Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program & Educational Workshop
*Our Youth, Our Industry, Our Future*

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The 2009 Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program (MYBEP), in association with the Minnesota Beef Expo is a youth oriented activity that awards heifer calves to seven FFA and 4-H youth. The purpose of the MYBEP is to aid youth in getting a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to program participants on the basis of merit, need, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth aged 12 to 16 who is a 4-H or FFA member may apply. Over 50 applications applied in 2009 for the seven available heifers. Each winner is responsible for raising, breeding and maintaining complete records on care of the animal while providing monthly progress reports to the original owner and the Minnesota Beef Expo.

An educational component of the MYBEP was added in 2008. To support the vision and focus of the MYBEP the University of Minnesota Beef Team, Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Association, and Minnesota Beef Expo hosted the 2009 Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Workshop in the Andrew Boss Meat Lab on the University of Minnesota campus. The focus of this educational endeavor is to support youth who have a strong desire to enter the beef industry and provide and educational component that supports topic that are key to successful beef production. Topics include nutrition, reproduction, livestock handling and understanding the beef production chain.

All MYBEP Workshop attendees are eligible to be entered in a drawing at the conclusion of the workshop that will award an additional heifer to an attendee. Additionally, four passes will be awarded to the Minnesota Cattleman's conference held in December. Special recognition is noted to Dar Geiss, South Devon producer and member of the Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Association for his tireless efforts to support this program. *Thanks Dar!*

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Pete Nelson, U of M Meat Lab provides insight into meat cuts to MYBEP participants.

Dr. Ryon Walker, U of M Beef Team teaches program participants on the beef reproduction and management.
Meet the 2009 Minnesota Youth Beef Winners and Generous Sponsors

Kayla Mulhern from Fountain, MN receives the MYBEP SEMINAR heifer donated by the Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Association.

Dakota McClendon from Richville, MN receives the South Devon heifer donated by the Northern States South Devon Association, Bay City, WI.

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 & FFA activities, and Junior shows. 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 North American South Devon Junior Association.
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. This allowed the recipient the opportunity to choose from the sale offering and also gave them an educational experience by providing them with performance data and pedigree information to aid in their selection of an animal. The NSSDA will give the 2009 MYBEP recipient of the South Devon heifer the same opportunity.

The NSSDA members are proud to have been a part of the Minnesota Beef Expo for the past nine years and especially honored to have been a part of the MYBEP since its inception.

Jacob Halloway from Fertile, MN receives the Angus heifer donated by Scheel Angus Inc., Larry Scheel of New Richmond, WI on behalf of the Minnesota Angus Association.

ANGUS-Scheel Angus, Inc, Larry Scheel, New Richmond, WI on behalf of the Minnesota Angus Association.
We have been in the cattle business since 1968 and started breeding registered Angus cattle in 1995. We raise about 50 registered Angus cows. Our cattle are sold private treaty. In addition, we have 220 Black Angus /cross commercial cows on the west coast. Our philosophy has always been to raise cattle with the following traits: fertile, highly maternal, extra muscle, fleshing ability and performance. With this in mind, we feel we have developed a very high performing and efficient cow herd. Weaning averages are over 600 lbs.

Our program continues to use the top AI sires in the breed along with some of our best home grown sires. Our goal is to raise bulls that will add pay weight to our calf crop and leave you with the best replacement females available. We are now getting into using more donor females to reach our goals faster.

The Scheel family is proud to be a sponsor of the MN Youth Beef Experience. Thank you for your interest in the Scheel Angus Inc. operation.
Reid Oftedahl from Pemberton, MN receives the Charolais heifer donated by Stony Brook Livestock, Larry & Cathy Balvitsch of Foley

CHAROLAIS-Stony Brook Livestock, Larry & Kathy Balvitsch, Foley, MN on behalf of the Minnesota/Wisconsin Charolais Association.

Larry and Kathy started out with a small farrow-feeder hog operation and a few crossbred cows. In 1989, they purchased their first Charolais female and soon thereafter, the operation was solely based on Charolais cattle.

Their children, Rodney & Lori, were both active in 4-H and the state and national Charolais associations and activities. The Balvitsch family has enjoyed showing cattle on different levels in many different states. Granddaughter, Cass, travelled to Sacramento California for her seventh appearance at the Junior National.

They remain active in the Minnesota Wisconsin Charolais Association where Larry is currently serving as a director. Breeding stock continues to be available for sale by private treaty.

We are honored to be a part of the MN Youth Beef Experience Program. We look forward to sharing our passion for the breed with the recipient of our 2009 donation heifer.

Brady Akerson from Pennock, MN receives the Hereford heifer donated by Delaney Herefords Inc., Jerry Delaney & Family
Delaney Herefords, Inc. is a family run business. For the past 75 years they have been raising quality Hereford cattle. Jack Delaney began in the Hereford business in 1930 when he took his very first Hereford heifer all the way to the Minnesota State 4H Show. In 1969 he started Delaney Herefords Inc. with his wife Dorothy and their six children. Today, Delaney Herefords is owned and operated by Jack's son Jerry.

The Delaney Herefords cow herd presently consists of 100 registered and 50 commercial cows. They utilize E.T., A.I., Total Performance Records and ultrasound data to produce quality cattle year after year. Delaney Herefords market their cattle at many events such as: the National Western Stock Show and the Sioux Empire Farm Show. Delaney Herefords Inc. is proud to donate this year's Hereford Heifer to the 2009 Minnesota Beef Expo in memory of Jack Delaney, who passed away in August 2007.

Megan Witt from Mabel, MN receives the Limousin heifer donated by the Cripple Creek Cattle Co., Ed Bergler of Dakota, MN on behalf of the Minnesota Limousin Association.

LIMOUSIN-Cripple Creek Cattle Co., Ed Bergler, Dakota, MN on behalf of the Minnesota Limousin Association.
Ed and Cindy Bergler have been raising purebred cattle for 31 years. They operate Cripple Creek Cattle Co. with their son, Luke. Their herd includes 110 registered cows and 30 yearlings. They utilize leading Limousin sires through an extensive AI and embryo transplant program. Cows are bred for docility, muscle, and milk. They sell bulls, females, and club calves private treaty.

Cripple Creek Cattle Co. is a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association. Ed is actively involved in the Limousin breed, serving as president of the Heartland Limousin Association and vice-president of the Minnesota Limousin Association. He is also a member of the North American Limousin Foundation.
Ed and Cindy also own and operate Express-A-Button, which specializes in advertising and promotional items.

The Cripple Creek family includes Ed and Cindy Bergler along with their four children Brian, Luke, Josh and Annie and two grandchildren Tyler and Willa.

Amanda Schmidt from Alexandria, MN receives the Shorthorn heifer donated by JDMC Cattle Co., Cody Nelson, Jeff Morris, and Doug Bruns of Renville, MN on behalf of the Minnesota Shorthorn Association.

**SHORTHORN-JDMC Cattle Co. Cody Nelson, Jeff Morris & Doug Bruns, Renville, MN, on behalf of the Minnesota Shorthorn Association.**

Although JDMC Cattle Company was recently established, its members are well experienced in the livestock industry. JDMC came to be when lifelong friends Jeff Morris, Doug Bruns, Cody Nelson and families, decided to pool their resources and become business partners. Along with running about 125 purebred Shorthorn cows, we maintain a 400 acre farming operation for feed and cash crops near Renville, Minnesota.

In 2008, the start to our herd growth began with purchasing a herd of registered Shorthorn cattle from Missouri along with a small group of registered cows from a very reputable herd in Western Montana. By early 2009 we were able to buy another group of registered cattle from a Shorthorn breeder in Southwestern Minnesota. We feel with the combined herd, we have an excellent genetic base to start producing cattle with natural fleshing ability and great maternal traits, with the commercial cattleman in mind. Whether it be a herd bull or replacement breeding stock, JDMC feels it can meet your needs. We are very proud and honored to donate a heifer for the 2009 Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program at the Minnesota Beef Expo on behalf of the Minnesota Shorthorn Association.
Katherine Steffl from Sleepy Eye, MN receives the Simmental heifer donated by Krueger Simmentals, Paul Krueger of Hastings, MN on behalf of the Minnesota Simmental Association.

The family based operation started in the fall of 1995 with three heifers. The operation has grown to over 100 spring calving cows, 35 replacement heifers and 70 steers on feed.

Paul was very active in the MJSA and traveled to many Regional and National Classics and held offices in the MJSA. Cindy Krueger has been an important supporter to the Minnesota Junior Simmental Association.

The Krueger cattle herd own a share of the Simmental sire "Hooks Pacesetter" with Grass-Lunning Farms, Hook Farms and ABS. They also use Angus genetics for out-cross pedigrees. They are anxious to welcome a new little Krueger to the family this fall as Paul and Cassie are expecting their first child.

Thanks to the Krueger Farms for promoting Simmental genetics in such a meaningful way!

*The Minnesota Beef Expo: Youth Beef Experience Program is made possible by our industry’s generous support. Sponsor an activity or donate a heifer today to support our future tomorrow. Visit www.mnbeefexpo.com*