

Kansas Polled Herefords on the Prairie



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Plan to Attend the KPHA Tour

Kansas Polled Hereford Association (KPHA) members from south central Kansas will be hosting the 2007 KPHA tour Aug. 11. The first tour stop will be Carver Polled Herefords, owned by Orville Carver, near Augusta at 9 a.m.

The tour will proceed to S&S Farms, owned by Jeff and Holly Smith, of Windom. Oak Creek Farm, Matt Stucky, will also have cattle on display. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Veterinarian Holly Smith along with a Kansas State University professor will speak about Hereford \$Profit Indexes during the meal.

At 2:15 the group will travel to Hutchinson to tour the Kansas Underground Salt Museum. After viewing the museum and touring the salt mine, participants will meet at the Best Western Sun Dome for the evening. At 6:15 p.m. the 2007 KPHA Annual Meeting and Banquet will feature a Certified Hereford Beef® dinner.

Tour sponsors include Deer Trail Implement, McPherson County Farm Bureau, Countryside Feed LLC, Walco, Sunflower Bank, Sunflower Insurance, Zietlow Distributing, Pankratz Implement, Hutchinson Commission Company, Farm Credit Services of Central Kansas, Nutritional Systems and Genex.

See below for a complete schedule. For more information about the tour, contact Kim Schmidt, KPHA secretary/treasurer, at (785) 363-7557 or kansaspolledherefords@yahoo.com.

Tour Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 11

- 9 a.m. Carver Polled Herefords, Augusta
Located 3 miles west and 2 miles south of Augusta
- 10:15 a.m. Depart for S&S Farms, Windom
- 11:45 a.m. Arrive at S&S Farms
Located 4 miles north, 5 miles west and .5 miles south of Inman
Will include lunch with educational speakers.
- 2:15 p.m. Depart for Kansas Underground Salt Museum, Hutchinson
- 2:45 p.m. Arrive at Kansas Underground Salt Museum, Hutchinson
- 5:15 p.m. Depart Kansas Underground Salt Museum, Hutchinson
- 6:15 p.m. Annual Meeting and Banquet, Best Western Sun Dome, South Hutchinson

2007 KPHA Annual Meeting

The 2007 Kansas Polled Hereford Association (KPHA) Annual Meeting will be conducted during the tour. The meeting will include election of directors and the development of a KPHA mission statement.

Please RSVP by Aug. 4 to Kim Schmidt at kansaspolledherefords@yahoo.com or (785) 363-7557.

May Special Meeting Highlights

The Kansas Polled Hereford Association (KPHA) hosted a special membership meeting in Abilene, Kan., on May 25. There were 22 members present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Kansas Polled Hereford Association. It was decided not to dissolve the association.

Attendees at the Annual Meeting in August will work on developing a mission statement and goals. Members are asked to come to the meeting with ideas.

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Poll-ette News

Brooke Schultz, daughter of Kevin and Vera Schultz, Haviland, is the 2007-08 Kansas Polled Hereford Queen. Please invite her to any activity you may be having during the year.

Paula Acheson, Dana Pieper, Steph and Shelia Jensen, Lou Ann Snaveley, and Darla Moore attended the Poll-ette meeting Saturday morning of the junior show in Abilene.

The future of the Poll-ettes was discussed. The group agreed to pay 2007 National dues, sponsor the speech contest and queen. When the money is gone the Poll-ettes can then be dissolved. For 2008 Steph volunteered to be in charge of the speech contest. Darla is treasurer and all members are to help with the evening meal at the junior show.

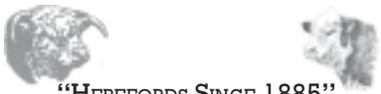
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A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all of the KPHA and KHA families who helped make the Junior National Hereford Expo Silent Auction a HUGE success this year. A special thanks to John, Sarah, Megan, Kate and Dylan Evans for all the miles they put in collecting items for the basket. The final bid was for \$2,020. It was by far the nicest and highest bid basket there. A part of that will be coming back to the Kansas Juniors and they can use it for the next preview show. The rest goes to the national junior youth. Start thinking about items of Kansas interest for next year as the Junior National Hereford Expo is in Kansas City.

I also want to thank Premium Feeders for helping out with the Grill off and sponsoring the Thursday Noon pizza party for the Kansas families. Didn't take long for us to go through 20 large pizzas.

We all had a great time and the noon day show meals went over great with around 75 people eating each day. Thanks to everyone who helped with those meals.

— Paula Acheson

Upcoming events

- Aug. 2-5 PRIDE Convention, Mississippi University, Starkville
- Aug. 11 KPHA Tour, south central
- Aug. 11 Annual Meeting and Banquet, Hutchinson
- Aug. 22-24 Hereford Young Guns Conference, Kansas City
- Sept. 9 Kansas State Fair 4-H and FFA Show, Hutchinson
- Sept. 15 Kansas State Fair Open Hereford Show, Hutchinson
- Oct. 21 American Royal Hereford Show, Kansas City

Thank You Youth Supporters

We are deeply appreciative of your generous donations to the Kansas Junior Horned and Polled Hereford Association Show. A special thank you to the adults who gave their time either before or during the show to make it be a success for our youth.

Your support, both physical and financial, makes our job easy.

*Danny & Amanda Davis,
KJHA advisors*

Sue Rowland, KJPHA advisor

On behalf of our junior board members, we want to express our gratitude to all the donors of the 2007 Junior Hereford Show. Without you, we would not be able to do many of the activities we provide for our members nor give as nice of prizes to the winners. Your support is greatly appreciated by all members.

Junior Presidents

Brandy Valek and Kyle Baker

Thanks for supporting and your contributions to our Kansas Junior show.

— Tyler Cowan

Thank you for supporting the 2007 Kansas Jr. Hereford Show. Without your support the show would not be possible.

— Jessica Acheson

Thank you for a wonderful time and your support.

— Cody Hutchinson

Thank you for sponsoring the junior show. It is very kind of you.

Your friend, Brooke Jensen

Thank you for all of your support. I done my very best when I was showing. I really like my steer. I plan on showing him a lot more. Thanks again.

— Brett Holloway

Thank you for the pillow. I really appreciate the thought. Thanks again.

— Cody Jensen

Thank you for the steer award. I had a lot of fun. Thanks again.

— Ben Jensen

Thank you for sponsoring the 2007 Kansas Hereford show. This was a great show even with the rain. I also hope to continue on the Hereford tradition. — *Kyle Baker*

Thank you for donating toward our state show prizes. We had a really good show – wet, but we appreciate your support. Thank you.

— BJ Valek

Thank you so much for your sponsorship towards the 2007 KS Junior Hereford Show. If it wasn't for you contributions this show wouldn't be possible. As my last year it was an honor to receive the champion senior showmanship award. Thanks again and God Bless!

— Brandy Valek

Thank you for sponsoring the awards for the show. I'm sure everyone is thankful. This breed is very special. From great cattle to great people like you.

Thanks again, Tara Jo Ellerman

Thank you for sponsoring the heifer class. I really appreciate it a lot.

— Casey Jensen

Thank you for sponsoring the show. It is greatly appreciated by all of the exhibitors.

— Robert Craig

Thank you for sponsoring the reserve champion Pee Wee showman award. I really like my bag.

— Seth McKay

Thank you for donating to Kansas Jr. Show in Abilene. Your donations were appreciated. I enjoy my showmanship and heifer awards.

— Katie Jo Parks

I would like to thank you for sponsoring the Reserve cow-calf pair award at the 2007 KJHA/KJPHA state show. Your contribution to the show is greatly appreciated by everyone. Once again, thank you!

— Kaci Nelson

Thank you for sponsoring the Bred and Owned Champion.

— Justin Eck

Thank you very much for helping sponsor our event. Your support is greatly appreciated by all!!

— Audrey Hambright

Thank you for the awards you sponsored at the Kansas Junior show. I really appreciate your donations for the bull, showmanship and heifer awards.

— Nicholas Eck

I want to say a big thank you to all the sponsors who donated time and money to help make the Kansas Junior Hereford Show a big success. I had a class winning heifer and really like the vase that I won. I also won the Pee Wee Judging Contest and my Mom likes the pillow that I got. Thanks to everyone for all of your support.

— Cody Pieper

Thank you for all who sponsored. I greatly appreciated the awards for the cow-calf, class winners, division winners, champion, showmanship, and pair of heifer awards. I hope you sponsor next year.

Thank you, Brady Jensen

Tour Stop Biographies

Carver Polled Herefords

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The Carvers have been raising Polled Herefords for more than 35 years. The herd currently consists of about 70 females. Herd sires that recently have been used are sons of Feltons 517, S&S Digger 13Z, S&S Kodiak 49J and RF Positive Plus 73C.

Calving occurs both spring and fall with only the fall calves receiving minimal creep feed. Cows graze fescue and native range and are wintered on prairie hay and liquid protein supplement. The Carvers have collected performance data for the last 25 years. Even though they do not participate in the Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™), they do collect birth, weaning, yearling weight and frame score. Pelvic measurements are taken on all heifers. Carcass data has been collected through steer futurities conducted by the Extension service.

The majority of cattle are marketed through private treaty to repeat customers who live within a 50-mile radius of Augusta. Females are sold as show prospects, replacements heifers and bred cows. A few bulls are kept and are sold or leased. The majority of the bull calves are worked and sold to individuals that raise and sell grass fed beef.

S&S Farms

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S&S Farms was settled five generations ago around 1870 in eastern Rice County by C.C. White. Cattle have always been part of the farm since the second generation. Stories were that C.C. loved to hunt buffalo and trap in the winter. Milking Shorthorns were the first cattle on the farm. Horned Hereford

bulls were soon added to the mix. Later, Polled Hereford bulls were introduced as dehorning was no longer fun at cattle processing time.

When Jeff was growing up his family ran 40-50 head of commercial cows. While he was away at college the farm had the opportunity to acquire more grassland. They added 30 fall calving cows to the herd. It was a way to stretch the bull use. It also gave the family two different windows to market calves.

In 1995 Holly and Jeff were married and they decided to start a registered herd. The couple went to a sale and purchased some registered cows. The bull they had was already registered so they had a registered herd.

After a few years, a whole lot of frustration, and a little smarter and wiser they started over with the cows or the mothers of the cows they now have on their place. With each year that has passed, Jeff and Holly have learned to be more discriminating with their breeding decisions.

Currently, the herd base consists of Remitall Governor 236G, SHF Kilo D03 K122, SHF Marshal 236G M33, SHF Interstate 20X D03, and SSF Nathan 634E N07. Last year they added a Marshal son, SHF Reality M33 R40. Marshal has proven to be a very consistent cow-herd builder and his calves hit the ground with unprecedented vigor. Reality is out of a very powerful dam. The Smiths are excited as they expect him to be a better bull than his father. His calves will be on display.

The Smiths have a couple new herd bulls and are anxiously waiting to see their first calves. SSF Refrigerator N07 R04 is a Nathan son out of their Governor donor cow, SHF Governess K16. His job is to complement the performance and reproductive efficiency traits while increasing the value of carcass traits, particularly IMF.

SSF Romeo 417L R19 is a horned bull they raised. Still hoping to avoid dehorning mostly, this bull really fits into the S&S program. His genetics and performance preclude his headgear. Jeff and Holly also purchased a share of SHF Radar M326 R125 last year in Denver. His calves have performed tremendously this spring. You will have the opportunity to see his calves on display.

The Smiths began using AI as breeding tool in 1995 on their heifers. Riding the “learning curve,” their use of AI increased. Then as CIDRs became available in the U.S., they began to AI nearly all of their cows both registered and commercial. In 2001 embryo transfer was added to their program to hasten genetic improvement. They couple strives to select for multiple traits putting emphasis on milk, WW, YW and REA. Adding IMF, BW, and the profit indexes (CHB and BMI) into the mix as well in the last year. They have always used performance record keeping and then switched to TPR. Ultrasound data has been collected on the bulls and all replacement heifers since 2000. They strive to produce cattle that are profitable and functional for themselves and their customers.

One of the greatest benefits of their registered herd has been the unbelievable improvement in the commercial cows. Since they are all managed as a unit, the genetic strides taken in the commercial cows have been tremendous. It is just as easy to apply herd selection and AI to the commercial cows as it is to the registered ones since they run side by side. It also serves as a check and balance. If the commercial cows are outperforming a registered animal, it is readily obvious and generally results in culling decisions.

Their ultimate goal is not only for their cattle to be functional,



profitable and free of genetic defects, it is also to have Herefords that are extremely competitive with the Angus breed. The commercial herd has traditionally been straight Polled Hereford (with the exception of the occasional progeny from the "broken wire" breeding program and the neighbor's bull). With the introduction of Angus bloodlines into the commercial cows, our F1 baldies are a new benchmark of performance. It has helped the Smiths improve their commercial cows, and how can you top an F1 black baldie? The commercial herd will remain predominantly Hereford. Its primary mission is to produce a few steers for market, steers for custom feeding, replacement heifers to be kept or sold, and recipient cows for their embryo program.

As most of you are aware, Jeff had the (mis)fortune of marrying a veterinarian. So, on their place they pay particular attention to management and correction of the management issues that cause health problems. That has been somewhat of a challenge, since the historical way of doing things isn't always the way that is presently accepted as best in the light of current scientific knowledge. Change has come slowly. Facilities change slowly. It is a constant work in progress. Equally weighted is the preventative health program. While it may not always be the most profitable method of management for a commercial cow-calf producer, S&S calves are prepared to have the best possible future health and thus performance. This is one reason (profitability) that the Smiths are keeping more and more of their calf crop and marketing them to the end user themselves.

In that same fashion, Jeff and Holly tend to be a little purist on genetic defects. If a cow gets culled for a reason that is heritable, not only is she culled, her whole family joins her. They adopt a tough standard on issues such as: prolapses (vaginal or uterine), udder quality and

teat conformation, soundness, reproductive efficiency, mother ability, and eyes. They are selecting additionally for traits of environmental resistance including but not limited to: well hooded eyes with lashes that protect from the sun and brush, pigmentation on the eyes, scrotum, teats and udder, and longevity. They want their cows to perform for years as cows for whomever purchases them, whether seedstock or commercial. In addition, they strive to produce cattle that have the genetic background to be mated to terminal crosses that will result in excellent carcasses and profitability in their offspring.

Jeff and Holly are faithfully carrying on grandfather's tradition at S & S Farms, BUT these are not GRANDFATHER's HEREFORDS.

Oak Creek Farm
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Oakcreek Farms, Moundridge, was started years ago with Matt Stucky's father's introduction of a small commercial herd. This herd was usually covered by Hereford bulls. When the decision was made

to go registered to provide 4-H animals for Matt and his sisters, Polled Herefords seemed like the logical choice. The commercial herd was sold and replaced by registered Polled Hereford cows.

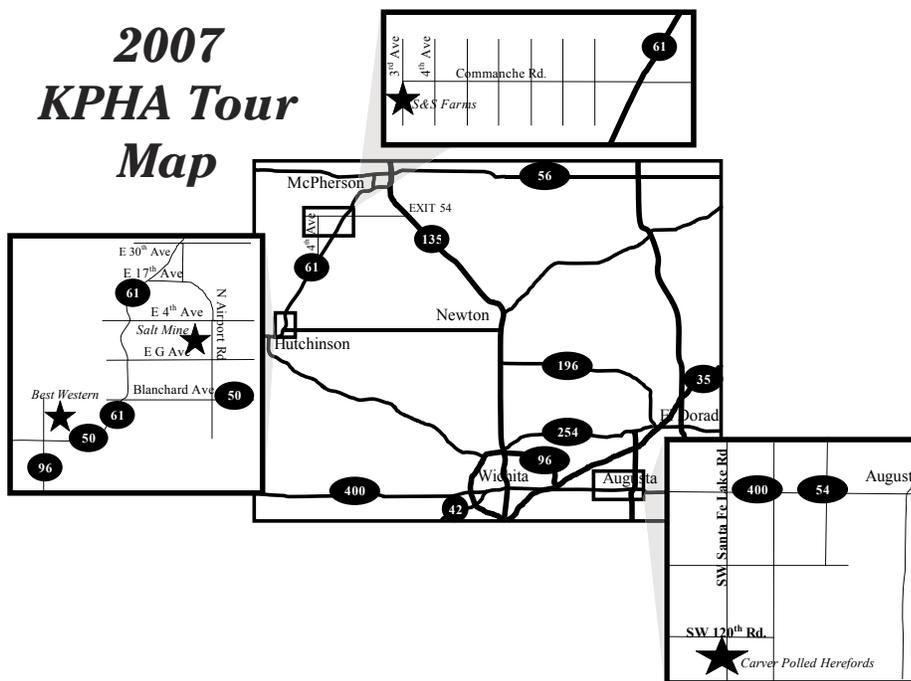
Those cows have since been sold and replaced by cows from reputable herds such as Red Hills, HVH, K-K, and now Sand Hill influence. Most of our cows go back to Remital Keynote and Felton's 517. We believe that this cross gives us the ability to raise calves with high IMF, large ribeyes, overall performance, moderate birth weights and moderate frame size.

Our AI sires are KCF Bennett 3008 M326, SHF Marshal 236G M33 and a mix of sons of these elite herd bulls.

We strive to produce and use cows with big tops, big rears, deep sides and quality udders. All of our heifers that go into production are performance tested, and culled based upon production. Due to our high standards we believe that our cattle will work in any herd in the nation.

We are excited that Jeff Smith allowed us to bring cattle to his farm, and are looking forward to seeing all of you on the tour.

For more information visit us on the Web at www.oakcreekph.com.



98 Head at Junior Hereford Show

The Kansas Junior Horned and Polled Hereford Show had a record number of entries with 98 head in Abilene, May 25 and 26, 2007. A total of 38 families participated from Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri.

The hard down pours of rain did not stop judge Cary Crow, Coffeyville Junior College assistant judging coach, from making his selections throughout the day.

Champion bull was DD Braggin Rights 74, an Oct. 2006 son of HH Advance 4089 P ET, owned by Tyler Cowan of Maple Hill. Reserve champion bull was RER Overload 605S, a Feb. 2006 son of LaGrand Reload 80P ET, owned by Nicholas Eck, Putnam, Okla.

Cow-calf champion went to Brady Jensen, Courtland, with KJ BJ 380L Peppermint 040R ET and her Feb. 2007 heifer calf. The reserve to Kaci Nelson, Burwell, Neb., with GLM 492M Senora G 409 and her Jan. 2007 heifer calf.

Twelve classes and three divisions of heifers were shown. Division one class winners were: Brady Jensen, James Preuss, Marysville, and Tyler Cowan.

Division champion was the heifer calf from the cow-calf championship, KJ BJ 040R Cinnamon 384J, owned by Brady Jensen. Division one reserve champion was DD Ms Contagious 704 an Aug. 2006 heifer owned by Tyler Cowan.

Division two class winners were: Justin Eck (two); Cody Pieper, Palco; Katie Jo Parks, Marysville; and Brady Jensen. Jensen's March 2006 KJ Missy 228S was named the division champion and reserve champion honors went to Brooke Jensen with KJ C&L J119 Robinette 225S from the same class.

Division three class winners were: Nicholas Eck, Putnam, Oklahoma; Tara Jo Ellerman, Everest; Austin Person, Hordville, Nebraska; Audrey Hambright, Chapman; and Cody Pieper. Division champion honors went to Tara Jo Ellerman with RJH 488 Crystal S12 a Feb. 2006 heifer and reserve to Nicholas Eck with SG Ms Manager S20 a Feb. 2006 heifer.

Judge Crow selected KJ Missy 228S, division two champion owned by Brady Jensen, as grand champion owned heifer. Reserve went to Tara Jo Ellerman with RJH 488 Crystal S12.

The top bred-and-owned heifers from each of the 12 classes was entitled to return to the ring for selection of the champion and reserve champion bred-and-owned female. Champion honors went to Justin Eck with SG Ms Hollywood S74. Reserve honors went to Katie Jo Parks with KJP Victoria 417L.

Any individual or family can bring a pair of heifers to the ring for the selection of the champion and reserve champion pair of heifers of the show. Brady and Brooke

Jensen's heifers were named the champion and Katie Jo Parks was named reserve.

As the rain poured down, Judge Crow selected his showmanship champions. Peewee winners were Nicholas Eck and Seth McKay, Franklin, Neb. Juniors were Tara Jo Ellerman and Katie Jo Parks. Intermediate champions were Brady Jensen and Jessica Acheson, Woodbine. Senior winners were Brandy Valek, Agenda, and Kyle Baker, Burden.

The final show division of the day was steers. The five class winners were: BJ Valek, Agenda; Ben



Champion steer exhibited by Ben Jensen, Courtland.



Champion cow-calf pair exhibited by Brady Jensen, Courtland.



Champion owned female exhibited by Brady Jensen, Courtland.



Champion bred & owned female exhibited by Justin Eck, Putnam, Okla.



Champion bull exhibited by Tyler Cowan, Maple Hill.

Jensen, Courtland; Brett Holloway, Yates Center; Cody Hutchinson, Chapman; and Kyle Baker. Champion went to Ben Jensen with his 960-lb. calf and reserve to Cody Hutchinson with his 1,118-lb. steer.

Entries were up in the non-livestock contests. Peeewe speeches were given by Justin Moser, Westmoreland, Kan.; Austin Rosencutter, Topeka; and Brett Holloway, Yates Center. Winning the junior division was Mindi Holloway, Yates Center. First-place intermediate speech was Brady Jensen and Nicole Rosencutter, Topeka, took top senior honors.

A nice selection of posters were brought to the show with the top winner being, Alex Maxwell, Atchinson. Photo winners included: Ben Jensen, Courtland, peewee division; Katie Jo Parks, junior division; and Mary Anne Schremmer, Phillipsburg, senior division.

The participation in the morning judging contest was high. Top peewee judge was Cody Pieper, high junior individual was Cody Jensen, Courtland; senior winner, Mary Anne Schremmer; and adult was Jon Herbel, Lucas.



Intermediate showmanship: Jessica Acheson, Woodbine, reserve; and Brady Jensen, Courtland, champion.



Peeewe showmanship: Seth McKay, Franklin, Neb., reserve; and Nick Eck, Putnam, Okla., champion



Junior showmanship: Katie Jo Parks, Marysville, reserve; and Tara Jo Ellerman, Everest.



Senior showmanship: Kyle Baker, Burden, reserve; and Brandy Valek, Agenda, champion.



2006 county fair heifer and steer winners (back row, l to r) are: Tyler Schultz, Josh Roady, Audrey Hambright, Tara Jo Ellerman, Brooke Schultz and Brian Staab, KPHA president. Pictured (front row, l to r) are: Cody Pieper and Justin Moser. Not pictured are: Wyatt Schumann, Jacob and BJ Valek, and Katelyn and Allen Dorrell.

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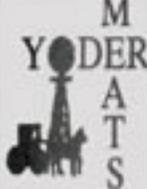
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