

## **President's Report 2017s**

Welcome to the AGM. This past year was busy for BC Hereford breeders and Junior BC Hereford Association members, who hosted Bonanza 2017 in Abbotsford, July 17-21. The show was a great success due to the efforts of everyone involved.

Again special thanks go out to all the directors and volunteers who are working tirelessly representing Herefords at the local and National levels. BC Hereford Ranchers are diverse in the cattle we are producing and there is something for everyone and the more good cattle we get out working the better we will be.

Nationally, the Canadian Hereford Association is in its sixth year of the Genome Canada Project, where breeders from across Canada have measured the feed efficiency of thousands of Hereford bull calves. BC bulls continue to be at the top with the highest weight gains. If you want to send bulls contact Sarah at the Canadian Hereford Association.

Congratulations to BC Hereford breeders who have competed at shows throughout the province and at the national level, bringing home championship banners, as well as three Supreme Champion awards at last summer shows. Good luck in this show season.

Despite lower bull prices in BC this last spring, the sales overall of purebred and commercial Hereford cattle have remained strong in Canada and demand for good Hereford cattle continues to increase as we are the only true outcross source. Hopefully this strong trend will continue in 2018-2019. Watch for Hereford sales this fall with the Richardson Ranch online sale and Bull sales next spring at Pine Butte, Dawson Creek, Vanderhoof and Williams Lake.

Your BC Board continued to address issues that arrive through the year. We questioned the use of aerosols in fitting animals and communicated our concerns with the new Hereford Plus Program with the CHA. We conducted a survey among members about the feasibility of holding a Hereford sale in BC. The response to the survey indicated that, at this time, there is not enough interest among members to make it viable. Many of us are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Certified Hereford Beef Program in Canada as we believe this will begin to reward our commercial customers who continue to produce F1 Hereford calves when they sell them. It is time to put the "credit where the credit is due".

Respectfully submitted,

John Lewis

## **BC Hereford 4H Report 2017**

There was an increase in Hereford and Hereford influence steers at all major shows in BC this year. A lot of kids were showing Hereford steers because of Bonanza. The quality of the steers was good, they competed well and placed in the top end of their classes. Listed below are the awards handed out by the BC Hereford Association in 2017, that have been reported at the time of this meeting. Results from other sponsored shows are pending. Each winner received a letter with a \$50 voucher to redeem at the Canadian Hereford online store.

### **PNE**

Top Hereford Influence Steer – won by Payton Haslam, Cowichan Valley 4H Club also the only steer to grade AAA plus.

Top Hereford Heifer -

### **Okanagan 4H Stock Show**

Top Hereford Influence Steer –

Top Hereford Heifer –

### **Island Spring Show**

Top Hereford Heifer – won by Dugan Defrane, Cedar 4H club

Top Hereford Steer – won by Peyton Haslam, Cowichan Valley 4-H club

### **Groundbirch 4H show**

Top Hereford Steer -

### **Bulkley Valley Exhibition**

Top Hereford Heifer – won by Everett Himech, Topley 4H

### **Nechako Valley Exhibition**

Top Hereford steer – won by Kennedy Andres

Top Heifer - won by Nic Warkentin

### **Provincial Winter Fair**

Top Hereford Steer – Won by Alexis Foley-Norris

### **Prince George**

Top Hereford Steer - Won by Jessie Grier

Top Hereford Heifer- Won by Max Novack, Pineview 4H Club