Pens Sorted in the Sooner State

GKB Cattle, Burns Farms and Delaney/Atkins Herefords claim top pen show honors.

KB Cattle, Desdemona, Texas, grabbed the pen-of-three bull banner on Thursday, Jan. 4, during Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla. Burns Farms, Pikeville, Tenn., won the pen-of-five bull show, and Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., and Atkins Herefords, Tea, S.D., topped the pen-of-three female show.

Jan Ward, Sheridan, Wyo.; Ryan Topp, Grace City, N.D.; and Jeff Gooden, Oak Grove, Mo., sorted the pen show, which included 10 female

pens, one pen-of-five bull entry, and five pen-of-three bull entries for a total of 50 Hereford cattle.

The grand champion title in the pen-of-three bull show went to GKB Cattle, with the group first winning the junior bull calf division. In recognition for their champion pen of bulls, GKB Cattle received the third annual Arlo Janssen Memorial Award in memory of longtime Hereford exhibitor and herdsman Arlo Janssen. The champion pen of three was sired by C GKB



Grand champion pen-of-three bulls

GKB Cattle, Desdemona, Texas, with a group sired by C GKB Guardian 1015 ET.



Reserve champion pen-of-three bulls Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., and Atkins Herefords, Tea, S.D., with a group sired by SHF Houston D287 H086 and RST Final Print 0016.



Grand champion pen-of-three females Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., and Atkins Herefords, Tea, S.D., with

Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn., and **Atkins Herefords,** Tea, S.D., with a group sired by KSU Land Grant 153 ET and RST Final Print 0016



Reserve champion pen-of-three females Matheny Herefords, Mays Lick, Ky., with a group sired by TH Masterplan 183F ET and NJW 202C173DSteadfast 156.

Guardian 1015 ET, and the group averaged 1,270 pounds with a calculated weight per day of age (WDA) of 3.52. Delaney Herefords and Atkins Herefords exhibited the reserve champion penof-three junior bull calves before being selected as the reserve grand champion pen with a group sired by SHF Houston D287 H086 and RST Final Print 0016. The pen weighed an average of 1,151 pounds with a 3.35 WDA.

Burns Farms brought home the champion penof-five bulls with their champion pen of senior bull calves. Bulls in the winning pen were sired by Green JCS Makers Mark 22, 77 Potency 8F 63G, Boyd 31Z Blueprint 6153, Boyd Power Surge 9024 and KCF Bennett Trust B279 ET. The bulls averaged 1,614 pounds with a calculated WDA of 3.58.

The grand champion pen-of-three females and pen of champion junior heifer calves was exhibited by Delaney Herefords and Atkins Herefords. The group was sired by KSU Land Grant 153 ET and RST Final Print 0016 and posted an average weight of 833 pounds with a 2.49 WDA. Matheny Herefords, Mays Lick, Ky., showed the reserve grand champion pen-of-three females, after taking reserve champion honors in the junior heifer calf division. These heifers were sired by TH Masterplan 183F ET and NJW 202C173DSteadfast 156. The pen weighed an average of 832 pounds and measured a 2.53 WDA.



Tressia Rakestraw, Oklahoma City, Okla., won the drawing for a Producer 640 Chute donated by W-W Livestock Systems.

For the second consecutive year, the American Hereford Association (AHA) and Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association worked together to host a commercial cattlemen's luncheon and serve approximately 600 Certified Hereford Beef® steak sandwiches during the pen show. In conjunction with the commercial cattlemen's luncheon and pen show, the AHA partnered with W-W Livestock Systems to host a drawing for a Producer 640 Chute. Tressia Rakestraw, Oklahoma City, Okla., was the lucky winner in attendance.

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Editor's Note: The EPDs published are an average of the pen, reflective of the show date. Visit *Hereford.org* to view current EPDs on each entry.



Grand champion pen-of-five bulls

Burns Farms, Pikeville, Tenn., with a group sired by Green JCS Makers Mark 22, 77 Potency 8F 63G, Boyd 31Z Blueprint 6153, Boyd Power Surge 9024 and KCF Bennett Trust B279 ET.

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 milk (