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# Montana Hereford Association Holds Annual Meeting, Selects Award Winners & Honoree



Eric and Cassandra Bergum, Bergum Family Farm, Culbertson, MT were the recipients of the Tyro (Young Hereford Breeder) Award. Justin Wichman, MHA board member from Moore, MT presented the award.

Eric Bergum is the grandson and great grandson of Montana farmers. Eric's great grandfather and great grandmother Sam and Rose Tietz homesteaded the original farm in the Culbertson area in 1910. Eric's grandfather Dan Tietz and his wife Gladys took over the farm and managed for years. Eric's passion for Herefords was at

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The Pick Ranch, Larry Vukonich family, were the recipients of the Commercial Breeder Award. Jerry Gereghy (left), MHA Board Member from Bridger, MT, presented the award to The Vuknoich family son, Andy, Marylee, Larry and son JD.

*Nothing good in life comes easy*  
by Andy Vukonich

I think as ranchers we know that better than anyone. It is impossible for me to tell you exactly when our ranch began. I don't even think my mother could tell you, and she was there through the thick of it. But I very much doubt that it was easy. When Della asked me to write down our history or describe the glory years it got me thinking. How

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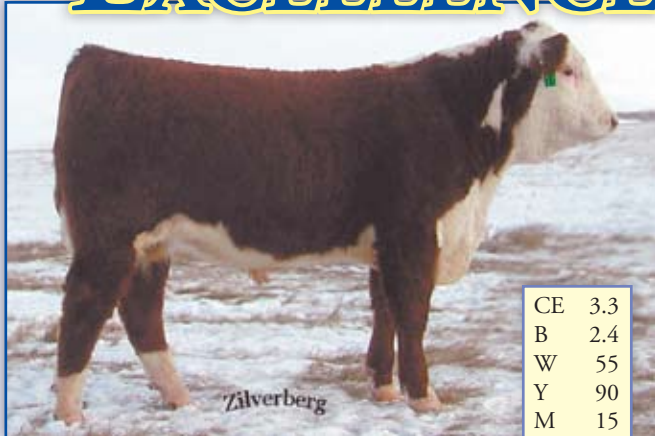


Richard Thomas (left) of Gold Creek received the Hereford Man of the Year award. Laurence Hess, MHA board member from Denton, MT presented the award.

This year's Hereford Man of the Year is a cowboy through and through. At a young age he developed a love for the ranching way. Though his parents were in the farming business, he spent as much time as possible in the saddle

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**Bar JZ Kingpin 016U**  
Kirby x West Fort • BW 82 • 3/8/08

CE	3.3
B	2.4
W	55
Y	90
M	15
S	0.8
REA	.58



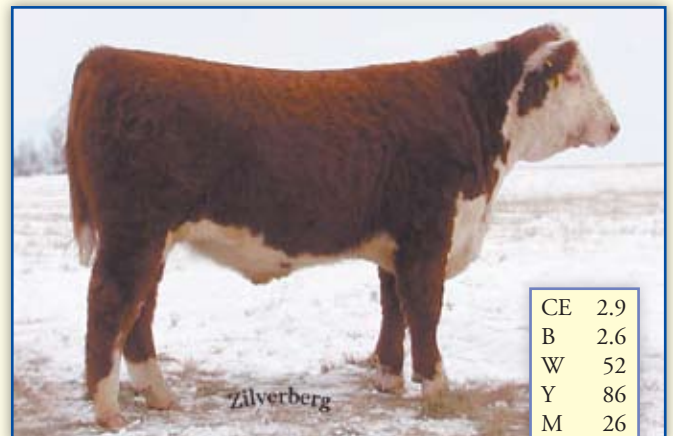
**Bar JZ Crossforce 036U**  
Crossfire x Call • BW 80 • 3/13/08

CE	1.2
B	2.6
W	44
Y	75
M	17
S	0.5
REA	.46



**Bar JZ Clockwork 033U**  
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CE	4.3
B	1.6
W	46
Y	76
M	18
S	0.4
REA	.34



**Bar JZ Rimrider 019U**  
Wrangler 25L x Tradition 434V • BW 79 • 3/19/08

CE	2.9
B	2.6
W	52
Y	86
M	26
S	0.8
REA	.63

**58th Annual Production Sale**  
1:00 p.m. • Tuesday,  
**APRIL 21, 2009**  
*New sale location:*  
Thomas Ranch Sale Facility  
16½ miles east of Onida, S.D.

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**32 Polled Hereford Bulls**  
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