

Survival of the Herefords

There's an old story out of the American West about how cattle act in winter storms.

Sometimes the storms took a heavy toll. They would start with freezing rains. Temperatures would plummet below zero. Then, bitterly cold winds would begin to pile up huge snowdrifts.

Most cattle turned their backs to the icy blasts and they would begin to move downwind until they came up against the inevitable barbed wire fence. In the big storms, they would pile up against the fence and die by the score.

But one breed always survived. Herefords would instinctively head into the wind. They would stand shoulder to shoulder, heads down, facing the blasts.

As one cowboy put it, "You most always found the Herefords alive and well. I guess that's the greatest lesson I ever learned on the prairies – just face life's storms."



That's wisdom, to be sure. All of us who have lived many years on this earth can testify to the truth the cowboy just laid out.

There is another important message from the Herefords, however, and it is this: Notice that the cattle stood shoulder to shoulder.

When we face some adversity, we gain strength and encouragement from friends who stand beside us.

That enables us to survive the storm.

– Beecher Hunter