

Hereford Enthusiasts To Tennessee For Showdown

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A "Tennessee Showdown" is awaiting all Hereford enthusiasts at this year's All-American Junior Hereford Expo scheduled July 20-24 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The annual event will feature many of the traditional activities, a type conference, as well as provide many opportunities for guests to enjoy the local vacation spots

Forestry Funds

Available

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Richard Troutman, chairman of the Berks County ASC Committee, said cost-share funds are currently available under the Forestry Incentive Program (FIP) to assist farmers in planting trees.

Troutman said the FIP helps increase the nation's supply of timber products by encouraging private, non-industrial forest landowners to plant trees on suitable open lands or cut-over areas, and to perform timber stand improvement work for production of timber.

"Cost-sharing is generally necessary because landowners often cannot afford to make the long-term investment needed to produce crops of timber, he said. Tree planting and timber stand improvements are two of the major practices offered in designated counties.

Troutman said farmers could save thousands of tons of top soil over the next several years by planting trees on idle and marginal cropland, and on other critically-eroded areas. Trees protect the soil, reduce sediment in streams, and increase the value of the land.

Farmers should contact the local ASCS office to request cost-sharing funds for tree planting.

and attractions.

The air conditioned livestock pavilion located on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University will be the site of many of the activities. This year's Expo will feature a special dedication to Cobbler Mountain Farm, Deleplane, Va., owned by Mrs. John Tyssowski, and managed by Henry Sanders. Cobbler Mountain Farm has been a longtime supporter as well as major contributor to the Hereford youth program.

The five-day event will center on the show ring, where junior exhibitors will compete for national recognition in the heifer, bred-and-owned bull, bred-and-owned heifer, steer and cow/calf shows. More than 200 head of cattle representing juniors from 20 states are anticipated to participate in the organization's largest show of the year.

Another show ring activity that will catch everyone's eye is the

National Showmanship Contest. The showmanship competition features the top junior Hereford showmen from across the nation. Only one individual per state is allowed to enter the ring to demonstrate his/her fitting and showing skills.

Outside of the show ring, juniors will put their Hereford and cattle knowledge to the test during the quiz bowl contest. The contest consists of a four-member state team answering questions pertaining to the Hereford breed and practices utilized in a day-to-day beef cattle operation. Cattle evaluation skills will be challenged during the judging contest while cooking abilities and creativity will surface during the All-American Cook-Off. "Game Night" will put state against state in a variety of competitive and entertaining events. An educational seminar led by Tina Dodson, Henderson, Tenn., will inform expo

participants on ways of promoting beef.

Several juniors will be honored for their outstanding scholastic achievements. Through the support of an anonymous donor, twenty-five - \$1,000 scholarships of scholastic merit will be presented to AJHA members who have excelled academically and attend or plan to attend college in the fall of 1993. In addition, the American Hereford Auxiliary will award two outstanding junior members with a \$500 John Wayne Memorial Scholarship based upon their scholastic, leadership, and agri-industry involvements.

Junior activities will pause on Friday, July 23, for the Tennessee Type Conference. The day's program is designed to appeal to registered as well as commercial producers and will focus on producing Herefords. Several industry experts from across the nation will be on hand to share their per-

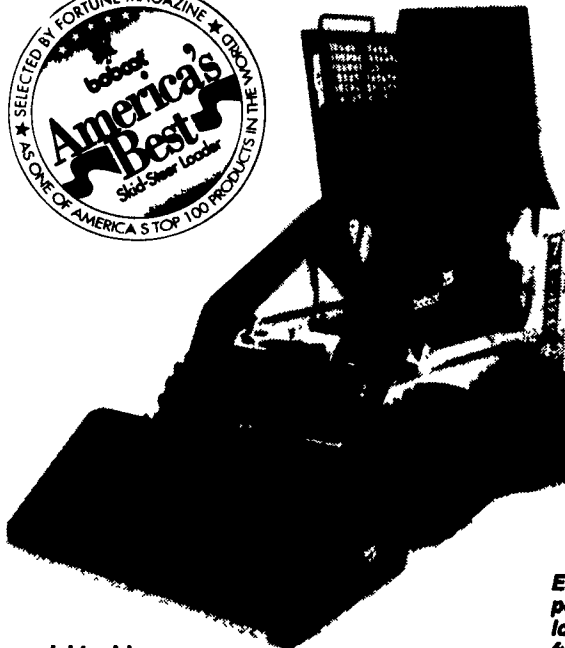
spectives.

Of course being located in the Heartland of Tennessee and just 30 miles from the country music capitol of the world, Nashville, this year's Expo will offer trips to several of the local attractions and historic sites. In addition, members of the Tennessee Junior Hereford Association are providing a "cattle-sitting" service for a few days after the show to allow everyone the chance to enjoy the beautiful countryside.

The American Junior Hereford Association, American Hereford Association, Tennessee Junior Hereford Association, Tennessee Hereford Association, and many Hereford breeders of surrounding states are co-sponsors of the event. For additional information on this premier summer Hereford event, contact the American Hereford Association, P.O. Box 014059, Kansas City, MO 64101, (816) 842-3757.

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