

# Meet This Year's Youth Beef Experience Sponsors

## Angus

**Country Lane Farm, Scott & Mia Bayer and Family, Ringle, WI ~ on behalf of the Minnesota Angus Association.**

Country Lane Farm has been raising Angus cattle for over 50 years. Currently the herd is owned by Scott and Mia Bayer along with their children, Ty, Calli, and Tucker and Matthew and Cherie Bayer along with their son, Will. Scott manages the herd which consists of 130 Angus, Red Angus and commercial cows.

The Bayer family is active in the Wisconsin Angus Association, Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association, as well as other 4-H and youth livestock organizations. They have successfully exhibited cattle at the National Western Stock Show, North American Livestock Exposition and National Junior Angus Show. They hold a yearly production sale every 3rd Saturday in May, as well as marketing cattle throughout many consignment sales, including MN Beef Expo, Black Hills Stock Show and Iowa Beef Expo.

## Charolais

**Laumann Charolais, Gerry & Debbie Laumann, Mayer, MN ~ on behalf of the Minnesota Wisconsin Charolais Association.**

The early years started with the family dairy farm. After the dairy cows were sold, I went to work in the cities. I never could leave the agriculture industry. I was still crop farming the home place, and was raising a few crossbred beef cows and some pigs. In 2001, I bought my first Charolais cows. After seeing how these animals could produce, and Laumann Charolais was born.

Today we run 80 cows with the help of my two nephews. Dan does a lot of chores and fieldwork, and Jacob helps with records and paperwork. We are using all the latest technology, A.I. and embryo transfer to help produce elite, top quality genetics. We currently attend many shows and consignment sales, and also offer breeding stock private treaty.

## Commercial

**DarLynn Cattle Company, Dar & Lynn Giess, Pierz, MN and Lyon River Front Farm, Allen & Anna Lyon, Foley, MN.**

Dar and Lynn Giess and family operate DarLynn Cattle Company, a South Devon seedstock operation near Pierz, Minnesota. Dar and Lynn are active in a variety of state and national cattle industry groups including MSCA, Northern States and the National South Devon Associations. They are also strong supporters of youth events in the cattle industry, where they have served as judges at local 4-H livestock shows and work with area youth on cattle showmanship and handling skills.

Allen & Anna Lyon have been raising beef cattle since 1978, and purebred Limousin cattle since 1988. They A.I. their cows, and also use an extensive embryo program. The cattle are sold through consignment sales and private treaty. The Lyons has been a member of the North American Limousin Foundation since 1990; they are lifetime members of the Heartland Limousin Association. They have served on the Minnesota Limousin Association Board of Directors since 1994 and have been working as Secretary/Treasurer since 1996. They are also members of the North and South

Dakota Limousin Associations. They also serve as the Limousin Breed representative for the MN Beef Expo. In addition, they are also members of the Minnesota and North Dakota State Cattlemen's Association and the NCBA. Beside the farm operation, they also own and operate Lyon Transportation, Inc.

The Lyon family also includes four children, Anita, Amy, Anthony, Ashley and 3 grandchildren.

## Hereford

**Springwater Herefords, Troy & Chad Williamson, Garretson, SD ~ on behalf of the Minnesota Hereford Breeders**

Springwater Polled Herefords is a family run business that has been raising quality Hereford cattle for the past 36 years. Our parents Ron and Dorothy Williamson received their first Polled Hereford cow, Queen Jane, as a wedding present from Ron's parents. Years later, in 1990, Springwater Polled Herefords was established. Ron purchased his first bulls and cows from various producers in Minnesota and South Dakota. Ron passed away prematurely in 2000. Today, Springwater Polled Herefords is owned and operated by his sons Chad and Troy Williamson. Youngest brother, Travis also enjoys showing at Junior shows.

Springwater Polled Herefords currently consists of 80 registered Hereford cows. Their cattle are marketed at the Sioux Empire Farm Show, Watertown Winter Farm Show, Gopher the Purple Sale, and at the MN Beef Expo along with private treaty on our farm.

## Limousin

**Eagle Pass Ranch, Roger & Nancy Wagner and Family of Hillman, MN ~ on behalf of the Minnesota Limousin Association.**

They have been in the cattle business for 44 years. They operate Eagle Pass Ranch in partnership with their daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Norman Herbst.

Their herd consists of 600 head of Limousin, Red Angus and Black Angus crossed cattle. They use Limousin sires purchased from Minnesota breeders Leonard Wulf & Sons of Morris and Lyon River Front Farm of Foley. Eagle Pass Ranch is a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and the Heartland Limousin Association. Roger is president of the Snake River Cattlemen's Association and vice-president of the Minnesota Limousin Association. In 2005 Roger and Nancy received the Commercial Producer of the Year award given by the Minnesota and Heartland Limousin Associations.

## Shorthorn

**Top Notch Stock Farm, Lynn & Gale Nelson, Albert Lea, MN ~ on behalf of the Minnesota Shorthorn Association**

The Nelson family has a background in commercial and Angus cattle. They began raising strictly Shorthorns in 1998. They regularly show their cattle at the Iowa, Minnesota State Fairs and NAILE in Louisville. They also have exhibited at the Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska State Fairs, the American Royal in Kansas City and the NWSS in Denver. Top Notch Stock Farm was the home to SS Cowboy UP 411, All-American Honoree.

Top Notch Stock Farm has been blessed-raising/showing seven national award winners in the past five years. Throughout previous years they also raised and exhibited horses and sheep extensively, and were very active in 4-H and FFA activities. Lynn is an active member of the MN State Shorthorn Association board of directors. Gale is currently president of the MN Shorthorn Lassies. Their son, Jeff and his wife Melissa teach agri-science and math in New Ulm. Jeff has been involved with the Beef Expo for many years in the past.

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## Simmental

**Oak Meadow Farms, Dr. Lynn & Barb Aggen and Family, Harmony, MN ~ on behalf of the Minnesota Simmental Association**

They started with their first purebred Simmentals in 1981. The herd has grown to 135 breeding age females. With those females and progressive artificial insemination and embryo transfer, they have developed one of the more respected herds in the Midwest. They market roughly 25 outstanding bulls per year via private treaty of the farm. They also market top end females at Minnesota Beef Expo, North Central Fall Classic Sale, Minnesota State Sale, and the National Western Stock Show. Oak Meadow Farms exhibits cattle at the Iowa and Minnesota State Fairs, American Royal, and National Western Stock Show. Every November, they hold a customer appreciation feeder calf sale, featuring feeder cattle sired by Oak Meadow Farms bulls.

"Performance with quality" is the motto at Oak Meadow and the Aggen family works hard every day to raise healthy, high-quality, and high-performing Simmental cattle.

## South Devon

**Northern States South Devon Association**

The Northern States South Devon Association (NSSDA) was formed 15 years ago by a small group of South Devon breeders in central-Minnesota. An active and enthusiastic group of South Devon producers from six states currently promote South Devon cattle throughout the Midwest, by participating in farm shows, 4-H and FFA activities, Junior shows and livestock events. A strong Junior association participates each year at the Minnesota Beef Expo. Members from the association have strongly supported the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program (MYBEP) by donating a South Devon heifer each year to a deserving junior. All of the past recipients of South Devon heifers are active members in the breed. They have participated in the annual 'Junior Nationals' and have become an important part of the NSSDA.

In 2007, a group of the members within the Northern States Association decided to combine donated funds to make available to the winner of the MYBEP, so the recipient of the South Devon heifer could purchase the animal out of the South Devon sale. The NSSDA will give the 2010 MYBEP recipient of the South Devon heifer the same opportunity.