

What's New? | Association News and Events

"What's New?" is a column designed to keep you in the know about Hereford happenings. You can sign up for *Hereford Headlines*, an electronic newsletter distributed the first Friday of each month by the American Hereford Association (AHA) highlighting Hereford news and events. You can also receive the *Bald Faced Bottom Line*, a commercially-focused electronic newsletter sent the third Friday of each month. To subscribe to these free newsletters, send an email to outreach@hereford.org. Archived issues are posted at Hereford.org.

Board announcements

Nominate AHA Board of Directors

The American Hereford Association (AHA) Board of Directors nominating committee is requesting volunteers to serve a four-year term as a director. Members are encouraged to contact representatives in their respective regions to submit nominees. This year's nominating committee is:

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Delegate selection process information

A nominating committee selects a slate of AHA Board nominees. However, all active adult AHA members may provide input to the election process via their selection of state voting delegates. Active adult AHA members should receive information about how to nominate themselves or another active adult AHA member to serve as a voting delegate.

Take part in the Board election process by nominating the active AHA member(s) from your state who will represent you in electing the next AHA Board members. The process will begin April 1, when the AHA will send out an email to all eligible active adult members to ask them whether they would like to participate in the election of voting delegates electronically or by traditional mail. Eligible members must respond to that email by April 22, if they wish to participate electronically. If they wish to participate by traditional mail, they do not need to respond to the email. Eligible members are any adult AHA members who had at least one animal registered in the preceding calendar year where they were identified as the original owner of the animal.

On or before May 1, eligible members will receive information about how to nominate voting delegates. Replies will be due by May 31.

Hall of Fame/Hall of Merit nominations due June 1

Nominations for the AHA's prestigious Hall of Fame and Hall of Merit are due June 1. Deserving

recipients for the 2024 induction will be honored at the AHA Annual Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo., in October.

The Hall of Fame honor recognizes Hereford breeders who have dynamically influenced the direction and advancement of the breed. The Hall of Merit commends individuals who have greatly influenced the cattle industry.

You can submit your nomination online by going to Hereford.org. You will find the nomination forms under the "About" tab. Please contact Emily Wood at ewood@hereford.org or 816-842-3757 for more information about submitting your nomination.

Century and Golden Breeder nominations due June 1

Celebrating generational Hereford breeders is a highlight during the AHA Annual Meeting and Conference. The Century Breeder recognition honors families and operations in the Hereford business for 100 years. Golden Breeders recognizes those in the business for 50 years. You will find the nomination form at Hereford.org, along with a list of those previously recognized. For questions or more information, contact Emily Wood at ewood@hereford.org.

Association news

2024 AHA Annual Meeting dates and hotel information

Make plans to join us for the 2024 AHA Annual Membership Meeting and Conference held Oct. 24-27, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Registration and a detailed event schedule will

be available by late summer. Find more information at Hereford.org/annual-meeting.

2024 Headquarter Hotel

Kansas City Marriott Downtown
200 West 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105
816-421-6800

Register for the 2024 Cattlemen's Conference

Head to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., May 22-23 for the 2024 Cattlemen's Conference. Registration is open until May 3 for \$200 per attendee. This provides access to all conference events, meals, breaks and social hours.

This year's focuses are gene editing, breeding systems and heterosis relative to marketing endpoint, and regenerative ranching and sustainability. More event details can be found at CattlemensCongress.com/conference.

2025 World Hereford Conference



The AHA is eager to host the 2025 World Hereford Conference, associated tours and the Young Breeders Competition Oct. 22-26, 2025. Event details and registration information will be provided as it becomes available at WorldHerefordConference.com.

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Entries opening for JNHE

Online entries will open in April for the 2024 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 6-12 in Grand Island, Neb. Visit JrHereford.org to receive more information and enter online. Please note all entries must be completed online.

To accommodate the growing contests, JNHE participants must pay \$5 to participate in showmanship and judging. All showmanship and judging contestants must pre-enter by June 1 and pay the entry fee at that time. JNHE participants must be members of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA).

JNHE entry deadlines

The early-bird online entry deadline (\$20 discount per entry) is May 15, and the final ownership and entry deadline is June 1. If you have questions about the online entry process or anything related to JNHE, contact Bailey Clanton at bclanton@hereford.org or Amy Cowan at acowan@hereford.org.

NJHA board applications open

Twelve outstanding Hereford juniors serve on the NJHA board of directors. Each year, four board members are elected to three-year terms at the annual membership meeting, which is held in conjunction with JNHE. During their term, directors develop and implement programs and events that serve junior Hereford members from across the nation. Candidate applications close June 1. Find more details at Hereford.org/youth/NJHA/board. **HW**