

AGAR NAMED AHA PRESIDENT

Wyatt Agar, Thermopolis, Wyo., was announced as the new president of the American Hereford Association (AHA) during the Annual Membership Meeting Oct. 21, in Kansas City, Mo.



Raised on a multi-generational operation based in eastern Oregon, Agar serves as a manager and a partner in Durbin Creek Ranch, Thermopolis, Wyo., and Washakie Feeders, Worland, Wyo. The seedstock division runs 500 females and uses AI and embryo transfer (ET) technologies. At weaning, half of the heifers are retained for the cow herd while the other half are marketed as bred females. Bulls are sold as 2-year-olds in a February production sale, which also includes baldy replacement females and ranch geldings. Calves that do not make the bull pen are fed and used to collect sire group data.

The commercial division runs 1,200 Angus and Red Angus cows, which are bred to Hereford bulls to produce F1 calves. The program collects data from birth to harvest on sires used in the

seedstock division. At weaning, females are sold in the February production sale. Light steers go to the operation's stocker program in Oregon, and heavy steers are backgrounded at Washakie Feeders along with 5,000 to 6,000 calves from the ranch's bull customers. These steers are grown to 900 pounds and then finished in Colorado.

Agar and his brother, Jake, grew up on the family's cow-calf and stocker operation in Oregon, which they later expanded to include the Wyoming divisions. Agar and his wife, Joey, strive to raise their children, Rylee, Taylor and Cooper, in the same manner — working side-by-side with family to produce high-quality beef cattle off the land and backed by the cowboy ethic.



Breeding elected vice president

Chad Breeding, Miami, Texas, was selected to serve as the 2024 AHA vice president. Breeding was raised working on his family's registered Hereford operation, B&C Cattle Co. When he was 4 years old, he was already riding horseback with

his granddad, Earl, checking the herd. After graduating high school in 1988, he attended Texas A&M University. Breeding returned home to the family operation, which markets about 100 Hereford bulls and 50 replacement females annually. Breeding's love for the Hereford breed flourished when he returned home, as he started breeding cows and working in the show barn.

Breeding's knowledge, gleaned from his father, William, gave him the ability to compete with show cattle on a national level, while also producing beef cattle with the genetic merit the market demands. Through the continued use of AI and ET, the B&C brand is trusted across the country for sound, functional cattle that work in the showing and excel in the pasture. While they sell a few show heifers, the majority of their cattle are sold to commercial producers, mostly to Brahman cattlemen who produce the sought after F1 tiger stripes, known as the maternal Queen of the South. Breeding and his wife, Erin, have five children — Austin, Blayke, Wyatt, Lillian and Blair.

Fatherhood emphasized the importance of family and the value of passing down honesty, an outstanding work ethic and a better life. After returning to Miami, a small town in the Texas Panhandle, Breeding became active in the community. He was elected to the city council in November of 2005 and has been the Miami mayor since 2009. He also serves on the board of trustees of the First Christian Church. Breeding is an active member of the Texas Hereford Association, serving on the board since 2011, including stints as president in 2016 and 2017. **HW**



Pictured is the 2023-24 AHA Board of Directors. Front row (l to r): **Bob Schaffer**, Spotsylvania, Va.; **Lou Ellen Harr**, Jeromesville, Ohio; **Jerry Delaney**, Lake Benton, Minn.; **Cindy Pribil**, Hennessey, Okla.; **Scott Sullivan**, Grannis, Ark.; **Austin Snedden**, Maricopa, Calif.; and **Jack Ward**, AHA executive vice president. Back row (l to r): **Wyatt Agar**, president, Thermopolis, Wyo.; **Travis McConnaughy**, Wasola, Mo.; **Hampton Cornelius**, LaSalle, Colo.; **Jerome Ollerich**, Clearfield, S.D.; **Jim Coley**, Lafayette, Tenn.; and **Chad Breeding**, vice president, Miami, Texas.

NEW AHA DIRECTORS ELECTED

Delegates elected three new directors during the American Hereford Association (AHA) membership meeting. Jerry Delaney, Lake Benton, Minn.; Cindy Pribil, Hennessey, Okla.; and Scott Sullivan, Grannis, Ark., will serve four-year terms on the 12-member Board.

Completing their terms on the AHA Board were outgoing president Bill Goehring, Libertyville, Iowa; Whitey Hunt, Madison, Ga.; and Becky King-Spindle, Moriarty, N.M.

“It is with sadness that we say goodbye to three colleagues and friends, but the membership elected three phenomenal new Board members to serve the breed,” says Wyatt Agar, Thermopolis, Wyo., who was named the new AHA president. “At a time when Hereford is positioned to make great strides in the industry, I am extremely excited to lead our Board, work with our staff and most importantly, represent the breeders.”

New directors



Jerry Delaney, Lake Benton, Minn., is a lifetime AHA member. He owns and operates Delaney Herefords Inc. alongside his wife, Shelly; son, Nick;

and daughter-in-law, Holly. Delaney and Shelly have five children: Katie, Jaci, Marty, Michael and Nick. The couple also has 12 grandchildren. Delaney’s grandkids rejuvenated his excitement for the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and the opportunities the organization offers young people.

The Delaney herd consists of 180 cows and 80 replacement heifers. Delaney Herefords Inc. partners with Atkins Herefords in Tea, S.D., to offer their top heifer calves for sale in the fall and sell bulls and bred females in a joint annual sale in January. The Delaney family held its 14th annual female sale with Atkins Herefords in September 2023 and will hold its 14th bull and bred female sale with

Atkins Herefords in January 2024. In addition to the cow herd, the Delaney family sells embryos and farms 1,200 acres of corn and soybeans, along with 600 acres of hay and pasture. The Delaney family has been raising quality registered Hereford cattle for more than 85 years, beginning with a Hereford heifer in 1936 as a 4-H project for Jerry’s dad, Jack Delaney. Delaney Herefords Inc. continued to build its herd and was officially established as a corporation by Jack in 1969.

In addition to his AHA membership, Delaney is a lifetime member of the Minnesota Hereford Association (MHA) and has served as a director and president. Delaney was MHA president during the merger of the polled and horned associations. Additionally, he is a member of the South Dakota Hereford Association.

Delaney has served on the executive board of the Minnesota Beef Expo since its inception and is the current president of the Lincoln County Fair Board. Delaney is a past director on the Lake Benton Farmers Elevator Board and a member of the Minnesota Cattlemen’s Association and the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. The Delaney family received the Lincoln County Farm Family of the Year Award in 2021. In March of 2023, Delaney was inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame alongside his dad, Jack, who received the honor in 1983.

Delaney Herefords Inc. has consigned to the National Hereford Sale and the Minnesota Go-Pher the Purple Sale and has exhibited cattle at multiple national Hereford shows. Delaney Herefords Inc. uses a combination of embryo transfer, AI and genomics to continually improve its herd.



Cindy Pribil, Hennessey, Okla., is a fourth-generation cattle breeder. She and her husband, Roger, have two children, Elizabeth and Ryan.

Pribil’s family, along with her sister and brother-in-law, Tanya and Chris Cameron, own and operate 4B Herefords.

Pribil is the managing partner for her family’s cattle operation, which includes a 275-head cow herd consisting of registered and commercial females. Their herd includes a mix of registered Hereford and Angus cows, which occupy 2,000 acres of native and improved grass pastures. In addition to the seedstock and commercial cow herds, they farm 1,200 acres of rotational crops with Pribil’s nephew.

Growing up, Pribil was an active member of the Oklahoma Junior Polled Hereford Association, where she served as an officer. Showing polled Herefords, she traveled to many different junior national shows. Pribil graduated high school in 1985 and continued her education at Oklahoma State University (OSU). She graduated from OSU with her bachelor’s degree in animal science in 1989. Upon graduation, Pribil was named a top 10 graduate from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. While attending OSU, Pribil was a member of the 1988 OSU livestock judging team. She was named the high individual at the 1988 American Royal livestock judging contest.

Pribil’s children are current students at OSU. They both assist on the farm when time allows and are active members of the NJHA. Elizabeth and Ryan have participated in the Fed Steer Shootout for multiple years and currently own several cows in the operation.

Prior to returning home to her family farm, Pribil worked for ACE Land and Cattle Co., Skiatook, Okla., for three years. She then managed the purebred beef cattle herd at OSU for 11 years.

Pribil served as a director on the Oklahoma Angus Association board. She was an advisor for the Oklahoma Junior Polled Hereford Association and a Sunday school leader at her church.

In addition to running 4B Herefords, Pribil is serving as a director on the OSU animal science alumni board. 4B Herefords is an active member in the Oklahoma Hereford Association and was named the Commercial Breeder of the Year in 2020.



Scott Sullivan is a fourth-generation rancher from Grannis, Ark. He and his wife, Sherry, are the owners of Triple S Ranch, where they

run 150 Hereford cows and 300 head of commercial cattle, along with a backgrounding operation.

Sullivan graduated from Southern Arkansas University in 1983 with his bachelor's degree in agricultural business. A large part of his education occurred on the ranch, learning from his father and grandfather. Sullivan and his wife do not have children of their own but are active with their local

4-H and FFA chapters. He and Sherry work to get local youth involved in the cattle industry. They offer cattle at an affordable price and help with the breeding process if the kids purchase a heifer. Sullivan has a buyback program in the fall where he purchases and backgrounds approximately 500 calves from his bull customers. Sullivan's goal is to offer his customers worry-free calving, while providing genetics that generate profit from pasture to plate. Sullivan and his wife work to find replacement heifers and AI bulls to continually improve their herd's genetics.

Sullivan has been involved with the Hereford breed his entire life. He served on the board of directors for the Magnolia Hereford Association from 2008-2022 and served as the president from 2011-2022. He was the president of the Sevier County Cattlemen's Association twice and was a member of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association (ACA) board of directors twice.

Sullivan also served on his local church board and was a council chairman.

Before returning to the family ranch, Sullivan worked for Arkansas Farm Bureau for 14 years. Since 2009, he has been serving as the legislative officer for the Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas and Southern Arkansas University.

Sullivan is currently a member of the Magnolia Hereford Association and the Northeast Texas Hereford Association. He is serving on the ACA executive committee and on the Sevier County developmental board. He is also a member of the Arkansas State Fair board.

Sullivan received the ACA Lifetime Service Award in 2018. Triple S Ranch earned recognition in 2022 from the AHA as a Platinum Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) Breeder. From 2003-2009 Sullivan served as an Arkansas State Representative. During his term, he served as speaker pro-tempore. He also was the chair of the legislative council. **HW**