

Wisconsin 50 Year Hereford Breeder Honored at AHA Annual Membership Meeting

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – To commemorate 50 years in the Hereford business, 12 farms and ranches were named Golden Breeders for their steadfast commitment to the breed during the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21. One of the 50 year Golden Breeders is from Wisconsin: **C&L Hereford Ranch, Ixonia, Wis.** The Folkman Family, of C&L Hereford Ranch have been WHA members for many years. The WHA Congratulates the Folkmans' and wishes to thank them for all of their support over the years!

C&L Hereford Ranch began with Charles and Lorna Folkman. The couple built their cow herd with daughters of the RWJ K9 bull from Calderon Curran in Grass Lake, Mich., and female purchases from regional state shows and sales. They shared herd sires with Arnold Jorns, who ran his herd alongside theirs. The Folkman family's first exposure to AI was purchasing six packages of semen of the breed icon Enforcer 107H. Eventually, the ranch began exhibiting at state and regional shows, and relocated its cattle to the ranch's current location in Ixonia, Wis. Steve Folkman currently operates the ranch, and has served the Hereford breed in multiple capacities. Jill Folkman, Steve's wife, served on the National Hereford Women (NHW) board. The most important aspect of the ranch is family. Steve and Jill's children, Nicky, Ali, Curtis and Austin Folkman are involved in all aspects of the daily operation.

Several additional WHA Members have received the Golden Breeder recognition from the American Hereford Association. Those members are:

2022 – K7 Herefords, Lockridge, IA
2018 – Baker Polled Herefords, Elkhorn, WI
2018 – Boettcher's Brookview Acres, Fairchild, WI
2016 – Huth Polled Herefords, Oakfield, WI

Congratulations to all recipients and Thank You for the long-standing support of the Hereford Cattle breed! The WHA wishes continued success for all in the years to come!

For more information on the Golden Breeder program, please visit the AHA website at the address below:

<https://hereford.org/genetics/recognition-programs/50-year-century-breeder/>

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