

LEVEL 1 NATIONAL HEREFORD SHOW

SUPERINTENDENT: Bailey Clanton & Kane Aegerter

SHOW:

Thursday, January 7, 11:00 a.m. (Pen Show)

Friday, January 8, 8:00 a.m. (Bulls)

Saturday, January 9, 8:00 a.m. (Open Females)

SALE: Friday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.

BEGIN RELEASE: When done showing

ALL OUT: Saturday, January 9, 10:00 p.m.

1. All cattle, including calves on the sides of dams, must be registered in the Herd Book of the American Hereford Association. Entries with registrations "pending" or illegible tattoos, or improper tattoos as shown on the registration certificate at check - in time are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors are subject to the American Hereford Association special rule on class qualification. Entries in these classes are accepted with the understanding that the exhibitor agrees to abide by the rule in all respects.
2. The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed.
3. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of graphite, hemp or other similar substances externally and steroids or growth stimulants internally.
4. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method by mouth or esophagus, is prohibited.
5. All animals shown in group classes must have been shown in their respective single age class. No transfer from one (1) breeder to another, after entry, will be permitted.
6. Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) values will be provided to the judge and audience for all animals shown. Animals without EPD data are eligible to show, but will have N/A (not available) in place of missing data.
7. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible to show.
8. All Hereford animals must be officially recorded (registered) prior to show date to be eligible to show at a National Hereford Show.
9. An animal that is scurred (Scurs are small, rudimentary horns that are loosely attached to the head, which are considered to be expressed only in animals that are genetically heterozygous for the polled

gene) will show in the polled division of Hereford shows. Once an animal is confirmed to be scurred by an AHA field representative, then this designation will be placed on the animal's registration papers. Once this determination has been made and reported to the AHA office, then the owner may remove the scurs. Animals with scurs removed will show in the polled division of Hereford shows. Once an animal is confirmed polled or scurred they will retain this designation forever.

10. It is recommended by the AHA Show Committee that classes with 10 or more head be considered to be split depending on animals' birthdates in each particular class.

11. The individual classes will be made up and divided after the cattle are checked in at the show. They will be judged from the youngest to the oldest within each class.

12. If the number of classes warrant, a division will be split into multiple divisions.

13. Calves on the side of cow-calf pairs **MUST BE** the cow's natural calf for cattle exhibited at the show.

14. Exhibitors with senior bull calves, intermediate, yearling & senior bulls are **required** to provide a licensed veterinarian's statement indicating the bull has been semen checked and evaluated as fertile. Semen evaluation is to occur within 90 days of the show. Exhibitors with females in the spring & junior yearling divisions **must be** confirmed pregnant within 45 days of show by a licensed veterinarian or by blood test or show with a calf at side. This statement must be presented at check-in during the Cattlemen's Congress.

NATIONAL HEREFORD SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS AND RULES

The female classes will consist of females born between June 30, 2026 to August 2024.

The bull classes will consist of bulls born between June 30, 2026 to January 1, 2024.

The cow/calf classes will consist of any females born before July 31, 2024, with a calf at the side. Calf is eligible for individual classes, and must be entered in the appropriate class.

FEMALE CLASSES - (HORNED & POLLED)

Spring heifer calves calved May 1 - June 30, 2026

Spring heifer calves calved April 1 - 30, 2026

Spring heifer calves calved March 1 - 31, 2026

Junior heifer calves calved February 1 - 28, 2026

Junior heifer calves calved January 1 - 31, 2026

Senior heifer calves calved November 1 - December 31, 2025

Senior heifer calves calved October 1 - 31, 2025

Senior heifer calves calved August 1 - September 30, 2025

Late summer yearling heifers calved June 1 - July 31, 2025

Early summer yearling heifers calved May 1 - 31, 2025

Spring yearling heifers calved April 1 - 30, 2025

Spring yearling heifers calved March 1 - 31, 2025

Junior yearling heifers calved February 1-28, 2025

Junior yearling heifers calved January 1 - 31, 2025

Senior yearling heifer calved August 1 - December 31, 2024

- Senior yearling females must show with a calf at side.

Cow Calf (Any female older than the below listed ages with a calf at side.)

- Calf older than 240 days of age on the show date is not eligible to show in cow/calf class.
- In the cow/calf class, if the cow is horned and the calf polled then the pair will show in the horned cow/calf class, and if the cow is polled and the calf is horned, then the pair will show in the polled cow/calf class.
- Calf is eligible for individual classes but must be entered in the appropriate class.
- Cow/Calf will compete for overall champion female.

AHA reserves the right to break classes so a 30 day age span may be maintained in the spring, junior and senior calf classes.

Female Division Championships:

Spring Heifer Calves
Junior Heifer Calves
Senior Heifer Calves
Intermediate Yearling Females
Spring Yearling Females
Junior Yearling Females
Senior Yearling Females
Cow-Calf Pairs

BULL CLASSES - (HORNED & POLLED)

Spring bull calves calved May 1 - June 30, 2026
Spring bull calves calved April 1 - 30, 2026
Spring bull calves calved March 1 - 31, 2026
Junior bull calves calved February 1 - 28, 2026
Junior bull calves calved January 1 - 31, 2026
Senior bull calves calved November 1 - December 31, 2025
Senior bull calves calved October 1 - 31, 2025
Senior bull calves calved August 1 - September 30, 2025
Late summer yearling bulls calved June 1 - July 31, 2025
Early summer yearling bulls calved May 1 - 31, 2025
Spring yearling bulls calved April 1 - 30, 2025
Spring yearling bulls calved March 1 - 31, 2025
Junior yearling bulls calved February 1 - 28, 2025
Junior yearling bulls calved January 1 - 31, 2025
Senior yearling bulls calved August 1 - December 31, 2024
Two-year old bulls calved January 1 - July 31, 2024

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Bull Division Champions:

Spring Bull Calves
Junior Bull Calves
Senior Bull Calves
Intermediate Bulls
Yearling Bulls
Senior Bulls

GROUP CLASSES

01 Get-of-Sire - Four animals shown in above single entry classes with both sexes represented and all to be the progeny of one sire. It is permissible to use either the cow or calf from a cow/calf pair for the Get of Sire. Get-of-Sire may be comprised of animals from one or more owners and of both horned and polled animals.

02 Best Six Head - Owned by Exhibitor. All animals must have been shown in their respective single entry classes and they must be owned by the exhibitor or by a member of his/her immediate family. A cow/calf will be considered as two head in the Best Six Head class.

Premier Breeder/Premier Exhibitor

Awarded with the following point system --1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points, 3rd place = 3 points, 4th place = 2 points and 5th place = 1 point. No points will be given for champions. In the result of a tie, show staff will review the division placing of each exhibitor/breeder, with the award being presented to the exhibitor/breeder with the highest number of division placings. If a tie remains, show staff will review the number of animals shown for the exhibitor/breeder, the higher number exhibited will win the tie. Points will be awarded for the Best Six Head for Premier Exhibitor. The same scoring system as above will be used for awarding points for the group classes. It is suggested that banners be given to the Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder.

The Cattlemen's Congress awards rosettes to all Division Champions and Reserve Champions and banners to Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.

HEREFORD PEN SHOW

SUPERINTENDENTS: Bailey Clanton & Kane Aegerter

SHOW: Thursday, January 7

Pens will consist of three (3) and five (5) bulls in the pen bull show and three (3) females in the pen female show.

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5. Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) values will be provided to the judge and audience for all animals shown. Animals without EPD data are eligible to show, but will have N/A (not available) in place of missing data.

6. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible to show.

7. All Hereford animals must be officially recorded (registered) thirty (30) days prior to show date to be eligible to show at a National Hereford Show.

8. Both Horned and Polled Herefords are eligible and will be shown together.

9. The individual classes will be made up and divided after the cattle are checked in at the show.

10. Exhibitors with senior bull calves, intermediate, yearling & senior bulls are **required** to provide a licensed veterinarian's statement indicating the bull has been semen checked and evaluated as fertile. Semen evaluation is to occur within 90 days of the show. Exhibitors with females in the spring & junior yearling divisions **must be** confirmed pregnant within 45 days of show by a licensed veterinarian or by blood test or show with a calf at side. This statement must be presented at check-in during the Cattlemen's Congress.

PEN OF THREE FEMALES

Spring Heifer Calves calved March 1 - June 30, 2026

Junior Heifer Calves calved January 1 - February 28, 2026

Senior Heifer Calves calved August 1 - December 31, 2025

Intermediate Yearling Females calved May 1 - July 31, 2025

Spring Yearling Females calved March 1 - April 30, 2025

Junior Yearling Females calved January 1 - February 28, 2025

Senior Yearling Females calved August 1 - December 31, 2024

- Senior yearling females must show with a calf at side.

CHAMPION PEN OF THREE FEMALES

RESERVE CHAMPION PEN OF THREE FEMALES

PEN OF FIVE BULLS

Pen of Five Spring Bull Calves calved March 1 - June 30, 2026

Pen of Five Junior Bull Calves calved January 1 - February 28, 2026

Pen of Five Senior Bull Calves calved August 1 - December 31, 2025

Pen of Five Intermediate Bulls calved May 1 - July 31, 2025

Pen of Five Yearling Bulls calved January 1 - April 30, 2025

Pen of Five Senior Bulls calved January 1 - December 31, 2024

CHAMPION PEN OF FIVE BULLS

RESERVE CHAMPION PEN OF FIVE BULLS

PEN OF THREE BULLS

Pen of Three Spring Bull Calves calved March 1 - June 30, 2026

Pen of Three Junior Bull Calves calved January 1 - February 28, 2026

Pen of Three Senior Bull Calves calved August 1 - December 31, 2025

Pen of Three Intermediate Bulls calved May 1 - July 31, 2025

Pen of Three Yearling Bulls calved January 1 - April 30, 2025

Pen of Three Senior Bulls calved January 1 - December 31, 2024

CHAMPION PEN OF THREE BULLS

RESERVE CHAMPION PEN OF THREE BULLS

HEREFORD JUNIOR FEMALE SHOW

SHOW: Wednesday, January 6, 8:00 a.m.

Females may be jointly owned by siblings provided both are individual members of the National Junior Hereford Association and between the ages of 7 and 21 as of January 1 of the current year. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership (other than the sibling rule) or ownership of farm or family name.

HORNED HEREFORD DIVISION

Spring heifer calves calved after May 1 - June 30, 2026
Spring heifer calves calved April 1 - 30, 2026
Spring heifer calves calved March 1 - 31, 2026
Junior heifer calves calved February 1 - 28, 2026
Junior heifer calves calved January 1 - 31, 2026
Senior heifer calves calved November 1 - December 31, 2025
Senior heifer calves calved October 1 - 31, 2025
Senior heifer calves calved August 1 - September 30, 2025
Late summer yearling females calved June 1 - July 31, 2025
Early summer yearling females calved May 1 - 31, 2025
Spring yearling females calved April 1 - 30, 2025
Spring Yearling females calved March 1 - 31, 2025
Junior yearling females calved February 1 - 28, 2025
Junior yearling females calved January 1 - 31, 2025
Senior yearling females calved August 1 - December 31, 2024
*Senior yearling females must show with a calf at side.
CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

POLLED HEREFORD DIVISION

Polled Hereford females must be naturally polled or scurred and registered in the American Hereford Association. Heifers may be jointly owned by siblings provided both are individual members of the National Junior Hereford Association and between the ages of 7 and 21 as of January 1 of the current year. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership (other than the sibling rule) or ownership of farm or family name.

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Spring heifer calves calved April 1 - 30, 2026
Spring heifer calves calved March 1 - 31, 2026
Junior heifer calves calved February 1 - 28, 2026
Junior heifer calves calved January 1 - 31, 2026
Senior heifer calves calved November 1 - December 31, 2025
Senior heifer calves calved October 1 - 31, 2025
Senior heifer calves calved August 1 - September 30, 2025
Late summer yearling females calved June 1 - July 31, 2025
Early summer yearling females calved May 1 - 31, 2025

Spring yearling females calved April 1 - 30, 2025

Spring yearling females calved March 1 - 31, 2025

Junior yearling females calved February 1 - 28, 2025

Junior yearling females calved January 1 - 31, 2025

Senior yearling females calved August 1 - December 31, 2024

*Senior yearling females must show with a calf at side.

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

Hereford and Polled Hereford females entered in the junior show have to be born before June 30, 2026.

Divisions will include spring, junior & senior heifer calves along with an intermediate, spring, junior and senior yearling divisions.

A champion and reserve champion for each division will be selected, and they will compete for the overall champion and reserve champion female in the junior Hereford shows.