

MEET THE NATIONAL HEREFORD QUEEN CANDIDATES

Five young women will compete for the title of 2024-25 National Hereford Queen.



Nataleigh Belcher

Nataleigh Belcher, Twin City, Ga., is 18 years old and a high school senior. The current Georgia Hereford Queen is a member of 4-H, FFA and Future Business Leaders of America, in addition to volunteering in her community. She serves as secretary of the Georgia Junior Hereford Association. Nataleigh plans to major in agricultural education and minor in animal science at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College after high school graduation.

“The National Hereford Queen is a symbol of grace and honor,” Nataleigh says. “She is an ambassador who is passionate about the Hereford breed and what it has done for the beef industry. She serves as an inspiration to cultivate the love of agriculture for future generations.”



Avari Schroeder

A 19-year-old sophomore majoring in animal science at Iowa State University, Avari Schroeder, Sumner, Iowa, currently serves as the Iowa Hereford Queen. She is involved in a broad variety of organizations, from serving as an intern at the 2024 National Western Stock Show to being a member of the Iowa State meat judging team and other university clubs. She is a director on the Iowa Junior Hereford Association board.

“The National Hereford Queen is one of the most essential advocacy roles for the American Hereford industry,” Avari says. “The queen has many duties and responsibilities to fulfill during her reign. The first is advocacy; the queen’s responsibility is to advocate her passion and knowledge for the Hereford breed online, in presentations, articles, socials and national shows.”



Naomi Sinnamon

Naomi Sinnamon is a 19-year-old sophomore at Ivy Tech Community College, pursuing a degree in agriculture. The Kokomo, Ind., native currently serves as the Indiana Hereford Queen and is a senior director on the Indiana Junior Hereford Association board. She has attended the Faces of Leadership and BOLD conferences, along with being an active 4-H and FFA member.

“The National Hereford Queen is a very important part of the advocacy and promotion of the Hereford breed,” she says. “This position involves attending numerous shows, sales, and other various events to represent and educate others about the significance of the breed. The queen acts as an ambassador for this breed.”



Mary Warden

Mary Warden, Bolivar, Mo., is 20 years old and a sophomore at Missouri State University, studying agricultural education. The current Missouri Hereford Queen recently earned her American FFA Degree and is a member of multiple on-campus clubs and organizations and serves as president of the Missouri Junior Hereford Association.

“The role of the National Hereford Queen is to be one of the faces of the Hereford breed,” Mary says. “Her role is to serve and promote the breed in all aspects. The National Hereford Queen should not just be an advocate for the Hereford breed but for the agricultural industry as a whole.”



Abbey Wohleb

Abbey Wohleb is a 17-year-old high school senior from Whitney, Texas. She has been a National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) member since 2014, and currently serves as the Texas Hereford Queen and as a board member for the Texas Junior Hereford Association, along with being actively involved in her FFA chapter. Abbey plans on pursuing a pre-veterinary major after her high school graduation.

“The National Hereford Queen is a prestigious role that embodies the values, heritage and ambitions of the Hereford breed community,” she says. “This position requires a passionate advocate who can effectively promote the breed, represent its interests and cultivate a positive image within the agricultural sector and beyond.”