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The Hereford breed is having an excellent start to 2018 with many great things happening for Hereford breeders. The 11th Great Midwest Hereford Influenced Feeder Sale kicked off 2018 on January 2 in Carthage, Illinois. On New Year's Day, when the Lowderman staff and crew started to weigh, grade, and sort the cattle it was a 16° below zero. A very special THANK YOU to Brent & Kris Lowderman, and their staff for all the work involved in hosting this sale each year and making it successful. Hopefully it will be little warmer for the 12th Annual sale!

There were 889 head consigned with 662 head being steers and the balance heifers. The average Hereford steer in the sale, sold for \$1,022, and the 45 head that weighed 912 pounds averaged \$1,301 per steer. There were 62 consignors from six states that participated in 2018. The 889 head was the largest number of cattle ever consigned in the 11 year history of the sale. This year was the second highest grossing sale behind 2015. Several new buyers bid and bought cattle this year. Here are the larger lot results:

32 Hereford Steers 423# \$1.69	10 BWF Steers 551# \$1.72
49 Hereford Steers 485# \$1.68	11 BWF Steers 775# \$1.51
42 Hereford Steers 528# \$1.68 1/2	25 Hereford Heifers 382# \$1.63
85 Hereford Steers 579# \$1.66 3/4	33 Hereford Heifers 462# \$1.54
80 Hereford Steers 616# \$1.67	37 Hereford Heifers 533# \$1.52
60 Hereford Steers 680# \$1.56 1/2	45 Hereford Heifers 612# \$1.46 1/2
58 Hereford Steers 731# \$1.52	35 Hereford Heifers 687# \$1.34 1/2
55 Hereford Steers 773# \$1.51	15 BWF Heifers 462# \$1.55
46 Hereford Steers 820# \$1.45	12 BWF Heifers 624# \$1.40
45 Hereford Steers 912# \$1.42 3/4	

After the Great Midwest Hereford Influenced Feeder Sale and the Pennsylvania Farm Show, was the 2018 National Western Stock Show where again Hereford cattle were the talk of the Mile High city. There was a total of 181 Junior Hereford heifers that checked in, 107 Hereford bulls and 236 open Hereford heifers. In the yards there were 24 Pen of Three heifers shown, six Carload of bulls and 31 Pen of Three bulls. Thus, one of the largest Hereford shows to date with tremendous quality top to bottom. Congratulations to all the winners in my nine state region.

The Mile High Sale and the Mile High Eve Sale were again outstanding events in 2018. A total of 36 Lots Grossed \$1,063,500 in the Mile High Sale that was witnessed by an estimated 5,000 people.

I want to especially thank Scott McDonald, McDonald Farms of Grand Rapids, Mich. for donating an elite heifer, MF 104Y Eve 109 19E ET, the daughter of Catapult 109 and MF 914W About Yasmine 104Y to the Hereford Youth Foundation of America. This awesome Hereford female sold for \$80,000 on a bid from Express Ranch, Buck Cattle Co., and Moore Cattle Co., all of Oklahoma with all proceeds going to HYFA. What an exciting night for HYFA and the Hereford breed!

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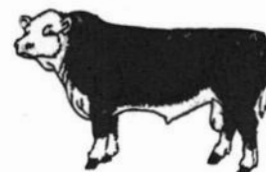
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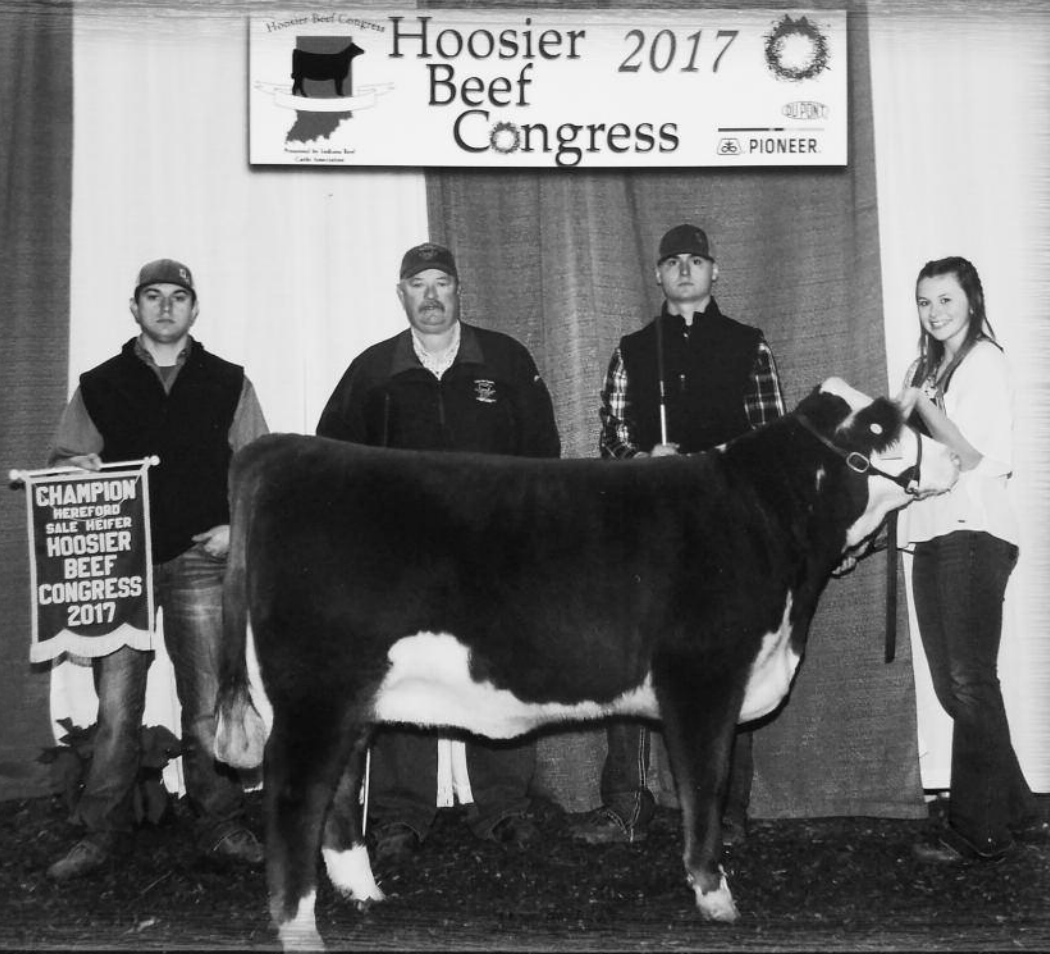
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## Killed vs. Modified Live

The debate about whether to use a killed vaccine or a modified live has been going on for 30 plus years. Both have advantages and disadvantages and the debate will not be settled in this article. It is important to remember that there is not a "one size fits all" approach when it comes to vaccinating your cow herd. Working with a veterinarian that is familiar with your herd will help tailor a program to fit your needs. When talking about using a vaccine, in this article we are considering the 4 common viruses that cause reproductive and respiratory issues. Those are Bovine Viral Diarrhea(BVD), Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus(BRSV), and Parainfluenza Type 3(PI-3)

### Modified Live

A modified live vaccine(MLV) is a vaccine in which the bacteria or virus has been altered or "attenuated" in some way to not cause or spread the disease it is trying to prevent. These vaccines provide a longer duration of immunity than killed vaccines and thus require fewer doses to achieve the desired immune status.

One thing to consider when choosing to use a MLV is they can cause some abortions or infertility if given at the wrong time or in the wrong manner. I have read some articles recently that do not tell the whole story when it comes to these type of vaccines. Those publications often state that MLV will delay conception in heifers when compared to unvaccinated controls. They fail to point out that the vaccine was given at time of synchronization. **The most effective time to use a modified live vaccine is 30 to 50 days prior to breeding.** This would also be a great time to deworm/delouse the cows or heifers as well as administer a vitamin/ mineral injection such as Multimin(Multimin USA). This will give the cow maximum immunity at time of breeding and will not affect the develop of a good corpus luteum, which is necessary to start and maintain a pregnancy.

The label on MLV states that the vaccine is safe to use on pregnant animals if the individual was vaccinated with a MLV in the previous 12 months. This is true but several studies and laboratories around the country are showing an increase in abortions from IBR after cattle have been vaccinated properly with a MLV. The numbers of abortions are small but none of us like losing even 1 pregnancy if it can be prevented. That

is why we recommend using only killed vaccines on cattle that have an unknown vaccination history.

### Killed Vaccine

A killed vaccine is a vaccine in which the virus or bacteria has been grown then killed so it will not cause disease. They do require an "adjuvant" to be added so the body will mount an immune response to the vaccine. An adjuvant is a chemical substance that triggers an immune response. These adjuvants have become much more effective in recent years and allow killed vaccines to become a viable option in cow herd immunity. These adjuvants have improved thanks to HIV-AIDS vaccine research. Even though an AIDS vaccine has never come to market, we have reaped the benefits of that research in our cattle vaccines.

A killed vaccine will stimulate an immune response that will be of shorter duration than a modified live. They tend to be safer to use at any stage of pregnancy and breeding than a MLV but will require more doses and boosters if only killed vaccines are being used in the herd.

As a young girl I remember one of the summer highlights was loading up the car with food and family and traveling to the annual Polled Hereford field day. One of these excursions took us to the Ohio River, then up a curvy road and steep hill to Pilot Wheel Ranch. That was my first recollection of Art Timberlake.

That particular day tables and chairs filled with cattle enthusiasts covered the front yard. A young Art stood on the front porch, welcomed his guests and gave directions for the pasture tour. He was very pleased to serve as host and entertain cattle folks on his home place. We proceeded to climb into a huge stock truck with racks and bumped across the pastures of Pilot Wheel Ranch with Art at the wheel. Back then, a cow barely came to the waist of a tall man. He showed off his pride and joy, the cows. Aside from his family, that remained true until the day he died.

Another recollection of Art came in 1965 when a group of Polled Hereford kids and adults gathered in the northeast corner of the State Fair Coliseum to organize the Indiana Junior Polled Hereford Association. As one of those kids I remember Art's enthusiasm as he guided the election of officers and help map out plans for the IJHA. I learned later in life that Art had set a goal of organizing junior

associations during his tenure as a member of the American Polled Hereford Board. And he did. He stayed committed to the junior programs as a breeder and Indiana board member. What a legacy he left!

In 1995 Indiana joined with Kentucky and Ohio to host the Junior National in Louisville. As with any Junior National, several problems arose. Art intervened with his friends across the river to get things smoothed out and a great junior show followed. His good old boy charm and twinkle of the eye could persuade anyone to put differences aside and work for the kids.

Art's quiet leadership was evident during the national and state merger of the horned and polled breeds. He gave insight to help avoid some of the drama that had occurred during past attempts to join together. After some tense discussions, he often pointed out that "the kids have already done, we better do it too."

Whether you talked to Art at a show, sale, or field day he always had a story from the past. That man was a student of Hereford cattle. He took volumes of information to his grave about the breed and the times in which he lived.

Thank you, Art for your enthusiasm, example, and influence. Rest In Peace, Hereford friend.

## Using a Combination may be key

Recent studies have shown that administering a MLV 30 to 50 days prior to breeding and then following up with a killed booster at preg check time provides the best protection against BVD persistently infected calves. This will also eliminate the risk of inducing IBR abortions, which can occur when a MLV is given to a pregnant animal. Oddly enough this combination will also aid the cow in forming the best colostral antibodies.

## What about Lepto Doc?

When vaccinating the cow herd it is important to consider including lepto in that decision. Leptospirosis is known to cause abortions in cattle especially later in gestation. Some strains such as Hardjo bovis can cause issues from poor conception all the way to late term abortions. Seek the advice of your veterinarian as to which combination would work best in your herd. I believe that these combination vaccines need to be given at 5 months of age or sooner to prospective replacement heifers to avoid the kidney becoming colonized with Lepto at an early age. Most all vaccines, whether killed or MLV will contain lepto in a combination with BVD, IBR, BRSV, and PI-3.

Most come with at least 5 serovars or strains and many also include Hardjo bovis. Again it is important to work with your herd veterinarian to develop a vaccination program that best fits your needs. If you have questions or concerns. I may be reached at 219 863 3987 or [drdave@stockvets.com](mailto:drdave@stockvets.com)

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# MEMBER NEWS

## ARTHUR RAY TIMBERLAKE

Arthur Ray Timberlake, 84, of Mauckport, died Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at his home on top of the hill surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 2, 1933 at home on top of the hill in Mauckport to the late Floyd Edward Timberlake and Mary Alliene Ripperdan Timberlake Schneider.

Arthur and his father, Floyd, started the Pilot Wheel Ranch in 1945, raising registered Polled Hereford cattle. They exhibited at several county fairs, Indiana and Kentucky State shows and 31 consecutive years at the Indiana State Fair and 29 years at the Kentucky State Fair and throughout the years those cattle were sold in 13 states and Canada. Arthur showed at the Harrison County Fair for the first time in 1951 at the age of 18 and cattle from the Pilot Wheel have been exhibited there every year since. Arthur truly was a lifelong 4-H member and the Fair was one of his favorite weeks of the year. Arthur judged purebred cattle shows around the country, some of the most notable were the Fort Worth Stock Show, the SOP Hereford Show in Portland, Oregon and the 1979 National Junior Polled Hereford Show.

He served for a total of 42 years for the Federal Land Bank and Farm Credit Services of Mid-America. He was a founding member and president of the Corydon Jaycees. He served as a National Polled Hereford Association Director from 1971-1977, including at the very first National Jr. Polled Hereford show in 1974. He was a lifetime member of the American Hereford Association, the Indiana Hereford Association and the Kentucky Hereford Association, and was a founder of the Indiana Pollette and Indiana Jr. Polled Hereford Association. He was a member of the Mauckport United Methodist Church. Arthur is a veteran of the United States Army, serving as supply sergeant in the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Eschbacher-Timberlake; daughter, Alice Cornelia Hayse (Scott); grandsons, Brian Austin and Luke Elliott Hayse; brothers-in-law, Buck Eschbacher (Irma), Andy Eschbacher (Karen), Donnie Eschbacher (Teresa); nieces and nephews, Natalie Ward (Craig), Preston Eschbacher, Kyle Eschbacher, Brandon Eschbacher, Scott Decker (Kelly), Bridgett West (RJ), John Eschbacher (Abbie) and Savannah Clem (Ethan); nine great nieces and nephews and several cousins.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to the Harrison County 4-H or the Mauckport Cemetery Fund.

## PATSY "PETZI" DUNCAN

Patsy "Petzi" Sue (Spear) Duncan, 78, Wingate, passed away at her home on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 4:15 a.m. following a lengthy illness with Alzheimer's.

Petzi, as she was known to family and friends, was born in Attica, Indiana on June 14, 1939. She was the daughter of the late Robert Spear and Hattie (Compton) Tribby. Petzi was raised in Attica, graduating from Attica High School in 1957 and later attending Purdue University and Danville Community College.

On January 26, 1958, Petzi married Lawrence Duncan in Attica. Petzi was a devoted, hard working farm wife who just celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary. She loved raising her children on the farm and cherished spending time with all 9 grandchildren.

She leaves behind her husband, Lawrence, along with four sons, Lary Duncan, San Angelo, TX; Gary (Sandy) Duncan, Crawfordsville; David (Jill) Duncan, Wingate and Andy (Laura) Duncan, Veedersburg; a daughter, Caril (Bryan) Duncan-Weatherman, Overland Park, KS; brother, Robert E. (Sandra) Spear, Indianapolis; sister Mona Lee (Deiter) Schaller, Germany; sister Anna Kay (Carl) Heninger, Denver, CO; half-brother Edwin "Ed" (Anita) Tribby, Royal Center, IN; step-sister Rosemary "Rosie" Stitt Watts, Attica; step-brother Harold "Pooter" R. (Phyllis) Tribby, Lafayette; nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, Charles E. Tribby and a step-brother, Charles "Sonny" Tribby.

Petzi was a very passionate and popular teacher who started her own preschool, Creative Concepts. She taught for 25 years. She was an outstanding cook, hobbyist photographer, flower lover and a creative quilter.

She was a generous, contributing member of her community. She was a founding member of the Fountain County Beef Fundraising Supper that continues annually; member of the Mellott Community Church; a past officer of the Indiana Beef Cattlewomen Association; member of the Indiana and National Pollette Organizations; and a member of the Sugar Creek Quilting Guild.

The family would like to take this time to thank the caregivers for providing loving assistance with Petzi. Her favorite saying pretty well described her life: "Children, what a great way to start people."

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund, 34 Washington St., Suite 200, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.



# MEMBER NEWS

## BETTY DAVIS

Mrs. Betty L. Davis, 87, of Thorntown, passed away Nov. 8, 2017, at her home. Betty was born Nov. 22, 1929, in Boone County, IN, a daughter of the late Charles and Irene (Taylor) Crum. She married Cletus Devon Davis on June 3, 1949. He passed away on Oct. 5, 2016.

Betty graduated from Thorntown High School. Along with her husband, she took great pride in their family farm and livestock. She also worked for Wright's Hardware in Colfax, where she retired. Betty was a member of the Indiana Hereford Women and the Boone County Homemakers. She was also a member of the New Beginnings Church in Thorntown.

Survivors include her children Rick (Lynn) Davis and Jill Davis, both of Thorntown; her brothers Joe, Dale, and Tom Crum; her sisters Carolyn Gillikin and Judy Saunders; and her grandchildren Garrett Kelly of Thorntown, Landon Kelly of Maine, and Dalton Davis of Thorntown. In addition to her husband, Betty was preceded in death by her siblings Hillis Crum, Margaret Watkins, Jim Crum, Mildred Ruth, and Floyd Crum.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to Boone County 4-H, 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN 46052.



Doug Gerber / Gerber Land and Cattle, Richmond, Ind., was named Indiana Cattle Association Cattlemen of the Year during the Indiana Cattlemen Convention in Indianapolis on January 27, 2018.

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 Standing: Bruce Everhart, Waldron; Gordon Clinkenbeard, Edwardsport; Scott Lawrence, Avilla; Dr. David Dixon, Rensselaer; David Duncan, Wingate; Terry Hayhurst, Terre Haute; Tony Schantz, Bloomfield. Not pictured: Bill Doig, Waldron; Gordon Carter, Gaston; Bob Greives, West Lafayette; Doug Musser, Otterbein; Thatcher Landrum, Warren; Dan Harker, Hope



## 2017 IHA Family of the Year

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