

A MINUTE WITH THE MEENTS

It is exciting to move into the year 2020. Last year seemed to be a challenge for all in agriculture. The hopes and dreams for a new decade, a new year and new begin is upon us.

My new year started out with a bang. The 13th Annual Greater Midwest Certified Hereford Influenced Feeder Calf Sale set all kinds of records. A total of 1865 head were weighed, graded and sorted in two days for this year's sale which is a 20% increase in head count. The sale grossed over \$1.5 million with 93 consignors from 10 states participating.

There were exactly 1000 head of Hereford steers that made the top grade, and they averaged \$945 per head. The 95 black baldies averaged \$887. The 536 Hereford heifers averaged \$767 with the 70 black baldie heifers at \$724. A negative to this year sale is that there were 164 head of odd lot cattle. Those are cattle below 350# or over 950# that looked old. Other reasons for odd lot cattle were bad eyes, not castrated, horned, very thin, bad feet, unsound, or sick looking. Fees to sell odd lot cattle will be much high in another year.

My next trip was attending the 2020 Denver National Western Stock Show. What a great event it was! So many fantastic Hereford cattle both in the yards and on the hill. I believe the bull show was the BEST EVER. The cattle were the soundest that I have seen in a decade. Congratulations to all the winners! Congratulations to all exhibitors on making Herefords better!

There were 93 Hereford bulls and 189 Hereford females that showed. In the yards, there were 26 pen of three heifers, 2 bull carloads, and 33 pen of three bulls that walked into the arena. All show results can be found on the AHA website: www.hereford.org

The Mile-High Sale and the Mile-High Eve sale were both strong again in 2020 with very large crowds in attendance. Those sale results can also be found on the NEW Sale Results page on AHA website with more information than ever before.

I am looking forward to attending the many state meetings, state consignment sales/expos, and breeder's production sales this spring. I also look forward in meeting new members and visiting with long time members. REMEMBER... MAKE YOUR CATTLE BETTER TODAY BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO MARKET THEM TOMORROW!

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