter intake (DMI), scrotal circumference (SC), sustained cow fertility (SCF), maternal milk (MM), maternal calving ease (MCE), mature cow weight (MCW), udder suspension (UDDR), teat size (TEAT), carcass weight (CW), rib fat (FAT), ribeye area (REA), marbling (MARB), baldy maternal index (BMSI), Brahman influence index (BI\$), and Certified Hereford Beef index (CH\$).

Texas, with BR GKB Winchester 1314, sired by BR Belle Air E133 ET. The Sept. 19, 2021, entry was first named champion senior bull calf. Chad Breeding, Miami, Texas, exhibited the reserve champion horned bull, B&C El Sensation 1207J. Sired by B&C El Jefe 7086E, this champion yearling bull was born March 5, 2021.

Dry Creek Farm, Pell City, Ala.; Walker Herefords, Morrison, Tenn.; Landgren Ranch, Bartlett, Neb.; and Dirt Road Farms, Franklin, Tenn., took home polled champion bull honors with Land Slinger 2296 1046. This son of UPS Sensation

2296 ET was born April 16, 2021, and was first named champion yearling bull. Moore Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., received the polled reserve champion bull banner with BK CMCC Kool Profit K001ET. The champion junior bull calf was born Feb. 26, 2022, and was sired by H The Profit 8426 ET.

Female show champions

Ella Weldon, Piedmont, Okla., claimed the polled champion female title with BK CMCC Jungle Cat 149J ET, sired by KLD EB Trump D58. The Feb. 2, 2021, entry was first awarded champion

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HAWK Myla 39J ET
Reserve and polled champion intermediate yearling female, Paige Lemenager, Hudson, Ill., with a May 21, 2021, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.



BK CMCC Jungle Cat 149J ET
Grand and polled champion junior yearling female, Ella Weldon, Piedmont, Okla., with a Feb. 2, 2021, daughter of KLD EB Trump D58.



C D83 Miles 1266 ET
Reserve and horned champion senior heifer calf, Cruz Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with an Aug. 25, 2021, daughter of C Double Your Miles 6077 ET.



BACC 228Z Tara 108 ET
Grand and horned champion junior yearling female, Maddie Jenkins, Athens, Texas, with a Feb. 19, 2021, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.

junior yearling female honors. The polled reserve champion female went to Paige Lemenager, Hudson, Ill., with HAWK Myla 39J ET. The KLD RW Marksman D87 ET daughter was born May 21, 2021, and was first named champion intermediate yearling female.

Maddie Jenkins, Athens, Texas, and her champion junior yearling female, BACC 228Z Tara 108 ET, were awarded the horned champion female title. This daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET was born Feb. 19, 2021. Cruz Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with C D83 Miles 1266 ET, claimed reserve horned champion female. The Aug. 25, 2021, entry was sired by C Double Your Miles 6077 ET and was first awarded the champion senior heifer calf honors.

Brooke Baine, Lawton, Okla., earned champion horned cow-calf pair with MMM VH Miss Diana H43 ET, an April 3, 2020, daughter of UPS Sensation 2296 ET. Champion polled cow-calf pair honors went to Bryden Barber, Channing, Texas, with BR Merida H031 ET, a March 21, 2020, daughter of UPS Sensation 2296 ET.

Other awards

Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., was recognized as the horned and polled premier breeder. Polled and horned premier exhibitor honors went to GKB Cattle, Desdemona, Texas. **HW**

Editor's Note: The EPDs published are reflective of the show date. Visit Hereford.org to view current EPDs.



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GKB Cattle, Desdemona, Texas, claimed polled and horned premier exhibitor honors at the 2023 Cattlemen's Congress.



Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., captured polled and horned premier breeder honors at the 2023 Cattlemen's Congress.