

# Lebanon Teen Wins National Hereford Queen Title

DENVER, Colo. — Margeaux Firestone, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania was crowned the National Polled Hereford Queen during the National Polled Hereford Show at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado on January 24.

She was given the title during the recent National Hereford Show conducted in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., Jan. 18.

Margeaux is the 17-year-old

secretary/treasurer 1999-2002 and was a voting delegate 2001-2002.

She was also a director for the Pennsylvania state association board representing the junior association. Margeaux has a manageable 20 head of cattle in her herd of Herefords, many of which have won grand champion, besides two supreme champion titles.

In 2001 she was honored with the title by the American Here-

with the FFA, Lebanon County 4-H, and Salem Lutheran Church.

In 2000 Margeaux began competing in speech contests. She was awarded second in the state for junior prepared speaking contest. In 2002 she was first in the state senior prepared speaking contest and went on to the national in Louisville, Kentucky and won a silver medal for her accomplishments.

She was also first at the Eastern States FFA competition.

In 2000 she won the National Organization of Poll-Ettes National Illustrated Speech Contest, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the junior national.

In 2001 she was third in the illustrated speech contest at Billings, Montana. She was second at the PRIDE convention in Kansas City, Mo.

During 2002 she placed second at the Junior National Illustrated Speech contest.

During Margeaux's reign as queen she will represent the Hereford breed at shows, sales, and other events. She will serve as a spokesperson to the public on important issues and breed history as well. Margeaux will also promote Certified Hereford Beef as a healthy product to consumers.

The National Polled Hereford Queen contest is in its 29th year of honoring young ladies with scholarships and offering them the chance to travel and serve as a spokesperson for the Hereford industry. The National Organization of Poll-ettes oversees and administers the National Queen contest.

The first national queen was selected in November 1974. It has

evolved over the years and today the contestants are competing for more than just the title and the crown, they are also competing for scholarships. The queen receives a \$1,000 scholarship, first runner up, \$750, second runner up, \$500, and Miss Congeniality, \$250.

Ashley Holden was selected first runner-up. Holden is the 18-year-old daughter of Herb and Kathy Holden of Broad

Brook, Conn.

She is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, where she is majoring in Agricultural Education.

She has been a National Junior Hereford Association member for eleven years and has been active in FFA, 4-H and many other activities in high school and college. She was also chosen as Miss Congeniality, which is an honor that is voted on by the queen contestants.

Jennifer Oglesby was selected second runner-up. Jennifer is the 19-year-old daughter of Chris and Lynne Oglesby of Wadley,



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Ga. She is a sophomore at Georgia College and State University where she is studying to become a nurse.

Margeaux's responsibility as queen will depend on a considerable amount of traveling. Any cattle breeder, association, or individual that would like to contribute to the National Queen Fund by sending donations to Dinah Peebles, 994-3605 Lane, Hotkiss, Colorado 81419.



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daughter of Michael and Martene Firestone.

She is a senior at Conrad Weiser High School, Robesonia.

In the Fall of 2003 she plans to attend Loyola College and major in biology. Her future plans are to become a pediatric cardiologist and raise Hereford cattle on a farm of her own.

Margeaux is very active in the Pennsylvania Junior Hereford Association. She held the office of

ford Association, "Northeast Show Heifer of the Year."

At school she is a member of Key Club, Student Council, Drama Club, musical, Spanish Club, and chorus. She was also a HOBY ambassador and is a member of National Honors Society. In the ag department at Conrad Weiser High School she is a Teaching Laboratory Assistant.

Besides this job, she is involved

## Cattle Producers Call For Permanent Repeal Of Death Tax

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. cattle producers continue to urge the importance of permanent repeal of the Death Tax.

In the House, the Death Tax Permanency Act of 2003, (H.R.57), which calls for permanent repeal, was introduced recently by Rep. Jennifer Dunn (WA-8).

The bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. So far, 131 members are now cosponsors of the bill. Similar legislation in the Senate, Permanent Death Tax Repeal Act of 2003 (S.169), was introduced by Sen. John Kyl (AZ) and has been referred to the Committee on Finance. "With 131 co-sponsors, and more signing on all the time, we are looking forward to a vote on this legislation in the House, as well as in the Senate," says Jay Truitt, executive director of legislative affairs for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

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