

FED STEER SHOOTOUT WINNERS RECOGNIZED

The National Junior Hereford Association's (NJHA) Fed Steer Shootout contest teaches juniors about the opportunities and challenges of the cattle feeding industry. In the 2023 contest, 67 members from 18 states entered 207 steers. This year's winners received more than \$15,000 in cash prizes and awards from the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) on Oct. 20 during the American Hereford Association's (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting and Educational Forum in Kansas City, Mo.

Each year, along with the cattle performance awards, the top three junior members, in both the junior and senior age divisions, are recognized for their efforts and cattle feeding industry knowledge. The top three participants in each age division gave speeches and were interviewed by a panel of judges prior to the awards ceremony.

This year, Jarrett Worrell, Mason, Texas, was named the junior division contestant of the year, and Abigail Billing, Newton, N.J., earned the contestant of the year title in the senior division.

About the contest

Contestants collected feedlot performance and carcass data on their pen-of-three and individual Hereford and Hereford-influenced steer entries, while gaining industry knowledge on topics such as animal health, nutrition and marketing. All steers were fed at HRC Feed Yards LLC, Scott City, Kan., and were harvested at National Beef Packing Co. in Dodge City, Kan., as Certified Hereford Beef® brand candidates. Industry partners, such as Merck Animal Health, Allflex Livestock Intelligence and NEOGEN, played a vital role in the success of the program, along with the involvement of Cargill Inc.

in the educational program and Texas Stardance Cattle's and Bar One Ranch's generous sponsorships.

Contestants interested in competing for additional awards answered short-answer questions summarizing what they learned throughout the Shootout contest. The top three contestants, in both the junior and senior divisions, were selected from the submitted portfolios and had the opportunity to compete for the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout Contestant of the Year title.

2023 AWARD WINNERS

Contestant of the Year, Junior Division Finalists –

Jayna Blume, Pierre, S.D.
Jackson Chastain, Arlington, Texas
Jarrett Worrell, Mason, Texas

Contestant of the Year, Senior Division Finalists –

Abigail Billing, Newton, N.J.
Dellana Muck, Caledonia, Ill.
Pecos Worrell, Harper, Texas

Overall Champion Steer –

Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif.

Champion Pen-of-Three Purebred Steers –

Teegan and Tiernan Frederickson, Spearfish, S.D.

Reserve Champion Pen-of-Three Purebred Steers –

Jackson Chastain, Arlington, Texas

Champion Individual Purebred Steer –

Connor McArthur, Pittsford, Mich.

Reserve Champion Individual Purebred Steer –

Madeline Braman, Refugio, Texas

Champion Pen-of-Three Commercial Steers –

Luke Daniels, Dalhart, Texas

Reserve Champion Pen-of-Three Commercial Steers –

Mahaya Jones, Ansley, Neb.

Champion Individual Commercial Steer –

Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif.

Reserve Champion Individual Commercial Steer –

Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif.

Highest Marbling Score Purebred Division –

W. Zeb Murphree, Hamilton, Texas

Highest Marbling Score Commercial Division –

Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif.

Highest Average Daily Gain Purebred Division –

Grayson McArthur, Pittsford, Mich.

Highest Average Daily Gain Commercial Division –

Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif. **HW**



Pictured (l to r): Junior division — Contestant of the Year, **Jarrett Worrell**, Mason, Texas; finalist, **Jackson Chastain**, Arlington, Texas; and finalist, **Jayna Blume**, Pierre, S.D.; Senior Division — Contestant of the Year, **Abigail Billing**, Newton, N.J.; finalist, **Dellana Muck**, Caledonia, Ill.; and finalist, **Pecos Worrell**, Harper, Texas.



Teegan and Tiernan Frederickson, Spearfish, S.D., champion pen-of-three purebred steers; and **Jackson Chastain**, Arlington, Texas, reserve champion pen-of-three purebred steers.



Connor McArthur, Pittsford, Mich., champion individual purebred steer; and **Madeline Braman**, Refugio, Texas, reserve champion individual purebred steer.



Luke Daniels, Dalhart, Texas, champion pen-of-three commercial steers; and **Mahaya Jones**, Ansley, Neb., reserve champion pen-of-three commercial steers.



Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif., champion and reserve champion individual commercial steer.



Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif., champion overall steer.



Connor McArthur, Pittsford, Mich., on behalf of **Grayson McArthur**, Pittsford, Mich., highest purebred average daily gain.



Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif., highest commercial average daily gain.



W. Zeb Murphree, Hamilton, Texas, highest purebred marbling score.



Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif., highest commercial marbling score.