

## Germany's Country Report 2020

The year 2020 was a remarkable one. It starts pretty normal in January with our national beef cattle show "Schwarz-Rot-Gold-Robust" in Berlin during the consumer-Exhibition "Green Week". In this show we had more than 300 beef-cattle from 7 different-breeds. In the Hereford-Group we had 36 entries with a strong Heifer-class.

The Hereford-group was judged by Mr. PJ Budler from Texas, who was impressed by the quality of the German Hereford-cattle, which were displayed.

In the bull-class the victory went to the Bull Hans-Oluf, owner Monika and Ulrich Spechtmeyer, Hans-Oluf is a son of the bull Vokslev Eik and now have been national champion for the second time after 2016.



552 156 1a+S Hans Oluf P Hans Oluf P Eik x Pilot DK 04942200572 Spechtmeyer,Espelkamp - MAR V Hereford

In the cow-class the victory went to HKL Toni from Roland Klüber. This 5-year-old cow is a daughter out of the bull Gordon Roost 1 and the cow SHB Tante.



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In the heifer-class the victory goes to HR Desiree from Thomas Wick. She is a daughter out of the bull Dutin and the cow HR Dona.



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In February we had one beef-cattle auction. The Hereford-bulls averaged € 2,400.



In March a group of 13 Hereford-Breeders from Germany start their once in lifetime-trip to attend the World-Hereford-Conference in New Zealand. The attendees enjoyed the farm-visits during the pre- and post-tours and as well the conference in Queenstown. It was a tremendous conference. Thanks to the New Zealand Hereford association and their breeders.



The last weekend in August we had our AGM combined with our breeder-meeting. Due to the regulation for the Corona-Virus it was not clear if take place. But at last, we get a green light from the national authorities. A group of 50 breeders met at the farm of Susanne and Jens Stüven close Cuxhaven in the north part of Lower Saxony. After a farm and herd-visit we traveled to the beach of

the Northsea at Cuxhaven and had walk with guide on the wadden seaground. The next day we had our AGM. After the business-section with reports and elections, the meeting was closed with a report over the World-Hereford-conference from the chairman Monika Spechtmeyer.

The rest of year every show was cancelled due to the restriction for COVID 19, so we are looking forward to 2021 and hoping that we can go back to some normal.

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