

## Preserving Memories

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the JNHE with the September *Hereford World*.



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Growing up, my “family vacation” every summer was almost always spent in a barn at one or two national junior cattle shows. While I loved attending the actual event and showing cattle, one of my favorite things to look for after the show was the breed publication recapping the event in the mailbox. Whether it was the *Shorthorn Country* or *Angus Journal*, I thoroughly enjoyed poring over the pages, viewing the results, seeing the candid photos and gleaning whatever information I could from the showmanship and herdsman of the year winners.

This year, the American Hereford Association (AHA) and National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) celebrated 25 years of the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo with “The Grand Daddy of ‘Em All.” Aptly named after “The Daddy of ‘Em All,” the world’s largest rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyo., there were so many things that made this event special. From the exhibitors and families that spend their “family vacation” at a week-long cattle show, to all the sponsors, volunteers and people toiling behind the scenes, the JNHE isn’t a success without the hard work of many.

Each year, the annual September issue of *Hereford World* serves as an important reference to the annual tradition — underscoring the

importance of print publications. If there is a question about previous shows, a September issue of the *Hereford World* usually has the answer.

From the mural sitting outside the Quilt Room at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds during the 25th anniversary, to the photo collages and names from prior JNHEs featured on social media, this year’s issue adds to the historic documentation.

### In this issue

Since 2000, the September *Hereford World* has printed results and stories from the annual JNHE. As tradition goes, this year is no different. The special section recapping “The Grand Daddy of ‘Em All” begins on Page 37. The champion senior showman, Fallon Gohr, is highlighted on Page 70, and the Junior Herdsman of the Year, Mason Allan, is featured on Page 86. As you flip through the pages, there are more features, along with results and a few call-backs to the first JNHE in Tulsa, Okla., in 2000.

The September issue is one of the largest issues *Hereford World* prints each year. Hopefully, you pulled this publication out of the mailbox with as much excitement as I did when I was a kid. It’s a keepsake and an encapsulation of memories that will last a lifetime. **HW**

