



MARYLAND HEREFORD ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year, Hereford friends and families!

As we begin 2026, I'm excited to lead the Maryland Hereford Association into a year focused on growth, connection, and opportunity for breeders and youth alike. Thank you to every member for your continued support – your engagement is what makes our breed and community strong.

Key priorities for 2026

- Strengthen membership engagement with regional meet-ups, and member spotlights to share successes and best practices.
- Youth development: expanded support for MJHA exhibitors to nurture the next generation of Hereford enthusiasts.
- Promotion & outreach: increase public awareness of Hereford genetics and the benefits of working with producers in Maryland and the region.
- Shows & Sale: ensure our spring, summer, and fall events are well-supported and rewarding for exhibitors and buyers.

If you need information on registrations, upcoming shows, or youth program support, please contact our association secretary, Ashley Schaeffer - aschaeffer@taylorsvillevet.com, 301-514-7459. Watch for emails and social posts with event registration links, deadlines, and details.

I'm optimistic about what we can accomplish together in 2026. Let's build on our strengths, support our youth, and promote Hereford genetics across Maryland and beyond. Please reach out with ideas, questions, or to volunteer.

I welcome your input.

Warm regards,

Kim Crone President

Maryland Hereford Association

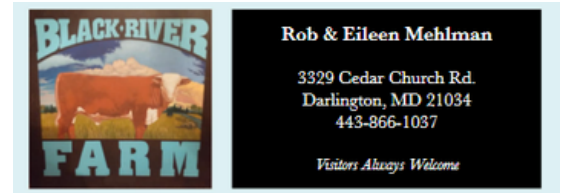
Let's connect:



Maryland Hereford Association

Thank you

We deeply and sincerely thank our county and state fair sponsors for your unwavering support of our juniors throughout the year. Your generous contributions are instrumental in inspiring and cultivating the next generation of Hereford breeders, and your kindness truly makes a lasting difference.



EXTRA EXTRA

**READ ALL
ABOUT IT**

LAST CALL TO PUT AN ADD IN THE MARYLAND HEREFORD DIRECTORY.

**THE DIRECTORY IS HANDED OUT UP AND DOWN THE EAST COAST AND MAJOR SHOWS
ACROSS THE COUNTRY.**

THIS IS EASY ADVERTISING FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS.

**1/8 PAGE AD \$50.00
1/4 PAGE AD \$75.00
1/2 PAGE AD \$150.00
FULL PAGE AD \$300.00**

REACH OUT TO LAURA TESSIER FOR MORE INFORMATION:

301-529-9898

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AD FORM AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER

Junior Roundup: News and Updates from MJHA

The Juniors had their first JNHE meeting on January 4. As of now 17 families are scheduled to travel to Wisconsin with their cattle. JNHE will be held from July 4th - July 11th.

JNHE

If you know of a Junior that is planning on attending, but was not at the 1st JNHE meeting please contact Michelle Grimmel at afmichelle@hotmail.com or 410-808-9534 for additional information. She will send the JNHE meeting notes to anyone that is interested in attending.

There is a mandatory meeting at the Preview Show on May 2 at 5:30.

Fundraisers:

Be on the look-out for upcoming fundraisers and ways that you can help the Juniors get to Wisconsin and back. Scheduled Fundraisers include: Swag Sale, Charleston Wrap, Gateway Candyland Fudge, Gung Raffle on March 7 and Annual Meeting Auction on November 22.

MJHA Hereford Preview:

MJHA Hereford Preview is scheduled for May 2 - May 3. The juniors will check in on May 2 and then have Hereford Olympics. The annual Junior Meeting and Elections will be held at 4:00, dinner at 5:00 (sponsored by Silo Creek Farm), and then there is a MANDATORY JNHE meeting at 5:30. There is information regarding Hereford Preview later in this newsletter.

MD Hereford Breeders Cup:

The steer portion of this program will be held at MJHA Hereford Preview on May 3 during the steer show. Entry form and Information is within this newsletter. Entries are due March 21 for Steers and July 31 for Heifers

HUGE SALE

2026 SPRING MULCH FUNDRAISER

Spring is almost here! It's time to beautify your yard all while supporting the Maryland Junior Hereford Association!

Our Juniors are selling bagged mulch to raise funds for our trip to Junior Nationals in Madison, Wisconsin this summer!

MULCH PRICING:

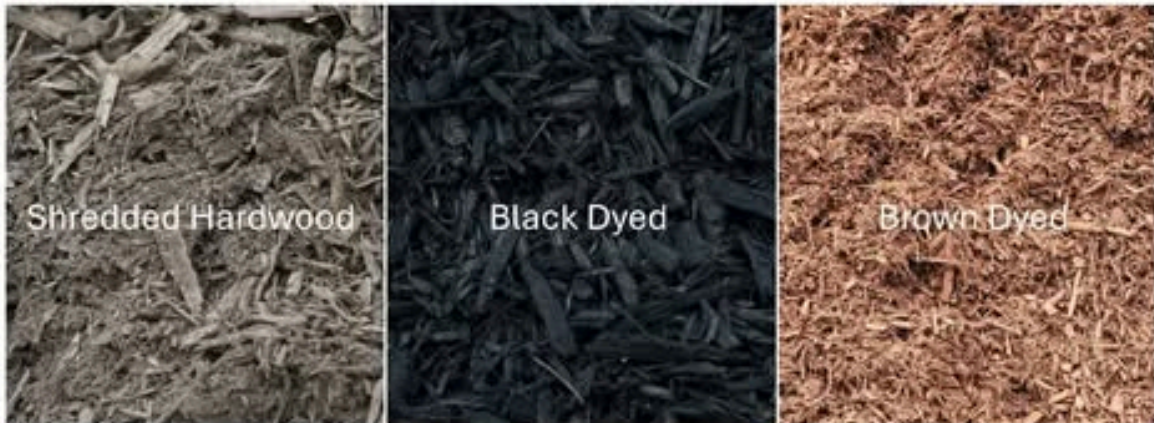
Natural Hardwood Mulch – 3 cu ft bags (45 bags/pallet) = \$6.00 per bag

Black Dyed Mulch – 2 cu ft bags (70 bags/pallet) = \$5.50 per bag

Brown Dyed Mulch – 2 cu ft bags (70 bags/pallet) = \$5.50 per bag

* Make checks payable to MJHA *

Orders are due Saturday, March 7th and your order will be delivered to you by a junior member on or after March 20th.



Colors may vary from photos above.

Our high-quality mulch is provided by Oldcastle APG.



Reach out to a MJHA member or Michelle Grimmel-Wolfrey to place your order

AHA HERDSMAN OF THE YEAR



BRECK DEBNAM

Please join me in celebrating Breck Debnam — the 2026 American Hereford Association Herdsman of the Year!

Born and raised in Maryland, Breck cut his teeth showing cattle through 4-H in Maryland (in fact I'm pretty sure there is also a picture or 2 of Breck showing goats back in the day 🤩), he was active in the Maryland Junior Hereford Association, and sharpened his skills at Black Hawk East College and Western Illinois University on their livestock judging teams. He gained hands-on experience with Lowderman Cattle Company before heading to Georgia in 2018 to join the Hunt family at Innisfail Farm.

At Innisfail, Breck is the steady hand behind day-to-day operations — everything from data collection, show and sale cattle management, chores and rotational grazing, to AI and calving. His disciplined program is focused on one thing: helping commercial clients boost profitability in the beef business.

He's a true believer that the Hereford breed will be pivotal to the future of cattle — and recently, Innisfail's team earned Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Bulls at Cattlemen's Congress, so apparently the bulls agree.

We're so proud of all the great things Breck is doing for the Hereford breed — hardworking, humble, and always ready with a joke while he's wrangling cows and spreadsheets.

Congratulations, Breck!

CHAMPIONS



Supreme Bull

Champion Hereford Bull:

Silo H18 Brandston 2404 ET

**Owned by: Silo Creek, Lane & Logan Cady,
Aces Wild Ranch, JD Hirschfeld & Sons**



Reserve Champion Hereford Bull

MML Joe Havoc 7L

**Owned by: Piper Seiss, Todd, Kim & Kasey
Herman, Wilson Stock Farm,
Morgan Ann Love**

VCCP - Harrisonburg, VA



Champion Hereford Steer - Ring A & B
Bred by: Gemstone Farm & Marky Butler
Owned by: Logan Cady



Reserve Champion Hereford Steer - Ring A
Bred by: Grimmel Girls Show Cattle
Owned by: Riley Bohrer



CELEBRATE MARYLAND EVENT VOL. 2

The Celebrate Maryland Event Vol. 2 will be held on Sunday, September 27th at Snader Farm, featuring a diverse auction including pairs, bred heifers, steers, flushes, semen, and embryos. The Maryland Angus Association will be teaming up for this sale again this year.

We had a great sale in 2025 with 53 Hereford and Angus lots. The high selling Hereford pair sold for \$9,500, the high selling Hereford heifer sold for \$8,000, and the high selling Hereford steer sold for \$4500.

Lots were purchased by breeders from South Dakota, Texas, Illinois, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. The sales committee received overwhelming positive feedback from both consigners and buyers

Cody Lowderman, Corbin Cowles and Reese Tuckwiller were very impressed with how the sale went and how it was managed. All 3 of them commented about how this sale will be a go to for breeders looking to buy or sell high quality cattle.

Consignment Information coming out Mid-March

Annual Meeting, Dinner & Social

Saturday, October 24, 2026

New Windsor Fire Hall

Doors open at 5:00pm, Meeting begins at 6:00pm

HELLO *darling*

2026 Calving Season is underway! I might be biased but Hereford babies are by far the cutest babies. Send us your pictures so that we can share the cuteness



Church View Farm Is running full speed. As of the completion of the February Newsletter they have a whopping 35 calves 🥳 It looks like the Baldwin/Jacobs crew is staying busy!!!

Joyfull Willow Farm - The Anders Family welcomed their first calf of the year, a healthy bull calf.



Spring Beef and Herb Pasta

Ingredients

12 oz pasta (penne or farfalle)
1 lb ground beef (90/10 or 85/15)
1 tbsp olive oil
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cup peas (fresh or thawed frozen)
1 lemon (zest + 2 tbsp juice)
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
2 tbsp fresh basil, chopped (or 1 tsp dried)
1/4 cup grated Parmesan (plus extra for serving)
Salt & pepper to taste
Red pepper flakes (optional)



Instructions

Cook pasta according to package; reserve 1/2 cup pasta water, drain.

While pasta cooks, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium. Add onion, cook 3–4 min until soft.

Add garlic, cook 30 sec.

Add ground beef, break up, brown and cook through (5–7 min). Season with salt, pepper, and red pepper flakes if using.

Stir in cherry tomatoes and peas; cook 2–3 min until tomatoes soften and peas are heated.

Add cooked pasta to skillet, toss with lemon zest, lemon juice, parsley, basil, Parmesan, and reserved pasta water a splash at a time to loosen the sauce.

Adjust seasoning, top with extra Parmesan, and serve warm.



Upcoming Dates:

Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Spring Spectacular Jackpot Show
Bloomsburg, PA
March 27- March 29

Board of Directors Meeting
April 19 @ 1:00
Fisherman's Wharf

Maryland Junior Hereford Association Preview Show
Entries Due: March 31, 2026
Show Dates May 2 - May 3

MJHA Junior Nationals Meeting
May 2 @ 5:30
Montgomery County Fairgrounds

Southeast Regional Hereford Show
Harrisonburg, VA
June 17 -21

**** Information Coming Soon ****

Board of Directors Meeting
June 28 @ 1:00
Location: Mt. Airy (tbd)

Junior National Hereford Expo
Madison, Wisconsin
July 4-July 11

MARYLAND JUNIOR HEREFORD ASSOCIATION
2026 PREVIEW SHOW SCHEDULE
Saturday, May 2nd & Sunday, May 3rd
Montgomery County Fairgrounds • Gaithersburg, Maryland
Schedule is subject to change.

FRIDAY 5/1/2026

4:00pm Fairgrounds available for stall set up only. NO cattle may arrive on Friday.

SATURDAY 5/2/2026

7:00am Gates open for cattle to arrive – no arrivals prior to Saturday at 7:00am!

11:00am-12:00pm Exhibitor & Showmanship Check In (show ring)
Heifers, Bulls & Pairs Check In, papers only (show ring)
Steer Check In & Weighing (scales)
Health Paper Check and Examination by MDA Animal Health Inspector (in barns)

12:00pm Check In Deadline – all exhibitors and cattle must be checked in and all cattle in place

12:30pm-3:30pm NJHA Events and MJHA Barnyard Olympic Games (location TBA)

3:30pm Scholarship and Royalty Interviews, if needed (location TBA)

4:00pm Annual Junior Membership Meeting & Election of Officers (show ring)

5:00pm Catered Dinner for all exhibitors and families *sponsored by Silo Creek Farm* (show ring)

5:30pm Mandatory Meeting for Junior Nationals Attendees & Families (show ring)

SUNDAY 5/3/2026

9:15am Group Pictures

9:30am Opening Ceremonies:
- Welcome Messages from Special Guests
- Presentations
- National Anthem

10:00am Show Begins: (Judge – Chris Mackey of Telford, TN)
- Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, PeeWee, Pre-PeeWee)
- Cow-Calf Pairs
- Bred & Owned Bulls
- Heifers
- Bred & Owned Heifers
- Steers
- Bred & Owned Steers
- Maryland Hereford Breeders Cup Steer Championship

*Exhibitors are released as they are finished showing. All bedding, trash, and manure **must** be removed from all stalling areas, walkways, and feed aisles before leaving. Your neighbor must inspect your area before you leave. Please be respectful to those still showing while moving out and loading up!*



PREVIEW SHOW ENTRY FORM

SHOW DATES: MAY 2 & 3, 2026

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

7 Dalamar Street, Gaithersburg, MD

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2026 A SEPARATE
ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH
EXHIBITOR**

**ENTRY FEE: \$25 per EXHIBITOR by entry deadline.
See Rules for Late Entry information**

Exhibitor's Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City, State ZIP: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Phone: _____ DOB: _____ Age (as of 1/1/26): _____

MJHA Show T-Shirt

Exhibitors receive one free show t-shirt. Extras may be purchased
Please list the number of each shirt on the lines below.

____ Youth Small ____ Youth Medium ____ Youth Large
 ____ Adult Small ____ Adult Medium ____ Adult Large
 ____ Adult X-Large ____ Adult 2X-Large ____ Adult 3X-Large

Showmanship Contest

Check the correct box for your age division (as of Jan 1st).
 If you were in a showmanship contest previously,
 Senior (Age: 18-21) Intermediate (Age: 14-17)
 Junior (Age: 10-13) PeeWee (Age: 7-9)
 Pre-PeeWee (Age: 5-7 on day of show)

Check box if entering Showmanship ONLY (no cattle)

Please enter for exhibition at the Maryland Junior Hereford Association Preview Show the animals described on this entry form which are owned by the exhibitor listed, who, along with their family and associated persons, agrees to abide by the rules and regulations published by the Maryland Junior Hereford Association (hereinafter MJHA). All stock must qualify for health regulations as prescribed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The MJHA Preview Show Committee reserves the right to accept or deny any entries. By submitting this entry form, the exhibitor, parents/guardians, and all associated persons releases the MJHA, show organizers, and the Montgomery County Agricultural Center/Fairgrounds from all responsibility and liability for any damage of any kind to this exhibit or themselves by fire or accident, including illness or death. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian to notify all associated persons of these guidelines.

Animal's AHA Registered Name	Date of Birth	B&O?
Division (check box)	AHA Registration #	(circle)
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N
Heifer Steer Bull	Cow-Calf Pair	Y or N

Mail your completed Entry Form, \$25 Entry Fee, and \$10 Membership Dues (if applicable) to: MJHA Preview Show, PO Box 125, Jarrettsville, MD 21084 Make check payable to: Maryland Junior Hereford Assoc. or MJHA



Maryland



Hereford Breeders Cup

Nomination Form

Owner Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Animal Information

Registration # _____ DOB: _____ Tattoo: RE _____ LE _____

Registered Name: _____ **Heifer / Steer**

Breeder: _____

Nomination fees: \$50.00 due by show entry deadline (Steers March 21, 2026; Heifers July 31, 2026)

Steers will show at the Maryland Junior Hereford Preview show and must be entered in the show.

Heifers will show at the Maryland State Fair Open Hereford show and must be entered in the open show.

Make checks made payable to: Maryland Hereford Association.

Please mail checks to:

Maryland Hereford Association

c/o Laura Tessier:

6301 Damascus Road

Laytonsville, MD 20882

**** Please put the animals name in the memo of you check ****

Please e-mail Nomination forms to:

Ashley Schaeffer

aschaeffer@taylorsvillevet.com

Please contact Ashley Schaeffer at aschaeffer@taylorsvillevet.com or 301-514-7459 with questions.



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c/o Laura Tessier
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Laytonsville, MD 20882

CALENDAR YEAR January 1 to December 31
Membership Fees due March 31st

MARYLAND HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

- NEW
- RENEWAL

Date: _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cell/Other: _____ Fax: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Maryland Hereford Association, in the classification checked below.

ACTIVE MEMBER – PUREBRED BREEDER \$50.00

Any owner, manager, or person associated with Hereford Cattle.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (NON-VOTING) \$25.00

Other persons interested in Hereford Cattle and in promoting them.

COMMERCIAL CATTLEMAN (NON-VOTING) \$25.00

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for the membership dues to the category checked above. Make check payable to "MARYLAND HEREFORD ASSOCIATION" or "MHA."

Herdsmen's Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cell/Other: _____ Fax: _____

Farm Location: _____

MHA Directory Ad Form

To place an ad please fill out form completely, and mail to: Laura Tessier, 6301 Damascus Rd., Laytonsville, MD 20882. If more convenient you can email your completed form to LTESSIERORACLE@GMAIL.COM.

Once we receive your completed form you will receive an invoice for your ad purchase.

Please send ad files to: LTESSIERORACLE@GMAIL.COM _____

All final, camera-ready ads should be sent in a high-resolution JPEG or PDF format.

DIRECTORY SPECS: Finished book size 5 ½" x 8 ½"

Sold To/Contact Name: _____

Advertising: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Please check one:

I will supply my ad

I need to have an ad designed for me

We have several options to choose from, but they do fill up fast so please reach out asap for options.

Ad Size (check one):

1/8 Page

1/4 Page

1/2 Page

Full Page

NOTES and File Name: _____

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