A Fantastic Five

Bred-and-owned female champions named.

The selection of the top-five bred-and-owned at the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) is embedded in the fabric of the event. BKMT GHC Maternal Treasure ET, shown by Grady and Hudson Carter, Stratford, Okla., was named the grand champion female by judges Randy Mullinix, Toulon, Ill., and Jake Bohnsack, Taylor Ridge, Ill., July 8 in Madison, Wis., during "The Hereford Masters in Madison."

"With what they (the National Junior Hereford Association) have put together here, you guys have absolutely every club in the bag," Mullinix said in his bred-and-owned female grand drive comments. "You have an opportunity to learn every part of the business — an opportunity to expand in every part of the business. And what a great time (to do it). Don't limit yourself to this showring. There's a great big world in the cattle business, and there are so many opportunities. We need you guys."

The Carters' female is an Oct. 10, 2024, daughter of BK Red River H18 ET. She also won division X.

"When you walk in, you hear the music and you hear everyone cheering

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
1.2	3.7	54	92	0.1	0.6	10.6	22	-1.7	84	1.20	1.20	61	-0.015	0.53	0.10	266	331	114

BKMT GHC Maternal Treasure ET
Grand and **champion division X bred-and-owned female,** Grady and Hudson Carter, Stratford, Okla., with an Oct. 10, 2024, daughter of BK Red River H18 ET.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
-1.6	5.4	66	118	0.3	0.9	12.7	33	-5.3	112	1.20	1.20	86	0.015	0.65	0.01	323	396	138

L2 LCC K001 Fancy Pants 49N ET
Reserve grand and **champion division III bred-and-owned female,** Tuck and Nash Lowderman, Macomb, Ill., with an Oct. 27, 2025, daughter of BK CMCC Kool Profit K001ET.

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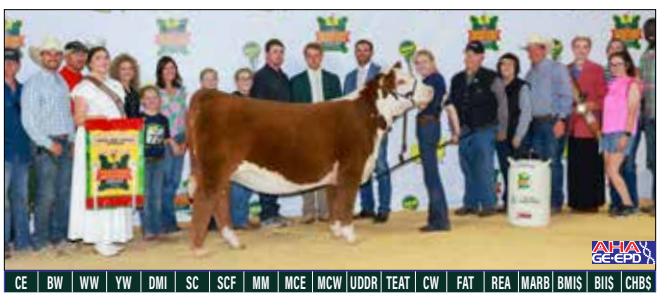
CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
-6.1	6.1	59	104	0.2	1.0	8.8	28	-4.3	109	1.20	1.20	75	-0.025	0.63	0.02	258	320	127

Ella Jungle Fox 5018ET
Third-overall and **champion division VII bred-and-owned female,** Ella Weldon, Piedmont, Okla., with a March 20, 2025, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
-6.3	5.3	57	94	0.3	1.0	10.6	30	-6.3	109	1.30	1.30	73	-0.035	0.62	0.06	278	342	121

BR GKB Chilton N153 ET
Fourth-overall and **champion division V bred-and-owned female,** Aidyn Barber, Channing, Texas, with a May 1, 2025, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
2.6	4.0	57	94	0.1	0.7	14.9	24	0.6	100	1.20	1.20	90	0.005	0.86	0.26	378	457	169

YB Bambi 2108 5102
Fifth-overall and **champion division II bred-and-owned female,** Paislee Young, Springville, Tenn., with a Nov. 6, 2025, daughter of HL Stimulus 2108 ET.

— it'll send chills down your back," Grady said. "It's definitely a blessing to be able to win the bred-and-owned show. Obviously, you bred and raised her, so that's pretty special for me and my family."

Tuck and Nash Lowderman, Macomb, Ill., showed the reserve grand champion and champion division III bred-and-owned female, L2 LCC K001 Fancy Pants 49N ET, an Oct. 27, 2025, heifer by BK CMCC Kool Profit K001ET.

Ella Jungle Fox 5018ET, shown by Ella Weldon, Piedmont, Okla., received third-overall honors. Weldon's entry is a March 20, 2025, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET, from division VII.

Aidyn Barber, Channing, Texas, and BR GKB Chilton N153 ET, a May 1, 2025, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET, were named fourth-overall and champion division V.

The fifth-overall female and final banner of the day went to YB Bambi 2108 5102, a Nov. 6, 2025, daughter of HL Stimulus 2108 ET, exhibited by Paislee Young, Springville, Tenn. Her female also won division II.

Mullinix and Bohnsack sorted through 270 females to name their top five.

The top-five bred-and-owned females are selected and recognized annually, thanks to the GKB Cattle Youth Endowment. The Carter and Lowderman brothers both won custom trailers, and third- through fifth-overall received semen tanks.

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Golden Moment

Allan, Starnes show grand champion owned females.

There's something special about Sunday at the Masters — just like Friday at the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). In the last round, Landry Allan, Nocona, Texas, and Harper Rose Starnes, Fort Payne, Ala., rose to the top of the owned female show at "The Hereford Masters in Madison," July 10 in Madison, Wis.

Tyler Cates, Modoc, Ind., and Kyle Gillooly, Wadley, Ga., sorted the 177-head horned female and 560-head polled owned female shows.

"I live an hour from Augusta, Ga., home of the Masters. And I don't know if any of you have been there or not, but anybody that has can testify that you can't appreciate it until you see it in person," Gillooly said before the grand horned female selection. "The attention to detail, the precision, the manicured landscape — azaleas, trees, all of it is just beautiful in person. Much like the Hereford junior national."

BACC 241 Haley 472 won the polled female show. Exhibited by Allan, she is a Nov. 17, 2024, daughter of UPS Sensation 2296 ET. The duo also claimed division XIV champion in the polled show. After claiming top honors in the bred-and-owned female show, BKMT GHC Maternal Treasure ET, shown by Grady and Hudson Carter, Stratford, Okla., was named the reserve grand champion owned polled female. She is an Oct. 10, 2024, female by BK Red River H18 ET from division XV.

Starnes brought home the grand champion banner in the horned show. Her winning entry, T/R LC Brielles Grace 25032 ET, also won division VI. She is a Feb. 15, 2025, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.

"I think every detail, every supporter, every minute, every mile — everything's just special right now," Starnes said after her female was named grand champion in the horned show.

CMCC Make A Splash 4072M and Kennedy Hoffman, Thedford, Neb., received the reserve grand champion horned female handshake. Hoffman's female is a Nov. 12, 2024, daughter of KJ 753D Tomahawk 605K ET, from division VII.

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CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
3.0	2.2	64	98	0.2	1.1	18.3	34	3.0	107	1.20	1.20	93	0.035	0.92	0.22	426	513	159

BACC 241 Haley 472
Grand and **champion division XIV owned polled female,** Landry Allan, Nocona, Texas, with a Nov. 17, 2024, daughter of UPS Sensation 2296 ET.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
1.2	3.7	54	92	0.1	0.6	10.6	22	-1.7	84	1.20	1.20	61	-0.015	0.53	0.10	266	331	114

BKMT GHC Maternal Treasure ET
Reserve grand and **champion division XV owned polled female,** Grady and Hudson Carter, Stratford, Okla., with an Oct. 10, 2024, daughter of BK Red River H18 ET.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
-2.4	5.2	57	94	0.1	0.6	10.0	25	-1.5	100	1.20	1.20	70	-0.015	0.65	-0.05	265	322	111

T/R LC Brielles Grace 25032 ET
Grand and **champion division VI owned horned female,** Harper Rose Starnes, Fort Payne, Ala., with a Feb. 15, 2025, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
0.2	3.5	70	116	0.8	1.1	16.8	18	-4.3	112	1.30	1.20	87	0.025	0.80	0.35	387	488	156

CMCC Make A Splash 4072M
Reserve grand and **champion division VII owned horned female,** Kennedy Hoffman, Thedford, Neb., with a Nov. 12, 2024, daughter of KJ 753D Tomahawk 605K ET.

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Perfect Pairing

Harfsts win cow-calf pair show.

Bringing the bred-and-owned and owned cow-calf pair champions into the showring for the grand champion selection is a VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) highlight. Easton and Kaytlyn Harfst, Battle Creek, Mich., won the cow-calf pair show at "The Hereford Masters in Madison," July 8 in Madison, Wis., with HC Eden 302, their champion bred-and-owned cow-calf pair.

"It's a lot of fun to be able to do it as a team, instead of me having a heifer and him (Easton) having a heifer," Kaytlyn said after the siblings won the cow-calf pair show.

The Harfst siblings' cow is an April 10, 2023, daughter of CRR 8Y Leverage 971. Her calf is a Jan. 27, 2026, daughter of SCG Showtime No Limit 111ET.

Randy Mullinix, Toulon, Ill., and Jake Bohnsack, Taylor Ridge, Ill., judged 23 cow-calf pairs to name the champions.

"I think four-for-four, we have cattle that can work in any facet of the industry," Mullinix said before selecting the grand champion cow-calf pair. "I think that's so important."

Clayton Heins, New Salem, N.D., showed the reserve grand and reserve champion bred-and-owned cow calf pair with CJH Patti 443. The March 20, 2024, daughter of Land Bourbon 2042ET, had a March 17, 2026, bull calf by KJ 488G Justice 606M at her side.

Nora Werk, Herman Minn., claimed the owned cow-calf champion title with H BL TB Pixie 496 ET, a May 16, 2024, daughter of Bar JZ On Demand, alongside her March 15, 2026, heifer calf by KJ 488G Justice 606M.

KJ TWJ 907E Cherry 374L ET, exhibited by Adalynn Blankenship, West Burlington, N.Y., was named the reserve champion owned cow-calf pair. The Nov. 2, 2023, cow by KLD RW Marksman D87 ET showed with her Feb. 10, 2026, daughter of M&M 003 Firecracker 209.

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CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
8.5	0.1	61	100	0.8	1.3	21.6	37	3.4	126	1.50	1.50	82	0.065	0.52	0.06	430	508	113

HC Eden 302
Grand and **champion bred-and-owned cow-calf pair,** Easton and Kaytlyn Harfst, Battle Creek, Mich., with an April 10, 2023, daughter of CRR 8Y Leverage 971. Her calf is a Jan. 27, 2026, daughter of SCG Showtime No Limit 111ET.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
3.8	2.7	55	91	0.2	0.9	15.5	24	3.4	104	1.20	1.30	84	0.025	0.78	0.12	366	436	141

CJH Patti 443
Reserve grand and **reserve champion bred-and-owned cow calf pair,** Clayton Heins, New Salem, N.D., with a March 20, 2024, daughter of Land Bourbon 2042ET. Her calf is a March 17, 2026, son of KJ 488G Justice 606M.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
6.3	2.4	64	95	0.6	1.0	22.1	32	0.1	94	1.30	1.40	89	0.015	0.62	0.13	454	539	135

H BL TB Pixie 496 ET
Champion owned cow-calf pair, Nora Werk, Herman Minn., with a May 16, 2024, daughter of Bar JZ On Demand. Her calf is a March 15, 2026, daughter of KJ 488G Justice 606M.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI$	BII$	CHB$
-6.1	6.0	63	108	-0.1	1.2	9.6	28	-1.6	123	1.30	1.30	68	-0.025	0.45	0.07	272	343	128

KJ TWJ 907E Cherry 374L ET
Reserve champion owned cow-calf pair, Adalynn Blankenship, West Burlington, N.Y., with a Nov. 2, 2023, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET. Her calf is a Feb. 10, 2026, daughter of M&M 003 Firecracker 209.

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A Masterful Mating

Colyer claims bred-and-owned bull show banner.

The bred-and-owned bull show at the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) is a testament to the herds National Junior Hereford Association members are building. Cruz Colyer and C PHR Empire 5302 ET were the winners of the bred-and-owned bull show July 8, 2026, during "The Hereford Masters in Madison."

"It's a pretty cool accomplishment that we've been wanting to do for a while so we're pretty excited about this," Colyer said.

Montie Soules, Kansas City, Mo., evaluated the 65-head bull show in Madison, Wis.

"Herefords have always been dear to my heart and always will be," Soules said during the selection of the grand champion bull. "More importantly, these junior members out here are a great group of young people, and they've been empowered by you, as parents."

Colyer's grand champion bred-and-owned bull is an Aug. 30. 2025, son of Land SHR Manhattan 2029ET. He also won division II in the bull show.

The Barber twins, Henley and Beckett, Amarillo, Texas, exhibited the reserve grand champion bred-and-owned bull — BR GKB Hercules N102 ET. The April 1, 2025, son of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET, was also named division IV champion.

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-1.7	3.0	64	105	0.3	1.1	11.1	25	-6.7	93	1.30	1.20	88	0.045	0.71	0.08	298	372	139

C PHR Empire 5302 ET
Grand and **champion division II bred-and-owned bull,** Cruz Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with an Aug. 30, 2025, son of Land SHR Manhattan 2029ET.

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	MCE	MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMIS	BIIS	CHBS
-0.1	4.0	53	89	0.3	0.7	7.6	23	-5.0	95	1.20	1.20	67	0.015	0.53	0.12	222	286	114

BR GKB Hercules N102 ET
Reserve grand and **champion division IV bred-and-owned bull,** Henley and Beckett Barber, Amarillo, Texas, with an April 1, 2025, son of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.

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Chasing Excellence

Figge siblings selected grand champion steer.

In an 80-head steer show, Tyree and Delaney Figge, Onaga, Kan., sorted to the top spot July 8 at "The Hereford Masters in Madison" with FBF HR Lightning 5F02.

Montie Soules, Kansas City, Mo., judged the steer show at the 2026 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE).

"I don't think you realize how much quality I was able to see this morning as we have seen a really great group of cattle come out here," Soules said before the selection of the grand champion steer.

The Figge siblings' grand champion steer is a 1,524-pound son of CH High Roller 756 ET. He was a bred-and-owned entry, winning division III and the bred-and-owned steer show.

"My sister … she was crying on the phone because she was so proud," Tyree said following his win. "Me and her, we did raise that steer, and it really meant a lot."

Logan Cady, New Windsor, Md., exhibited the reserve grand champion and reserve division III steer, GSF Taylor N101 ET, a 1,449-pound son of CH High Roller 756 ET.

GOSS 3575 334L El Paso 2501, a 1,369-pound son of Stellpflug Thomas County3625BET, shown by Keaton and Kayston Goss, Vinton, Calif., was the reserve champion bred-and-owned steer and reserve champion division III in the bred-and-owned steer show.

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FBF HR Lightning 5F02
Grand and **champion division III, champion bred-and-owned** and **champion division III bred-and-owned steer,** Tyree and Delaney Figge, Onaga, Kan., with a 1,524-pound son of CH High Roller 756 ET.

GSF Taylor N101 ET
Reserve grand and **reserve champion division III steer,** Logan Cady, New Windsor, Md., with a 1,449-pound son of CH High Roller 756 ET.

GOSS 3575 334L El Paso 2501
Reserve champion bred-and-owned steer and **reserve champion bred-and-owned division III steer,** Keaton and Kayston Goss, Vinton, Calif., with a 1,369-pound son of Stellpflug Thomas County3625BET.

Grand Groups

New Mexico, Oklahoma win state group shows; Harfsts top produce-of-dam.

States and exhibitors gathered their best for "The Hereford Masters in Madison," July 7-8, in Madison, Wis., state group and produce-of-dam shows.

Breck Debnam, Madison, Ga., evaluated the state group shows, and Randy Mullinix, Toulon, Ill., and Jake Bohnsack, Taylor Ridge, Ill., judged the produce-of-dam show.

The grand champion produce-of-dam title went to Kaytlyn and Easton Harfst, Battle Creek, Mich., with a group out of HC Emma 2012. Reserve grand champion produce-of-dam: Aidyn Barber, Channing, Texas, with a group out of BR Amber 6089.

"If this doesn't get you fired up about the future of the Hereford breed, then you probably landed in the wrong place this week," said Debnam during the selection of the grand champion state group-of-five. "They're absolutely incredible from top to bottom. I think every state has a very high-quality set of cattle out here."

New Mexico showed the grand champion group-of-three. Exhibitors from Montana were named reserve grand champion.

Oklahoma topped the group-of-five show, and Texas claimed reserve grand champion.

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Grand champion state group-of-three: New Mexico

Reserve grand champion state group-of-three: Montana

Grand champion state group-of-five: Oklahoma

Reserve grand champion state group-of-five: Texas

Grand champion produce-of-dam: Kaytlyn and Easton Harfst, Battle Creek, Mich., with a group out of HC Emma 2012.

Not pictured: **Reserve grand champion produce-of-dam:** Aidyn Barber, Channing, Texas, with a group out of BR Amber 6089.