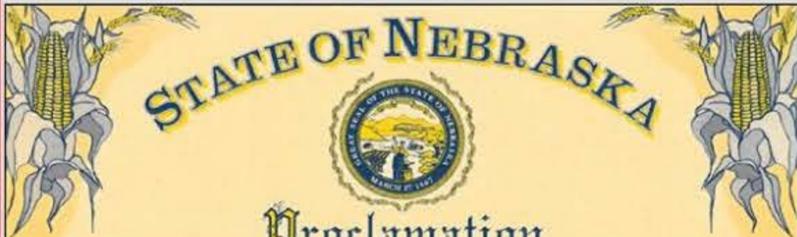


Crawford Hereford Breeders

devoted to **Nebraska**



STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Hereford Breed was instrumental in the development of the beef industry as we know it today in the great State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Herefords, due to their docile disposition, hardness to survive Nebraska's challenging summer and winter climate extremes, and ability to improve overall beef quality were the primary beef breed during the majority of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, The first annual association auction of Hereford cattle in Crawford, Nebraska, was held under the name "Buffington-Swinbank and Associated Breeders of Nebraska Herefords" on March 15, 1920, and was built upon the loyalty of a small contingent of cattlemen to the ideals of human family traditions and their contributions to purebred Hereford beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, The founders of this first auction were Sam Swinbank and Clyde Buffington, who were joined in this endeavor by Ed Belsky, A. G. McCoy and Oscar Skavdahl. In the following year, the name of the organization became the "Crawford Hereford Breeders"; and

WHEREAS, From 1927 to 1947, the auctioneer for each of the annual sales was the famed Col. A.W. Thompson, whose colorful repertoire included taking twenty-five and fifty cent bids during difficult selling times, and who was known for his devotion to the welfare of the Crawford Hereford breeders, which won him their everlasting affection; and

WHEREAS, The annual auction weathered low prices, the depression, blizzards, World War I and II, and continued, over time, with evolving leadership and the dedication of numerous breeders, sale managers, auctioneers, and the Crawford community to become the longest continual-running breed association in the United States; and

WHEREAS, These cattlemen built the success of this annual sale upon adherence to the providing of quality genetics of the cattle and integrity of the breeders; and

WHEREAS, The Crawford Hereford Breeders are now hosting the Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage for their annual Hereford Crossroads dinner as a fitting way to celebrate their 100th anniversary of this storied association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, congratulate the Crawford Hereford Breeders for their century of contribution to the livestock industry and I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 10th day of October, 2020 as

CRAWFORD HEREFORD BREEDERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-First day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty.



Attest:

Monty B. Smith
Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts
Governor



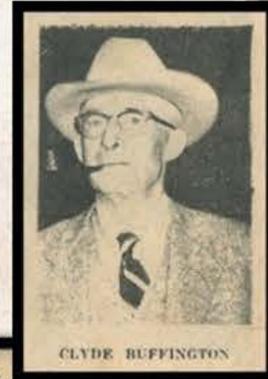
A lineup of bulls in the 1922 Crawford Hereford Breeders Association Show and Sale is shown here. Those at the halter, from left: Bill Nowland, Gene Forbes, Charles Ferguson, D. L. Kay, Bob Hageman, Tom Moody, Chuck Smith, Jim Raben, Harold Skavdahl, Ralph Silder, Gilbert Swinbank, Frank Harris, Calvin Lemmon and an unidentified fourteenth consignee.



This bull, F Regulator 27, topped the 40th anniversary sale of the Crawford Hereford Breeders Association. He was consigned by Furness Hereford Ranch of Marsland and purchased by Irvin and Lemmon of Whitney. The bull went on to be an outstanding breeding bull. Several of his descendants will sell in the 50th anniversary event March 6 and 7.



SAM SWINBANK



CLYDE BUFFINGTON

CRAWFORD
HEREFORD BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
"The Crawford Kind"
Crawford, Nebraska

50TH
ANNIVERSARY SALE

offering the

'Cream of the Crop'

Registered Hereford **55 BULLS** Registered Hereford

Sale To Be Held In The Crawford Hereford Breeders Association, Inc., Heated Sales Pavilion

Show:
MARCH 6, 1970

Sale:
MARCH 7, 1970

Starting At 1:00 P.M. Daily

- CONSIGNORS -

Judge Charles Iodence	Buckley Sons, Harrison, Nebr.	Dale W. Mahan, Crawford, Nebr.
Auctioneer Robert Schnell	Ferguson & Ferguson, Whitney, Nebr.	Martin Marshall, Harrison, Nebr.
Sale Manager G. C. Swinbank	Royce M. Hamm, Whitney, Nebr.	Donald Nelson, Hot Springs, S. D.
	Frank Harris, Crawford, Nebr.	M. B. Posson, Chadron, Nebr.
	Hawthorne & Sons, Chadron, Nebr.	Lorenz Raben, Crawford, Nebr.
	Glen Kendrick & Son, Whitney, Nebr.	Ralph Riggs, Crawford, Nebr.
	Calvin Lemmon, Crawford, Nebr.	Harold Skavdahl, Harrison, Nebr.
	Lon Lemmon, Crawford, Nebr.	Swinbank & Wright, Bridgeport, Nebr.
	Tom & Emily Lemmon, Whitney, Nebr.	G. C. Swinbank, Crawford, Nebr.

"Honest Cattle Of High Quality Has Always Been The Aim Of The Crawford Hereford Breeders"



Gilbert and Betty Swinbank are shown here as they head to the post office to mail the catalogues for the golden anniversary sale of the Crawford Hereford Breeders Association. This is the 12th spring sale Gilbert has managed. He also has headed two fall sales. He notes that being the sale manager is a year-round job. Among his duties are gathering the registration certificates, setting up the catalogues, securing the hay and straw for the bulls, setting up the show classes, hiring the auctioneer and judge and handling the advertising, besides keeping the mailing list up to date and distributing the catalogues. This year about 1,400 catalogues were mailed to prospective buyers. Gilbert admits that he'd never get things done if it wasn't for the help given him by Betty, who is one of the sale's biggest boosters.



Scenes like this are viewed many times of bulls were pictured on the Lorenz Raben ranch throughout the Crawford area, in the heart of the cattle country of Northwest Nebraska. This group near Crawford.



The grand and reserve champion bulls at last year's Crawford Hereford Breeders Association Show were both exhibited by Lorenz Raben. He is pictured here at the halter of the champion while his daughter, Jaci Stebbert, displays the reserve. Also pictured is Bryan Heintz of Honey, the judge.

