

# Nebraska Hereford Tour

## **Tour Schedule:**

*Saturday, September 22, 2018*

(All stops are on Central Standard Time)

8:00-9:30 AM– Meet at Cub Creek Herefords, Beatrice, NE, for Breakfast and Judging Contest  
Registration

9:45-10:45 AM– Kracke Herefords, Clatonia

11:00–12:00 AM– Holthus Polled Herefords, Roca – Doetker Polled Herefords will be displaying

12:30-2:00 PM – Lunch Stop at Windhorst Polled Herefords, Syracuse

2:45-4:45 PM– Tour Schilling Bridge Winery & Microbrewery, Pawnee City and hear from Jack Ward,  
Executive Vice President, American Hereford Association

5:15 - ??? PM – Supper stop at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Tecumseh. Cattle on display from  
Gregory Cattle Company

*Travel to Beatrice for overnight stay.*

Headquarters Hotel:

Beatrice Victorian Inn

1903 North 6<sup>th</sup> St, Beatrice, NE 68310

For reservations call 402-228-5955

*Sunday, September 23, 2018*

7:45 AM – Leave hotel

8:15-10:00 AM – Breakfast stop at Tegtmeier & Sons Herefords, Burchard. Cattle on display from GLM  
Herefords, Marysville, KS; and Don Yoesel, Falls City.

10:15-11:15 AM – Wieden Cattle Company and Union Center Genetics, Blue Springs

12:00 PM - ??? – Lunch stop and judging contest awards - Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Fairbury –  
Cattle on display from Valley Creek Ranch, Eugene Henkel, and JMK Cattle.

## **Tour Sponsored by:**

**The Nebraska Hereford Association**

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SATURDAY – STOP #1 (Breakfast and registration)

## **CUB CREEK HEREFORDS**

*Eugene and Janet Bock Family*

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*From Plymouth - take Hwy 4 east 3.77 miles to SW 142<sup>nd</sup> Rd, turn right and go south to W Sargent Rd (.8 mile), turn left (east) and go ½ mile to Cub Creek Herefords.*

*From the Beatrice Victorian Inn – Take 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Hwy 77) south to Court St. (Hwy 136 & 4), turn right (west) and go to Sherman St. (Hwy 4), turn right and head north, then west, 6.5 miles, until you come to SW 117<sup>th</sup> St. (First Trinity Lutheran Church), turn left and go 1 mile south to W. Sargent, turn right, travel 1 1/2 miles west.*

Welcome to our tour stop.

Our operation has been home to Hereford cattle for over 65 years. Many commercial Herefords made our place home until the mid 90's when registered Herefords were added to our herd. These calves were shown in 4-H by both Ann and Aaron. Over the years our emphasis went towards raising F1 calves, selling replacement females, both open and bred heifers.

We are currently running a purebred Angus herd, using Hereford bulls, and a registered Hereford herd is being developed by Aaron. This group of females has been purchased from Stuber Ranch and Ridder Ranch, with various sire groups. We are currently using a grandson of OXH Christie x 88X; a son of Dimaggio; and sons of Sensation.

Again, we welcome you!

The Bock Family – Eugene, Janet, Aaron Bock; Ann and Tanner Boesiger

*Judging Contest Registration will take place at Cub Creek Herefords and will include the first class to judge as well.*

## **Kracke Herefords**

### ***Don & Jayne Kracke***

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*From Cub Creek Herefords – Go ½ mile west on W Sargent, turn right on SW 142<sup>nd</sup>, go 1 mile north to Hwy 4. Turn right and go 1/8 mile to Hwy 103 and turn left (north) 7 miles to DeWitt. Turn right on Quince St, travel north through DeWitt on 2450 Rd, 2 miles to Rd T. Turn right ½ mile, turn left on SW 142<sup>nd</sup>, and go 1 ¼ miles north.*

Welcome to Kracke Herefords. When Don was in high school he had a registered horned Hereford herd of approximately 20 cows. When Don and Jayne graduated from the University of Nebraska, they got married and moved to Northeast Iowa where Don worked for Elanco. Because of the move, the cows were sold.

In 2004, we bought one fall heifer calf from Upstream Ranch. Her first calf was a bull that turned out pretty good and stood 4<sup>th</sup> in his class in Denver. We purchased 2 bred heifers from Upstream Ranch and started the growth of our herd. From that point, we kept every single heifer that we raised, both good and bad, to grow our herd size. We used the Odyssey bull we raised as our herd sire. Since that time, we purchased an About Time son and 3 more bred heifers from Upstream Ranch.

We incorporated an AI program as time went along primarily because our herd is very similar genetically with all of our seed stock coming from the same breeder. At this time, we are carrying about 50 females in our operation from young heifers to cows. We are actively using AI and outside embryos to add to our cattle quality. Our kids have shown the calves that we raised throughout their 4-H years. We started at the bottom of the class and have consistently moved up. We are proud that the product we produce now is very competitive in the show ring. As our herd grew, we were able to cull cows that did not match up to our expectations. The cow herd at this point does not include a bad cow so it is difficult to determine which cows must go. We dry lot most of our cows during the summer because we live in farming country and have only 15 acres of pasture. Our goal is to limit our cow numbers to 20 spring and 10 fall calving cows plus the ET recipient cows. Our oldest cow is 9 years old with the majority in the 3 to 5-year-old range. The youth of our cow herd has really shown a significant quality upgrade in the past 2 years.

Our current herd sire is UPS Full Throttle 5430 ET. We are also breeding AI to Churchill Sensation 028X, Perks 0003 Easy Money 4003, and NJW Mighty 49C ET. Our ET sires are Cracker Jack 26U ET; NJW 79Z Z2311 Endure 173D ET; and HH B&C Stock Option 6026D ET.

We hope that you enjoy time spent at Kracke Herefords and look forward to seeing you again.

*Judging Class 2 will be held here.*

## **Holthus Polled Herefords**

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*From Kracke Herefords – Turn right on SW142nd, go 1 ¾ mile north to Hwy 41. Turn right on 41 and go 3 miles east to the west edge of Clatonia. Go left on SW100th, 5 miles north to Hallam Rd. Go right on Hallam Rd through Hallam to Hwy 77, almost 7 miles. Turn left on Hwy 77, go 6 ¾ miles north to exit ramp for Roca Rd (Spur 55F). Go right (east) on 55F to Roca. (Road is rough) Continue on Roca Rd to T intersection, turn right on S. 54<sup>th</sup>, go ¼ mile on 54<sup>th</sup>, turn left on Roca Rd, go 3 ¾ miles.*

Holthus Polled Herefords is located 5 miles east of Roca at 10900 Roca Rd. Holthus Polled Herefords originated in 1990 when we moved to our present farm and our son, Jeremy, started showing breeding heifers in 4-H, Nebraska Junior Hereford shows and the Hereford Junior National shows. Previous to that Jeremy showed commercial steers and heifers in 4-H. Today our herd consists of 20 purebred polled Hereford cows with some being registered.

Our cows are from several bloodlines with many of the younger cows being About Time granddaughters. Our current herd sire is a son of Right On purchased as a yearling in the spring of 2017. The top offspring of our calves are kept for herd replacements or sold private treaty as commercial breeding livestock, with the rest being sold at Marysville Livestock in their Hereford influence sale.

*Judging class 3 will be conducted here.*

## **Doetker Farms**

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My love of Hereford Cattle started at a very young age on my father's farm by Pickrell, Nebraska where we had a commercial Hereford herd. I purchased my first registered Hereford bred heifer from Glenkirk Farms in 1987. It may have been the last heifer in the sale but she was one of the best producers I've ever purchased. I still have a cow going back to her.

I then purchased the remaining herd of cows belonging to Bar 11, from Harold Junker. His advice to me was stay in the middle of the road and don't get caught up with trying to change with every new trend.

I purchased a bull from Dunwalke Farms called Dunwalke FX 216B, to use on the cattle and that match up produced a son that was the Grand Champion Bull at the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, and another son that stood fourth in his class of 13 at the Denver Stock Show.

I have attempted to improve the quality of my small herd by being a repeat buyer from the great Tegtmeier Polled Hereford herd and also recently purchased Loewen Anodyne 459 56C, a son of Gerber Anodyne 001A, from the Loewen Hereford Dispersion sale in Oklahoma. Anodyne has become a well-known, proven bull for total performance with easy calving.

I consign to the Cattleman's Classic and also sell private treaty and have sold bulls and heifers in Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri, and want to thank them all for their purchases. A special thanks to my repeat buyers and dear friends, Don and Esther Poe, in Colorado; Jeff Sullivan in Nebraska; and Eagle Road Herefords in Nebraska; along with my mentors, JoAnn Bohmont and her late husband, Marvin.

At a recent conference a speaker from Colorado State University asked everyone "what are your goals in the cattle business?" and everyone stated "to make money". His reply was, our plans should be for the people who buy your cattle to make money, because you will be in the business a long time if that is your approach. With that said, I want to take this opportunity and thank everyone for taking the time out to stop by to view the cattle. Please feel free to call or stop by anytime.

Thank you, Richard And Eileen Doetker.

## **WINDHORST POLLED HEREFORDS**

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*From Holthus Polled Herefords – turn left on Roca Rd, go 3 ¾ miles to Hwy 43, turn right and go 3 miles to Stagecoach Rd. Turn left, go east (Stagecoach Rd becomes Road M) 6 miles on Road M to Road 8, turn right on Rd 8 to Douglas. Turn left on Road N (just north of school). Go east on Road N 8 miles to County Rd 24, just past the intersection. Park on the road.*

*Our farm is located four miles south and three miles west of Syracuse.*

Windhorst Polled Herefords would like to welcome you as one of the hosts for the 2018 Nebraska Hereford Tour. Our cow herd is made up of good, practical cattle that will work without a whole lot of fuss. Our operation originated just like a lot of families, with breeding projects for county fairs. In the early 1960's we were able to raise our own replacement heifers from these projects and thus our herd started. Over the years, we purchased additional breeding stock from many of the Polled Hereford breeders in Nebraska and neighboring states. None of this would have been possible without the help and support of my parents, Virgil and Eunice. I also valued my uncle, Sterling Hesper's, advice over the years. We were a part of Sterling and Myrna's Annual Production Sale for many years and then after they retired, took the sale over with our own cattle with the help of Niedermeyer Farms and Larsen Polled Herefords. Our last sale in 2010, was our 35th. We are now selling breeding stock private treaty with the help of our web site [www.windhorstpolledherefords.com](http://www.windhorstpolledherefords.com).

Windhorst Polled Herefords consists of Duane and his wife Karen, and their three children – Rachel, Ryan, and Kim. Rachel is a physical therapist at a clinic in Elkhorn. She is married to Shane Ideus, an insurance agent, and they live in Omaha. They have three children-Jaxon, Breeley, and Maddie. Ryan works for Claas-Lexion in Omaha, where he has been for twelve years. He is with the service department, where he fixes combines in all of North America over the phone. Our youngest Kim, manages a real estate office in Elmwood. Her husband Tyler, is a real estate agent there. She also started a payroll service business to help several businesses in the area. They have two children-Harper and Logan.

We have a very diversified farming operation to go with our cattle operation. Corn and soybeans are our main cash crops grown on about 800 tillable acres. Another 400 acres of pasture and 100 acres of hay are used to run the 80 head cow-calf operation.

Our herd consists of mainly Wrangler, Online, and Victor breeding. Our Senior herd sires are VCR 26U Jackpot 18X; Bar JZ Valor 006Z; BBH TWJ 49S Absolute 1301; WPH RY Hometown 410B ET; WPH Full Throttle 516C; and KJ BJ 167X Catapult 590D ET. Our new herd sire is TWJ BBH 44U Vic Durango 1701. We will have some offspring of these bulls on display.

We hope that you enjoy our stop and the noon meal and we look forward to your return visit.

*Judging Class 4 viewed here.*

## **Schilling Bridge Winery & Microbrewery**

62193 710<sup>th</sup> Rd  
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*From Windhorst Polled Herefords – Go left on Road N 3 miles to Hwy 50 and turn right. Stay on Hwy 50 to Pawnee City, 34 miles. Turn right on Hwy 8, go west 1 mile to 621 Blvd. Turn right at Schilling Bridge Winery.*

Welcome to Schilling Bridge, where warm days, cool nights, abundant sunshine, and a vision all unite to offer visitors to Pawnee City, Nebraska, a unique destination. Our vision bridges the gap between the Wine Connoisseur and the Beer Enthusiast by offering BOTH Nebraska-produced award-winning wines and hand-crafted microbrews while creating a memorable experience for all.

The tasting room in the nation's first farm winery/ microbrewery combination at Schilling Bridge is a fun, lively place where you and your family and friends can sample our award-winning wines and hand-crafted beers. Enjoy the picturesque view and the serenity of our tranquil country setting while sitting on the beautiful patio overlooking our 9 acres of grapevines. Connect with nature by walking down to the 1890 circa Limestone Rock Island Railroad Bridge or over to our archeological burial site.

At Schilling Bridge, FUN is always served. Come and join us!

*After a short tour, relax in the wine tasting room, as we listen to a brief presentation by JACK WARD, AHA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, on current topics in the Hereford industry.*

Schilling Bridge  
winery &  
Microbrewery  
PAWNEE CITY, NEBRASKA

SATURDAY – STOP #6 (Supper Stop)

## **Gregory Cattle Company**

**Bob Gregory**

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***Tour stop and supper will be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Tecumseh, NE***

*From Schilling Bridge – Go back to Hwy 8, go left 1 mile to Hwy 50. Travel 14 miles north to Tecumseh and the intersection of Hwy 136 & 50. Turn left on 136, go 1 mile west and turn left. Enter at the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance to the fairgrounds.*

Gregory Cattle Company has evolved from a young city girl's desire to show a steer in 4-H. The next thing I know, I am buying a small pasture and a few Hereford heifers from Jeremy and Josh Stutheit, former employees of my carpentry business.

Using AI and ET, with a focus on maternal strength sires, we have gradually grown to a herd of about 40 registered cows. They are a mix of horned Canadian, Line 1, and polled genetics.

Our main foundation cows are LPG Standard 44B Lass 50H; Prestwood Finesse 434V M22; Montana Miss 310; and SHF Boomer P606 R66. Sires represented in our genetics include UPS Domino 3027; MSU TCF Revolution 4R; SHF Wonder M326 W18 ET; NJW 985 R117 Ribeye 88X ET; KCF Bennet Encore Z311 ET; GCC Pets 203Y ET; and Hylite OnTarget 936.

We have had some success in marketing bulls to local commercial breeders and hope to start selling females and a few top bulls via a production sale in the near future.

We hope you enjoy your stop at Gregory Cattle Company's display, and thank you for your interest.

*The 5<sup>th</sup> and final judging class for the day will take place here.*

*To return to the Beatrice Victorian Inn – Leave the fairgrounds and turn right on 136W, for 32 miles to Beatrice. At 19<sup>th</sup> & Court (2<sup>nd</sup> stoplight), turn right and go north 1 ½ mile to Dorsey St. Turn left on Dorsey and go the stoplight on 6<sup>th</sup> St. (Hwy 77). The Victorian Inn is straight ahead.*



## **Tegtmeier Polled Herefords**

*Roger and Russ Tegtmeier*

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*From the Beatrice Victorian Inn – Go straight ahead on Dorsey St, to 19<sup>th</sup> St (1<sup>st</sup> stop sign). Turn right and go 1 ¼ mile south on 19<sup>th</sup> to Court St. (Hwy 136 & 4). Turn left (east) on 136 & 4. Go 9 miles to where 136 & 4 split (Farmer's Coop on the right, One Stop on the left). Turn right on Hwy 4, go 8 miles to Lewiston. Turn right (south) on 609 Ave. Go 3 1/2 miles to Tegtmeier's on the left.*

*From Tecumseh – Take Hwy 50 south 12 ½ miles to Hwy 4, turn right, follow Hwy 4 for 9 miles to 715<sup>th</sup> Rd, then continue 3 miles west on gravel, to 609<sup>th</sup> Ave, turn right for ½ mile to Tegtmeier's.*

Welcome to Tegtmeier Polled Herefords.

Tegtmeier Polled Herefords was started in the late 1940's. Our father, Clarence Tegtmeier, started the registered herd with mainly Lamplighter and Beau Rollo bloodlines. Breeding stock was purchased from herds such as Gene Nesmith's, State Line Farms, Frank and Les Robinson, and G & E Polled Herefords, to name a few; as well as Orvil Kuhlmann and Harold Junker. Our herd was known as Clarence Tegtmeier and Sons. We, like most purebred herds, have been a family operation. Roger, Ron, and Russ, are Clarence's sons and helped Clarence with his herd until his death in 1983. Today, Russ and Roger, manage the purebred herd, and Ron the commercial herd. Our purebred herd consists of 150 cows. About 50 of those cows calve in the fall, with the rest in the spring. Over the last 70 years we have always strived to breed total performance cattle with moderate birthweights, performance, females with milk and problem free udders, and in recent years have been trying to breed cattle with all of the above plus acceptable carcass traits to go along with the hard to measure traits of sound structure, good feet and legs, and eye appeal. Compared to previous years, faster improvement is being made using EPD's, ultrasound, actual carcass data, and DNA testing. Bulls and some cows being purchased have been genetic tools to help enhance us in these areas. Many top herd sires have been used in the herd over 16 years to help meet the goals of the herd.

After selling bulls and females private treaty in the 1950's, Clarence started hosting a production sale in 1961, with his brother Oscar, and cousin, Erich. This past spring, we hosted our 58<sup>th</sup> annual production sale. Through these sales and private treaty, we have sold cattle and semen into 35 states, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina. Polled Hereford cattle have been very good to us for the last 70 years, and have been a source of pride for our family. We have met and made a lot of friends through this great breed of cattle, and realize what makes this breed are the people in it.

This is our 9<sup>th</sup> time hosting a tour stop, sponsored by the Nebraska Hereford Association. We've also been on the World Hereford Conference tour. All these events have helped us meet many new and fine people along the way.

*Judging Class #6 will be evaluated.*

## **GLM HEREFORDS**

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GLM Herefords is owned by Grant and Linda McKay, and their children, Bailey and Seth. Both Grant and Linda grew up showing and working with Polled Hereford cattle. Grant grew up on Whitegates Farm at Wawanesa, Manitoba, Canada; and Linda on Crays Polled Herefords at Tobias, NE. GLM Herefords was established in 1993 with the purchase of G&R Bond's Justa Gal 2338, from Jim & Sue Rowland, Marysville, KS; followed by 2 cows from Ribblett Hereford Farm at Lincoln, NE. The cows were leased out till 1997 when Grant and Linda moved to Blue Rapids and formed a partnership with the Dave Stump family. Six bred heifers were purchased from Circle D Polled Herefords in Canada, 8 cows from Ribblett Hereford Farms, and a yearling bull, S&S Vaquero 28F, from Schuttes at Guide Rock, NE. With these purchases, our main bloodlines were Bond, Vaquero, Explosion, and KJ 107P Tyrone 924H. Bloodlines added through herd sires since, are HH Hunter 592M, KJ 122L Leader 644N, and TH 121L 63N Tundra 16S.

In 2005, we moved to Franklin, Nebraska until 2012. At that time, we returned to Marysville, KS to work in partnership with Sue Rowland. The current cowherd consists of 50 females, mostly AI sired. Herd sires include sons of NJW Homegrown, R leader 6964, WLB Powerball, and NJW Handshake. AI sires are BR Belle Air, WLB Mr. Canada, and H Sustainable. Current donors are BBH 743 Adora 339A and KJ 2054 Peppermint 106R. We have worked very hard to produce both a sound and functional cowherd focusing on producing seedstock. An extensive A.I. and E.T. program is used in order to obtain our goals. We also sell bulls, bred and open females and show heifers.

## **DON YOESEL HEREFORDS**

*Don Yoesel*

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Welcome to the 2018 Nebraska Hereford Tour. Thank you for having me for this year's tour and a special thanks to Russ Tegtmeier, for including me with a few of my Hereford cattle.

My family consists of my parents, Clarence and Doris Yoesel of Falls City; my brother, Steve and Vicky Yoesel of Falls City, their son Chris, of Lincoln; my brother, Paul & Beth Yoesel of Reserve KS; and my sister, Susan & Richard Lehmkuhl, their daughter Amanda & Ben Walker and family; and their son, Levi Lehmkuhl and his fiance', Britney Huppert, all of Hiawatha, KS.

The raising of Polled Hereford cattle goes back several generations in my family. My involvement started in 1976 when I started showing registered Polled Hereford heifers in 4-H and FFA. I also enjoyed attending and showing heifers at the Junior National Polled Hereford shows. My niece and nephews also showed at various shows in the past years and through these projects, I began my herd to where it is today of around 20 registered and 60 commercial cows and calves. My cow herd consists of DY Farmer Boy 163N daughters and herd sires of SROSCOE W189YET and DY Hometown Boss Y23B. I have used various other AI bulls for siring my herd in the past as well. I sell privately to some area farmers for their herds.

The highlight of my connection with the cattle industry would be being selected for the "Hereford Herdsman of the Year" in 2007. I continue to help out other breeders fit their cattle at the various National shows, including the Palermo All Breeds Livestock Show in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This keeps me busy along with a farming operation in southeast Nebraska and Northeast Kansas of corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa, with my brothers. I also make hay for area neighbors during the summer months.

Thank you for joining us on this year's tour. You are welcome to stop by the farm anytime when you are in the area.

## **Wieden Cattle Company**

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*From Tegtmeier's – Turn left (south) on 609 Ave. Go 3 ½ miles to 712 Rd (Also called East B Line Rd). Turn right (west) on 712 Rd, go 7 miles to the intersection of South 134<sup>th</sup> & East B Line Rd (Union Center School is on the right), use the main driveway straight ahead.*

Welcome to WCC's first time hosting a stop on the Nebraska Hereford Tour!

Wieden Cattle Company got its start in 1982, when we married and joined our “herds”. Mark's with 1 registered Polled Hereford, and Sheri's 2 Simmental cross cows. A year later, when we started farming, we purchased 4 commercial cows at a farm auction, and 4 commercial Hereford yearlings from Mark's parents. Over the next 25-30 years, our focus was on raising commercial Polled Herefords and F1 crosses, while also allowing both of our kids to start their own herds. Once our kids graduated from college, we have finally been able to work on increasing and improving our own herd!

In 2012, our son, Matt, returned home after graduating from NCTA. He assumed responsibility for the breeding program for us, as well as for his grandfather (Mark's dad), Clarence Oltmans. In 2014, we purchased about half of the Oltmans Polled Hereford cowherd, and began focusing on our purebred business. We also maintain a commercial herd, with a focus on Red Angus F1 cross cattle.

Our cow herd consists of females that trace back to Felton's 517, Remitall Embracer 8E, and JB Gold Discovery 33G. Current herd sires used are NJW 64X 156T Pioneer 109A; and SHF Agent A247 (co-owned with Tegtmeier Polled Herefords). We also used NJW 33TB 100W Trust 167Y as our main AI sire this year. We currently run 25 purebred females, and 40 commercial Hereford and crossbred cows.

We emphasize selection for growth, carcass quality, and reproductive efficiency in an easy fleshing animal with a calm, easy to handle disposition.

We appreciate each and every one of you taking time to look over our cattle, and invite you to return at any time for a visit.

*Judging Class #7 will be at this stop.*

## **Union Center Genetics**

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Union Center Genetics was established in 2011 after graduating from college. After doing my internship at Ned & Jan Ward's, I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to come back home and expand the operation with my dad. The name, Union Center Genetics, comes from the small community that once was located on most of our land.

The goal for Union Center Genetics is to produce high performing, maternal, and good carcass quality cattle. I use GE-EPD's and carcass data to reach these goals, as well as actual performance data.

The foundation of the herd is from my grandpa's herd, which I purchased about half of in 2014. His females had a lot of Remitall Embracer 8E, Feltons 517, HH Hunter 572P, and Bar JZ Tradition 434V breeding. I also started by purchasing a number of crossbred females when I returned home. In 2012, I started incorporating genetics from Sandhill Farms, Ned and Jan Ward, and Colyer's. Herd sires are NJW 64X 156T Pioneer 109A and SHF Agent 42x A247, as well as many breed leading sires through AI and ET. The herd consists of 18 registered cows and 25 commercial red angus Hereford cross cows used for recips.

I market the top end of the bulls and females privately. I have also consigned to the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic through Hereford sales, as well as the pen of 5 sale. The feeder steers and heifers are sold through Marysville Livestock's annual Hereford influence sale in February.

Visitors are welcome to stop by anytime.

SUNDAY STOP #3 (Lunch)  
**Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Fairbury, NE**

*From Wieden Cattle Company – Turn left on East B Line Rd, go 5 ½ miles west (gravel becomes blacktop), continue around the curves (now on Broad St. at the east edge of Blue Springs), cross the Blue River and immediately turn left on River Road (S 1<sup>st</sup> St.). Go south, following the curves, to the intersection of Hwy 77, about 5 miles. Turn left onto 77, go 3 miles south to intersection with Hwy 8. Turn right (west) and go 33 miles to Fairbury. Just before the Hwy 8 & 15 intersection, turn right on PWF Road, go about ¼ mile east to the entrance of the fairgrounds.*

***The final judging class, #8, will be held. Awards presentation will be at the conclusion of the stop.***

**Hosts Displaying Cattle --**

**Valley Creek Ranch**

*Scott & Judy McGee*

*Blake McGee; Melissa & Brandon Buehler, Darci & Mick Pesek*

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Welcome to Valley Creek Ranch in Fairbury! We are excited to host a tour stop, as this year, we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year in the Registered Hereford business. VCR is a family run operation that now spans five generations. Our operation includes three families; Scott and Judy; Blake; Melissa, Brandon, Blair and Brock Buehler; Darci, Mick, Landon and Lawson Pesek.

VCR has exhibited on the local, regional and national levels for many years. We were honored to exhibit the Champion Pen of Heifers at the 2017 NWSS. We have been showing and selling at the National Western Stock Show in Denver; Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic in Kearney; and at the NHA sale in Grand Island. We also sell at private treaty on the ranch.

We are currently running about 100 cows and have an active AI and embryo transplant program. We raise breeding stock for herd bulls, replacement females and show stock. Our cowherd genetics are based on KJ 426T Vincent 993W, UPS Sensation 2504 ET, VCR 993W Ultimate 236Z (a bull we raised and owned in partnership with Delaney's in Minnesota), and a variety of top AI sires. Our current herd sires include UPS Sensation 2504 ET (owned in partnership with Select Sires, Upstream Ranch and Ernest Herefords in Colorado), VCR 2504 Convenience 711E (a yearling son of 2504 who was shown in Denver this year), and VCR 236Z Ultimatum 603D. We also used a variety of AI and embryo sires.

We are planning an online heifer sale this fall. We are excited to share some of our top genetics through this venue.

We are pleased to have you all visiting today and hope you like what you see!

DISPLAYING CATTLE AT SUNDAY STOP #3 (Lunch)

**JMK Cattle**

*Dave & Marla Musil*

*Jenna & Mike Keim*

*Megan & Matt Korbel & Kian Morris*

*Kelsie & Tim Warta*

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JMK Cattle would like to welcome the NHA Tour participants to our 2018 stop!

JMK was started by purchasing many heifers from the Don Crays family for Kelsie to show. Throughout the years, we have purchased bulls and females from Don Crays, GLM Herefords, Schutte & Sons, MCM Polled Herefords, and Blueberry Hill Farms. Over the past 5 years we have focused more on our AI and ET program. We currently use CRR 719 Catapult 109, Full Throttle, KCF Bennet Influence Z80, RST Times A Wastin 0124, and Churchill Sensation 028X as sires.

The past two years we have been able to participate in the Nebraska State Hereford Sale and offer some of the ET and AI calves from our operation.

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### **Eugene Henkel Herefords**

#### *Eugene or Eric Henkel*

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Eimer Henkel, the grandfather of Gene, was born March 23, 1853 at Pfalzdorf, Ostfriesland, Germany. He came to America in 1872. Ernest Spilker, the maternal grandfather of Gene, was born October 7, 1869, at Obermehnen Westphalen, Germany. He came to America in 1883 with his father, Carl Spilker.

The herd was started in 1951. The original cattle were Beau Rollo, Lamplighter, and Banner Domino. The calves are raised without creep feed. The first calves were weighed in the fall of 1964. Our polled, line one cattle have 86 years of performance.

The first Miles City cow, Miss Rangette 870119, was purchased in 1989. She was a polled mutation from the Hereford lines L1, L4, L8, and L10. WCF L1 Domino 550, a pure L1 Domino, a polled mutation, from Brooksville, Florida was used. We have purchased numerous Miles City cows and 9 bulls. Influential Herd bulls are L1 Domino 890029, L1Domino 97329, L1Domino 97349, EEH Polled L1 Domino 38X, EEH Polled L1 Domino 54T, EEH Polled L1 Domino 83Q.

We are happy to part of the 2018 Tour and hope you enjoy the tour. We thank you for coming and welcome you back any time.

The Eugene Henkel Family

*Congratulations to our youth judges and enjoy a safe trip home!*



# Judging Contest Rules

## Nebraska Hereford Association Tour Livestock Judging Rules:

*PRIZES: First place individual in each of the youth divisions will receive \$600 sale credit to be used towards the purchase of a heifer at the 2018 Cornhusker Classic Sale or the 2019 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Hereford Sale. Prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be announced the day of the contest.*

1. Youth entering must be a minimum of 7 years old as of Jan. 1, 2019, and not older than 18 years as of Jan. 1, 2019, to be eligible for the heifer sales credit.
2. There will be three age divisions eligible for the heifer sales credit:
  - a. 7-10 years old
  - b. 11-14 years old
  - c. 15-18 years old
  - d. Adult division- Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 adult judges, but they will not be eligible for the heifer sales credit.
3. The contest will include 7-8 classes to be judged, with at least two of the classes being a questions class. Those classes will be announced before the judging starts.
4. A total of 10 minutes will be given to judge each class. On the questions classes, competitors will be allowed 12 minutes to judge and take notes before the questions will be asked.
5. Each class will be worth 50 points.
6. Questions will be 25 points per class. Five questions will be asked, each worth 5 pts.
7. The official judge will discuss each class directly after cards are gathered.
8. The no-talking rule will be STRICTLY enforced. Contestants may not talk to each other or to parents during the time of judging each class. If contestants are caught talking or cheating, they will be removed from the contest.
9. Parents or adults may NOT help the youth that are judging.
10. In case of a tie we will use the points from the questions classes. If there is still a tie after these points are added, there will be a 2 minute, 5 question quiz on the Hereford breed. Each question will be worth 1 point. This will be done at the beginning of the last stop.
11. Each youth judge must judge both days on the tour and be present at the last stop for the awards presentation to be eligible for prizes.
12. The sales credit can only to be used towards a futurity heifer eligible to show in the 2019 futurity show during the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association Show. This credit is only good for one year and only for use at the 2018 Cornhusker Classic Sale or the 2019 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Hereford Sale.
13. Registration for the contest can be done prior to the tour weekend, by calling Angie Huwaldt, at 308-214-0950, or email Angie at [ahuwaldt3@hotmail.com](mailto:ahuwaldt3@hotmail.com). Check in time for all youth and adults, will be 8:00 – 9:00 am, at the first tour stop on Saturday - hosted by Cub Creek Herefords. Contestants will receive cards at check in. *Registering for the contest prior to the tour weekend is NOT a requirement, but will make things go faster at check-in.*