

2026 Regional Classic Hereford Show

Dept: Breeding Cattle - Div: 10

Co-Superintendent: Tom Sparks - Plevna, MT (406) 778-2320
Co-Superintendent: Denise Loyning - Absarokee, MT
Judge: Ty Bayer - Wausau, WI
Barn Available: 8am - Wednesday - Oct 14
In Place: 12pm - Thursday - Oct 15
Processing: 12-2pm - Thursday - Oct 15
Judging: 12pm - Saturday - October 17
Release Date: After the Show - Saturday - October 17
Entry Fee: \$65/class - After Sept 1st a \$50/head late fee will be charged



Entries due by: September 1st (Late entries must be submitted by 5 pm MST Sept 15th)

See Livestock Rules & Regulations at the front of the book.

- All cattle including calves on the side of cow-calf pairs and senior yearlings entered must be registered in the Herd Book of the American Hereford Association (AHA). 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 Association's 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.
- The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed.
- 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.
- The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method by mouth or esophagus, is prohibited.
- All animals shown in group classes must have been shown in their respective single-age class. No transfer from one (1) breed to another, after entry, will be permitted.
- 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.
- Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible to show.
- 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, it will retain this designation forever.
- 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 animal within each class.
- 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.
- If the number of classes in a division warrant, a division will be split into multiple divisions.
- Calves on the side of cow-calf pairs and senior yearlings MUST BE the cow's natural calf and fully registered with the AHA.

Rules and classifications

Exhibitors in Hereford classes are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification, and any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible for show. For state and regional shows, all Hereford animals must be officially recorded at show time to be eligible to show. Entries with registrations "Pending" or "Applied For" will be ineligible to show.

This show is an approved Regional Show by the American Hereford Association. Horned and Polled cattle will be combined and show together based on the classification below.

Premiums & Awards:

See page 17 for monetary premiums. Grand Champion Bull and Grand Champion Female will receive NILE jackets. Reserve Grand Champion Bull and Female will receive a NILE vest. Grand Champion Female and Bull are eligible to compete for Supreme Grand Champion on Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Classes denoted with a** are not paid premiums.

1. Spring heifer calves calved March 1 - June 30, 2026
2. Junior heifer calves calved Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2026
- **CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF** (Winners Class 1-2)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF**
3. Senior heifer calves calved Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025
4. Senior heifer calves calved Aug. 1 - Oct. 31, 2025
- **CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF** (Winners Class 3-4)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF**
5. Late Summer Yearling females calved June 1 - July 31, 2025
6. Early Summer Yearling females calved May 1 - May 31, 2025
- **CHAMP INTERMEDIATE YEARLING FEMALE** (Winners Class 5-6)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE YEARLING FEMALE**
7. Spring yearling females calved March 1 - Apr. 30, 2025
- **CHAMPION SPRING YEARLING FEMALE**
- **RESERVE CHAMPION SPRING YEARLING FEMALE**
8. Junior yearling females calved Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025
- **CHAMPION JUNIOR YEARLING FEMALE**
- **RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR YEARLING FEMALE**
9. Senior yearling females calved Aug. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024
- **CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING FEMALE**
- **RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING FEMALE**
10. Cow-Calf (Any female older than the below ages with a calf at side). A calf older than 240 days of age on show day is not eligible to show in the cow-calf class. The calf is eligible for individual classes, but must be entered in appropriate class. Cow-calf does not compete for overall champion female.
- **CHAMPION COW/CALF**
- **RESERVE CHAMPION COW CALF**
- **GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE** (Division Champions)
- **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE**

Bull Class Numbers:

11. Spring bull calves calved March 1 - June 30, 2026
12. Junior bull calves calved Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2026
- **CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF** (Winners Class 11-12)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF**
13. Senior bull calves calved Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025
14. Senior bull calves calved Aug. 1 - Oct. 31, 2025
- **CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF** (Winners Class 13-14)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF**
15. Late summer yearling bulls born June 1 - July 31, 2025
16. Early summer yearling bulls born May 1 - May 31, 2025
- **CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL** (Winners Class 15-16)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL**
17. Spring yearling bulls calved March 1 - Apr. 30, 2025
18. Junior yearling bulls calved Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025
- **CHAMPION YEARLING BULL** (Winners Class 17-18)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING BULL**
19. Senior yearling bulls calved Aug. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024
20. Two-year-old bulls calved Jan 1 - July 31, 2024
- **CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING BULL** (Winners Class 19-20)
- **RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING BULL**
- **GRAND CHAMPION BULL** (Division Champions)
- **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL**

Group Class Numbers (please pre-enter on entry form):

21. Get of Sire - Four animals shown in above single entry classes with both sexes represented and all 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.
22. Best Six Head - 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. Best six head may be comprised of both horned and polled animals.**
23. Premier Exhibitor - (see Premier Breeder for rules)**
24. Premier Breeder - Awarded with the following point system:
1st place = 5 points
2nd place = 4 points
3rd place = 3 points
4th place = 2 points
5th place = 1 point.
No points will be given for champions. Points will be awarded for the Get of Sire and Best Six Head for Premier Exhibitor and Get of Sire for Premier Breeder. The same scoring system as above will be used for awarding points for the group classes.**

