

Herefords Take the Yards

Dvorak Herefords, Jensen Ranch and Storey Hereford Ranch take home top honors in Yards show.

Dvorak Herefords, Lake Andes, S.D., showed the winning carload of Hereford bulls Jan. 16 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Yards in Denver, Colo. Jensen Ranch, Courtland, Kan., topped the pen-of-three bull show, and Storey Hereford Ranch, Bozeman, Mont., won the pen-of-three female show.

Judges Cliff Copeland, Nara Visa, N.M.; Fred Larson, Spring Valley, Wis.; and Steve Lambert, Oroville, Calif., sorted a total of 158 Hereford cattle — seven carloads, 17 female pens and 17 bull pens — to find the 2026 NWSS champions.

“I tell you today, no matter what your breeding program is, these bulls

here and these females we saw earlier this morning will keep you in this business for long time,” Lambert said before the announcement of the champion pen-of-three bulls.

In the carload show, Dvorak Herefords won grand champion with their group of champion senior bull calves sired by JDH AH Lincoln 106H



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMSI	BIS	CHBS
3.2	2.3	78	125	0.9	1.6	18.4	33	3.5	120	1.50	1.60	96	0.04	0.83	0.20	417	517	153

Grand champion carload

Dvorak Herefords, Lake Andes, S.D., with a group sired by JDH AH Lincoln 106H ET, RST Final Print 0016, Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET and JW 1857 Merit 21134.



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMSI	BIS	CHBS
3.0	3.6	72	116	0.9	1.3	19.8	32	1.9	109	1.40	1.40	95	0.03	0.83	0.23	432	528	152

Reserve grand champion carload

Landgren Ranch, Bartlett, Neb., with a group sired by Land Chief 2097, UPS Voyager, Land Makers Mark 2072ET, Land Frisco 3060, UPS Taylor Made ET and JDH AH Lincoln 106H ET.

Abbreviations used in expected progeny differences (EPDs) tables: calving ease (CE), birth weight (BW), weaning weight (WW), yearling weight (YW), dry matter intake (DMI), scrotal circumference (SC), sustained cow fertility (SCF), maternal milk (MM), maternal calving ease (MCE), mature cow weight (MCW), udder suspension (UDDR), teat size (TEAT), carcass weight (CW), rib fat (FAT), ribeye area (REA), marbling (MARB), baldy maternal index (BMSI), Brahman influence index (BIS), and Certified Hereford Beef index (CHBS).

ET, RST Final Print 0016, Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET and JW 1857 Merit 21134. This pen weighed 1,349 pounds on average, with a weight per day of age (WDA) of 3.34 pounds and average scrotal circumference (SC) measuring 37.50 centimeters. Landgren Ranch, Bartlett, Neb., was the reserve grand champion carload and champion in the spring bull calf division with a group sired by Land Chief 2097, UPS Voyager, Land Makers Mark 2072ET, Land Frisco 3060, UPS Taylor Made ET and JDH AH Lincoln 106H ET. The group of bulls weighed an average of 1,069 pounds with a 3.54-pound WDA and average SC of 34.80 centimeters.

Jensen Ranch and their group by KJ 753D Tomahawk 605K ET rose to the

top of the pen-of-three bull show. The champion junior bull calf pen tipped the scales with a 1,307-pound average weight, 3.62-pound WDA and average SC of 39.30 centimeters. A group of senior bull calves sired by BR Rare Air 2174 and Innisfail Trademark 1939 ET exhibited by Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas, took home the reserve grand champion pen-of-three bull banner. With an average weight of 1,510 pounds and 3.40-pound WDA, the Barber Ranch pen measured an average SC of 38.70 centimeters.

Storey Hereford Ranch showed the grand champion pen-of-three females with a group sired by C Reign Maker 3210 ET. The champion junior heifer calf pen posted an average weight

of 983 pounds and WDA of 2.80 pounds. Delaney Herefords Inc., Lake Benton, Minn., and Atkins Herefords, Tea, S.D., claimed the reserve grand champion pen-of-three females with a group sired by Stellpflug Gunsmoke 222 ET, RST Final Print 0016 and Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET. Their pen, also from the junior heifer calf division, weighed an average of 888 pounds with a WDA of 2.47 pounds.

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Editor's Note: The EPDs published are an average of the pen, reflective of the show date. Visit Hereford.org to view current EPDs on each entry.



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
4.9	3.3	76	117	0.6	1.7	19.4	33	-3.0	96	1.30	1.20	92	0.05	0.85	0.43	441	555	171

Grand champion pen-of-three bulls

Jensen Ranch, Courtland, Kan., with a group sired by KJ 753D Tomahawk 605K ET.



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
3.7	2.9	73	121	1.2	1.6	23.6	29	4.3	92	1.30	1.30	100	0.05	0.71	0.48	494	611	174

Reserve grand champion pen-of-three bulls

Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas, with a group sired by BR Rare Air 2174 and Innisfail Trademark 1939 ET.



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
0.3	3.4	60	94	0.1	0.9	24.6	34	1.8	91	1.40	1.40	81	-0.03	0.85	0.07	502	579	140

Grand champion pen-of-three females

Storey Hereford Ranch, Bozeman, Mont., with a group sired by C Reign Maker 3210 ET.



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
6.3	-0.1	65	103	0.4	0.9	20.9	30	2.6	96	1.40	1.50	78	0.04	0.58	0.29	441	537	144

Reserve grand champion pen-of-three females

Delaney Herefords Inc., Lake Benton, Minn., and **Atkins Herefords**, Tea, S.D., with a group sired by Stellpflug Gunsmoke 222 ET, RST Final Print 0016 and Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET.