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FROM THE FEEDYARD

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE AJSA STEER PROFITABILITY COMPETITION

Special Edition: SPC Spotlight

Get to know your SPC contemporary group!

SPC DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly Webinar
April 2, 2019
Registration is required

Monthly Feedback
Assignment Due
April 9, 2019

Feed Bill Reported
April 15, 2019

Feed Bill Due
April 30, 2019



Cody Hays, Missouri. I am in the 7th grade and am 12 years old. I shoot a recurve bow in 4-H, and also play the banjo. My favorite thing to do is help in calving season. The next thing that I enjoy doing is studying the EPD's on all my cows. I also like picking out bulls to AI them to. We will end up AIing around 50% of the cows in our herd. We end up selling around 40% of the bull crop each year. We sell the bulls at 10 months of age. We will keep around 60% of the heifers. It is important to my family and I to practice low stress cattle handling whenever we are with the cattle.



Rayne Held, Indiana. Who is Rayne Held? She is determined, knowledgeable, loving, caring, and a passionate person. She's the sixteen-year-old daughter of Brian and Dena Held and sister of Wyant and Taylor. Rayne is a sophomore at North Knox and is very active in sports and with her cattle, horses, and dogs, Rayne is a strong athlete who plays varsity volleyball and runs track. She is involved in a number of clubs including an officer in FFA, 4-H, Horse and Pony Club, Livestock Club, Junior Leaders, Spanish Club, and S.A.D.D.. Rayne is an A.I. technician and is set on going to college to be a veterinarian and animal chiropractor. She loves all aspects of life so she volunteers whenever and wherever she can.





Daniel Campbell, Virginia. I'm in eighth grade. I'm 13 years old. I'm from Nelson County, Virginia. I live on a purebred Simmental farm. I show sheep and I showed cattle. I have been in the American Junior Simmental Association since I was 9 years old. I have shown at an Eastern Regional show in Tennessee. I compete in FFA competitions around the state. Last year, my meats judging and crops judging teams got first in the state. My favorite things to do are show sheep, compete in FFA competitions, and watch college basketball.



Hayden Bradshaw, Texas. I live on my family's ranch in Henderson County, Texas. I have shown cattle for 7 years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time spent dedicated to doing this. This is my first time participating in the Steer Profitability Competition, and I am happy to say that I am learning a lot from it. I've really enjoyed it so far, and I am looking forward to the rest of it!



Natalie Trauernicht, Nebraska. I am 14 years old and I live on a small farm in Wymore, Nebraska. We have a family-run cattle operation, Trauernicht Simmentals. I show steers and love spending time with my pet rabbit, named Snowball. I am also a member of a local 4-H club, Riverview Junior Stockmen. Outside of cattle, I like to spend my time baking and reading. I am your typical band geek and love playing the alto and bari saxophone along with the bass keyboard. In the summertime I spend every day out in the barn doing what I love, working with my show steer!



Kaylee Burbach, Colorado. I am 8 years old and live in Bailey, Colorado. My favorite things to do are barrel racing and showing animals. I love doing barrel racing at LBYA and Park County Fair and I show animals at the Park County Fair. This year I am showing a lamb, 2 steers, and a pig. Those are all the things that I like to do and I hope you learned a lot about me.

No photo available.

Wesley Irvine, Kansas. I am eleven years old and I live near Manhattan, KS. My family owns Irvine Ranch, and I like helping with the cattle. I also love sports, especially football. I play on a team every fall. My favorite NFL team is the Green Bay Packers. I love doing outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, and camping.



Cowan Mortenson, Minnesota. I am 12 years old and in seventh grade at Morris Area High School. I live in a small town, Danvers, Minnesota, and own a small herd of Simmental cattle. I show cattle at the Stevens County Fair in August. My favorite part of showing is the thrill of the friends I could meet and that it is really fun to get in the ring and lead your calf around. I also play basketball, baseball, and football.



Grace Ewing, Missouri. I am 18 years old, currently in 12th grade and about to graduate from high school. I live in Jefferson City, Missouri, but our family farm is in New Bloomfield, Missouri. I have been able to participate in the Steer Profitability Contest for two years. Most of the cows I have are fullblood Fleckveih Simmentals, but I own a few commercial cows as well. I also enjoy riding horses with my sister at our farm.



Makayla Carson, Colorado. I live in Colorado up in the mountains. I'm in 4-H and show steers, pigs, lambs, and goats. I have my own sheep breeding business. I'm in high school as a sophomore; and I'm sixteen. I love working on my ranch and getting challenged to learn new things. We have twelve horses, three dogs, and a cat. I love helping my Dad check cows and helping him calve, brand, castrate, wean, and give shots. Also I like to organize the supplies as in the medicine, syringes, needles, calving supplies, AI supplies, etc., and cleaning. I thought it would be a good opportunity to get involved in the Simmental association and learn how the cattle industry really works.



Martha Moenning, Minnesota. On my family farm, we have a small herd of Simmental cattle that my brother, sister, and I have grown since first owning and showing Simmental cattle in 2012. In addition to that, my dad farms with his brothers growing crops, feeding Holstein steers, and raising pigs. The barn is full in the summer as I show market lambs as well as cattle. Currently, I am a senior in high school and am involved in Business Professionals of America, theatre, choir, FFA, gymnastics, and yearbook. I am serving my second term as a Region VIII FFA officer and am a member of my county's 4-H livestock judging team. In the future, I plan to attend Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas to be a member of the livestock judging team and then transfer to Texas Tech. I have enjoyed being a part of this program. If you see me at an AJSA event this summer don't be afraid to reach out. I would love to get to know you!