

**2023 JNHE KANSAS SUMMARY — MADISON, WISCONSIN**

**OWNED HEIFERS** — 72 head from Kansas — 34 placed top 5 in the class (220 horned and 551 polled females total)  
 1st — (6) Jordan Gatz, Brody Greenwood, Dustin Denton, Calli Miller, Jessica Jensen & Will Meinhardt.  
 2nd — (4) Laynee Greenwood, Josie Beltz, Delaney Figge & Brayson Mayo.  
 3rd — (8) Josie Beltz, Lauren Gatz, Dustin Denton (2), Will Meinhardt, Julia Studer, Jacqueline Studer & Marlee Ballard.  
 4th—(3) Mason Mullinix, Kassidy Schumann & Brayson Mayo.  
 5th—(13) Brayson Mayo, Cole Dieball, Trigg Marston (2), Kaden Hitz, Kinzley Evans, Tyree Figge, Megan Cranwell, Tobi Wilber, Johanna Studer (2), Caroline Studer & Bradyn Greenwood.

Kansas had only one entry in the **BULL** division (Jase Beltz 3rd) and one in the **COW-CALF** division (Tava Gustafson 5th).

A Group of Five was entered with cattle supplied by Josie Beltz, Dustin Denton, Calli Miller, Bryson Mayo and Jessica Jensen. Wes Denton and Jase Beltz served as their showmen.



Five Kansans (Megan Cranwell, Jessica Jensen, Jordan Gatz, Tobi Wilber & Wes Denton) hit that magic age of 21 this year and completed their show career. Their entries placing in the top 5 of their divisions. We wish them success in their chosen fields and know that they will always be Hereford Enthusiasts and return to JNHEs to support family and extended family members in the future. Wes was selected by Kansas juniors as the outstanding state exhibitor and received the Mead Scholarship of \$2000.

**FUN TIMES INCLUDED**



They knew the Kansas Junior Hereford kids and their families were at the '23 JNHE in Madison. Bringing home numerous awards and high placings. AHA published early that there were 2,051 entries from 802 juniors throughout the USA and Canada. Thirty-seven Kansas families traveled to Wisconsin with 107 head shown by 64 juniors.



Congratulations to Lauren Gatz for being selected by her peers to join Wesley Denton (elected vice chairman '23-'24) on the National Junior Hereford Association Board.

Jalyn Davis, Kansas Hereford Queen, led many classes into the ring. Johanna Studer, Kansas Princess, helped with the Queen's tea. Kinsley Mullinix's name was drawn at the Queen's Tea to walk with queens during one day of the show.



Top six Speech winners selected from hybrid entries included junior age; Josie Beltz, Quinn Breiner and Bradyn Greenwood and in the peewee age Laynee Greenwood. Quinn Breiner placed 3rd.

In the top 6 of the Future Professionals contest were Lauren Gatz (senior) and Jase Beltz (intermediate). Lauren was selected 1st place senior.

Submitting winning Photos were: Hereford Cattle: Cady Pieper 1st senior & Lexi Schmidt 2nd junior. Hereford People: Quinn Breiner 1st junior and Josie Beltz 3rd junior. Cooper Acheson was selected 3rd in the Peewee Poster Contest.

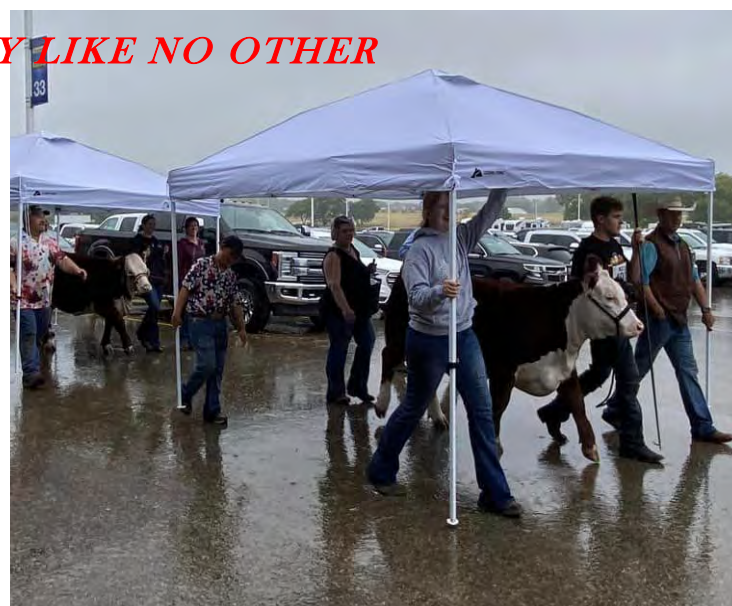


One of the 'fun' events was the Goose Chase Challenge (take off of a scavenger hunt). Kansas had three teams. The team of Johanna, Jackie & Caroline Studer; Callie, Lexi & Spencer Schmidt; Drew & Marlee Ballard, Roland Sandberg and Tava Gustafson placed 9th.

5K Race McKenna Gatz 2nd, Jase Beltz 3rd, Harry Schlickau 4th & Kaden Hitz 5th.



**A SHOW DAY LIKE NO OTHER**





**Judging Teams:** Seniors 3rd - Julia Studer, Jalyn Davis, Cady Pieper & Jordan Gatz; Intermediates 1st - Delaney Figge, Will Meinhardt, Dustin Denton & Dagan Murry. Delaney was high intermediate individual and Will 3rd.



**Quiz Bowl** Senior team finished in the top 4 teams. Members were: Julia Studer, Dagan Murry, and Jordan and Lauren Gatz. Junior Team members: Johanna & Jacqueline Studer, Brinley Davis & Cooper Acheson.

**Team Fitting** Kansas team included Jase and Josie Beltz and Laynee Greenwood. They were named Reserve Champion Team.

**Queen's Tea** - Many of our girls attended the special event where they were treated to making stuffed animals and snacks.



**Showmanship** is always a popular contest for our juniors. Competing were 60 Kansans in the four age divisions with 24 of them being pulled from their first heat to continue competing. Four of our 10 seniors (18-21) were selected to return to semi finals: Megan Cranwell, Jessica Jensen, Cady Pieper and Julia Studer.

In the intermediate age group (14-17) 10 of our 21 were selected from their first heat: Drew and Marlee Ballard, Jase Beltz, Tyree and Delaney Figge, Kinsley Gillig, Rylie and Will Meinhardt, Calli Miller and Dagan Murray.

Junior age (10-13) 6 of the 18 walking in the ring were asked to return: Josie Beltz, Bradyn and Brody Greenwood, Colby Jones, Brayson Mayo and Johanna Studer.



Twelve Peewees (7-9) participated with 4 being pulled to continue; Kinsey Acheson, Laynee Greenwood, Chase Jones and Caroline Studer. In summary eight of our own made it out of semi finals into the top 20 of their age group. Intermediates: Jase Belts, Tyree Figge, Will Meinhardt & Calli Miller. Juniors: Josie Beltz & Colby Jones. Pee Wees: Laynee Greenwood & Chase Jones.

Selected in the Top Ten of their division were: Laynee Greenwood 7th, Jase Beltz 5th & Will Meinhardt 9th .



**In the cattle division numerous banners came home to Kansas.**

**Wes Denton**

Reserve Champion Division Steer  
Champion B&O Division Steer  
Overall Reserve Grand B&O Steer

**Calli Miller**

Champion Division Owned Heifer

**Jessica Jensen**

Reserve Division B&O Heifer  
Reserved Division Owned Heifer

**Dustin Denton**

Reserve Division Owned Heifer

**Will Meinhardt**

Reserve Division Owned Heifer



**STEERS** - 14 Kansas Steers — half placed in the top 5 of their class (108 total)

1st Drew Ballard, Wes Denton & Brayson Mayo; 2nd Drew Ballard & Tava Gustafson; 3rd Wes Denton and Callie Schmidt 5th.

**BRED & OWNED HEIFERS** - 30 Kansas Bred & Owneds —13 in the top 5 of their class (277 total)

1st Wes Denton, 2nd Jessica Jensen & Wes Denton, 3rd Tyree Figge, Mason Mullinix, Dagan Murray & Will Meinhardt, 4th Dagan Murray, Cady Pieper, Josie Beltz & Johanna Studer; 5th Josie Beltz (2).