

# Herefords in Mile High City

Hereford breeders, exhibitors and enthusiasts convene for National Western Stock Show.

The Hereford breed took the Mile High City by storm Jan. 15-17, showing 426 Hereford cattle in the Yards in Denver, Colo., and in the new CoBank Arena. The Maternal Merit Sale kicked off an exciting three days at the 2026 National Western Stock Show (NWSS), with 38 head of Hereford-influence females averaging

\$4,908. Valhalla Ranch, Bennett, Colo., consigned six commercial Hereford heifers bred to Red Angus that averaged \$5,500. Livingston Ranch, Stratton, Colo., offered seven Angus heifers bred to Hereford that averaged \$6,300.

Certified Hereford Beef® tri-tip served during the Stockyards Beef and

Wine Festival was a crowd favorite, and the National Western Hereford Sale capped the show with 34 lots grossing \$1,128,000.

The first two weeks of January — between Cattlemen’s Congress and NWSS — marked the beginning of an exciting year for the Hereford breed. **HW**



Associate judge, Mark Reitzenstein, DVM, Kersey, Colo., evaluates the junior horned female grand drive.



Eight head of premium red baldy bred heifers consigned by Valhalla Ranch, Bennett, Colo., topped the Hereford-influence females at the Maternal Merit Sale, averaging \$5,600.



Hereford breeders brought some of their best to the West for the National Western Stock Show.