

**Claude Callicott, Only, TN**

I was born and raised on a family farm in Franklin, TN. I bought my first cow when I was 10. It was a cow/calf pair bought with money I made from selling sweet corn and tomatoes. In 1995, after my grandfather passed, my family moved to our current farm in Hickman County. After high school I attended and graduated from Maryville College where I met my wife, Lee Ann. After Maryville College I taught high school math at McEwen High School for 11 years. During this time, I began row crop and cattle farming with my dad. We ran a commercial cow/calf herd of black baldy cows using Angus and Hereford bulls. In 2011, I left my career in teaching and started my career as a crop insurance agent. I currently own my own agency and have clients in middle and west Tennessee. I have been blessed to continue to grow my row crop acres and the cattle herd. When my daughters, Sarah Beth and Ella (now 16 and 13) became old enough to show, we began raising Hereford cattle to show and sell. We enjoy the show circuit and continually seeking to improve our herd through our donor and AI program.

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**Bob Coley, New Market, TN**

Bob lives on a 70-acre farm in New Market, TN where Rocky Valley Herefords consists of a Line One cow herd using an exclusive A.I program with Holden and Cooper bulls. His family has been in the Hereford business for his entire life.

He also operates Coley Veterinary Services which works with beef and dairy clients in a 10-county area in East Tennessee.

He is a past President of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association and the Tennessee Veterinary Association and currently serves on several advisory councils at the University of Tennessee.

He and his wife, Jan, have two grown children and twin grandchildren.

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**Meredith N. Collins**

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Born into and married into multigenerational farming operations, Meredith Collins is a partner in CN Cattle. The CN Cattle operation consists of the breed that does more with less, serves as the beef industry icon, reduces input costs, and jump starts crossbreeding... **HEREFORD**. Our program was rejuvenated when our son, Mason began exhibiting Herefords in 2013 and is located in the Lee Station community of Bledsoe County and the Anes Station community of Marshall County. Over the years, our operation has incorporated measures to include the utilization of genetic research, production of lean, healthy beef for the table, participation in proper beef management strategies, and marketing alternatives. Through proper implementation of genetics, we have increased the quality of our herd with artificial insemination, sexed semen, flushing, and implanting embryos to improve our program. Our cattle have been exhibited competitively on the state, regional, and national levels as well as marketed at the Tennessee Beef Agribition, Mississippi Beef Expo, and at sales of fellow breeders.

Meredith has been active with the junior organization for the past several years as she currently serves as one of the Tennessee Junior Hereford Advisors and has been involved in promoting and recruiting juniors to participate in the leadership activities and educational contests at the National Junior Hereford Expo. This year, Meredith received entries and completed the program for both the Tennessee Junior Hereford Show and the Tennessee Open Hereford Show.

In her community, Meredith serves on the Duck River Electric Credentials Committee and is involved with her church along with numerous events and activities at Marshall County High School where she is the Special Populations Student Services Coordinator. Meredith and her husband, Matt, strive to raise their son, Mason with the foremost parts of life that have been instilled in them to include faith, family, community, and Hereford cattle. Meredith's parents Tommy and Linda Nipper also play an integral role in the operation.

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## **Zachery Hopkins, Winchester, TN**

For those who don't know me, my name is Zachary Hopkins. Me and my family own and operate a 4 generation Hereford operation called Hopkins Ranch of Herefords located in Winchester Tennessee. One of my greatest honors is serving as a director on the Tennessee Hereford Association Board. My main goal is to promote the breed and encourage the younger generation to pursue their dreams in raising and exhibiting Hereford cattle. I am a large animal veterinarian at Fayetteville Animal Clinic and lifelong Hereford breeder. It would be an honor to serve a second term. My only goal is to serve the association to my fullest abilities by always making fair and honest decisions.