

State Tours Recap

A summary of Iowa and Missouri Hereford tours, hosted by Hereford breeders.

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Jack and Lynne Johnson, Milford, Iowa, welcome the tour to the first stop of the day. Johnson Herefords started in 1918 with a wedding gift of a Singer sewing machine along with one registered Hereford bull and female.



Rick Kooiker (l) and Bill Kooiker (r) welcome the Iowa Hereford breeders to their feedlot operation at Orange City, Iowa. The feedlot has a capacity of 3,000 head and feeds Hereford and Hereford-influenced cattle in their operation.



Todd Vogel, Hartley, Iowa, welcomed the tour to Weeping Fox Ranch. Vogels run 150-160 cows with 100 of those being recipients. Embryo transfer and artificial insemination are used extensively in this program. They have also used cloning in their seedstock operation.



Kimberly Wagner (l) and Cole Wagner (r) both work for Trans Ova Genetics of Hull, Iowa, and own a small group of Hereford cows. Kimberly is the IVF coordinator at Trans Ova and Cole is the sexed semen lab manager at Trans Ova.

Diane Broek, advanced technologies sales manager, welcomed the group to Trans Ova Genetics facility at Hull, Iowa.



The Litton Agriculture Campus in Chillicothe, Mo., was the first stop of the morning. Attendees learned about the Litton family and a few facts about the start of the Litton Agriscience Learning Center back in the early 1990s.



Hereford cattle were a highlight at multiple stops throughout the day.

Missouri Hereford Field Day

Missouri Hereford breeders held their annual field day on Saturday, Aug. 26. Attendees started the day in Chillicothe, Mo., with a tour of the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center, and a display of Hereford cattle from Missouri breeders. The morning portion of the event concluded by visiting Trans Ova Genetics. After lunch, participants traveled to Reynolds Herefords Farm in Huntsville, Mo., to view cattle, learn from educational speakers and socialize.



Reynolds Herefords in Huntsville, Mo., was the final stop on the tour. Attendees were able to learn from industry professionals, eat a delicious meal and enjoy the hospitality of the Reynolds family.