

A LOOK BACK AT THE BRED-AND-OWNED FEMALE SHOW

25 years of bred-and-owned female champions at the JNHE.

The VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) is an event unlike any other. Starting with the first exposition held in Tulsa, Okla., in 2000, to its silver anniversary at “The Grand Daddy of ‘Em All” in 2024 — high-quality youth, and cattle, have been a mainstay.

For 25 years, the JNHE has been an industry icon highlighted by the high-quality bred-and-owned entries bred, raised and exhibited by National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members year after year.

JNHE entries always garner attention ringside, from the cow-calf pairs to the owned females and even the champion bulls that go on to be influential sires in hundreds of operations across the country, but the bred-and-owned heifer show at the JNHE has always been special.

Each part of the JNHE has seen change over the years but the significance and breed-wide impact of the bred-and-owned show endures, underscored by selection of the top five bred-and-owned females for the

first time ever in 2023 — thanks to an endowment created by GKB Cattle, Desdemona, Texas.

“The bred-and-owned show speaks wonders to the quality of kids we are raising in this program,” said Brady Jensen, a 2024 JNHE bred-and-owned show judge and NJHA alumnus. “They are dedicated to not only buying a show heifer, but they are trying to raise them on their own.”

Take a look back at 25 years of bred-and-owned female champions below. **HW**



2000 (horned)
Ryan Sellman, Crawford, Neb.



2000 (polled)
Justin Barber, Channing, Texas



2001
Catie Sims, Elgin, Okla.



2002
Colt Keffer, Crawfordsville, Ind.



2003
Justin Barber, Channing, Texas



2004
Justin Barber, Channing, Texas



2005
Kari Brumley, Farmington, Calif.



2006
Kade Patton, Milton, Ind.



2007
Kandi Knippa, Seguin, Texas



2008
Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas



2009
Blake Tucker, North Platte, Neb.



2010
Kirbie Day, Waxahachie, Texas



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Kirbie Day, Waxahachie, Texas



2013
Payton Vogel, Hartley, Iowa



2014
Bryden and Rylee Barber,
Channing, Texas



2015
Abby Geye, Rising Star, Texas



2016
Rhett Lowderman, Macomb, Ill.



2017
Aidyn, Bryden and Rylee Barber,
Channing, Texas



2018
Aidyn, Bryden and Rylee Barber,
Channing, Texas



2019
Aidyn, Bryden and Rylee Barber,
Channing, Texas



2020
Aidyn, Bryden and Rylee Barber,
Channing, Texas



2021
Lauren May, Mineral Point, Wis.



2022
Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas



2023
Maddie O'Leary, Weatherford, Texas



2024
Henley and Beckett Barber,
Channing, Texas

For 25 years, the bred-and-owned female show has been a JNHE highlight. In 2023, the top-five overall females were selected for the first time — thanks to an endowment created by GKB Cattle, Desdemona, Texas. In 2024, the GKB Cattle Youth Endowment sponsored trailers for the grand and reserve champion bred-and-owned female exhibitors, along with semen tanks for the third- through fifth-overall winners.

