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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
May 7, 2019
Registration is required

Monthly Feedback
Assignment Due
May 14, 2019

Feed Bill Reported
May 15, 2019

Feed Bill Due
May 31, 2019



Grace Mortenson, Minnesota. I am 14 years old and in 9th grade. We have a small Simmental farm in Danvers, MN. I show at the Stevens County Fair. I show heifers and steers. I go to Morris Area High School, I am on the swim team in the fall and I help out with boys swim team in the winter. During the spring and summer I work with my cattle and show horses.



Hayden Campbell, Virginia. I am 15 years old and I am in the 9th grade at Nelson County High School. I live and work on a 250-acre registered Simmental beef cattle farm located in Nelson County, Virginia. I have been showing cattle since I was 7 years old. I play basketball for Nelson County High School. I participate in FFA and participate in FFA contests. I have been to 2 Eastern Regionals in my life time and plan to participate in more of them.





Jessica Hays, Missouri. I am 15 years old and a home-schooled freshman. I have an older sister and a younger brother. Six years ago I started playing the piano and two years ago I began playing the violin. In my free time I like to bake. Homemade bread is my specialty. I enjoy the cattle and would rather be outside working than inside doing school.



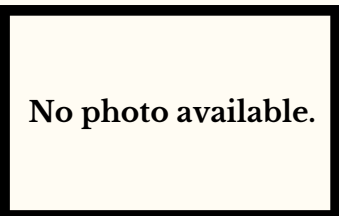
Asher Litman, Illinois. I am 11 years old and about to turn 12. I live in Fisher, IL on a cattle farm and help my family with 120 Simmental and SimAngus cows. My favorite sports are football, basketball, baseball and tennis. My favorite sports teams are the Seattle Seahawks, LA Lakers, and the St. Louis Cardinals. Kansas State is my favorite college team. Aside from sports, I show cattle with my Mom. I also love to travel. My favorite place to travel is Manhattan, KS.



Lauren Trauernicht, Nebraska. I am currently a junior at Southern High School. I plan to major in ag economics so that I can come back and run our family operation. My dad and grandfather have built a 400-head herd of registered Simmental, Angus, and Red Angus cattle. We run a seedstock operation where our main focus is raising herd bulls for everyone from the commercial man to the show ring. I not only work with the cows at home, but I also show cattle almost year-round. My favorite show is the AJSA National Classic every year. It is the one I look forward to most, because they teach great skills and form long lasting relationships.



Audrey Redalen, Minnesota. I am from Chatfield, MN, and I am in 7th grade. I am involved in 4-H and FFA and especially love my livestock projects. My family owns and operates Redalen Cattle Company in SE MN where we run approximately 300 Simmental and Sim-influenced cows. We sell replacement heifers, bulls, and operate a small family feedlot. That keeps us pretty busy, but I like to show cattle, too! I went to my first AJSA event, the North Central Regionals, in 2015 and had a lot of fun with other AJSA members. This is my second year participating in the Steer Profitability Contest. I really enjoyed what I learned in my first year and I thought I'd come back for more!



Alex Kleinsorge, Missouri. I am 16 year old Junior at Wellsville Middletown High School. I live on a mainly row crop operation where we raise 1500 acres of corn and soybeans in east central Missouri. In addition to my dad's cow herd I have started a herd of my own. I am the Vice President of our FFA Chapter. When I am not working on the family farm or the local Pioneer Seed Dealer, I enjoy showing cattle, going to tractor pulls and hunting.



Faith Ewing, Missouri. I'm 16 years old and I live in Jefferson City. I play baseball in the spring every year. My sister Grace and I have two steers at the University of Missouri in Columbia for the Steer Profitability Contest. I used to own a paint horse named Dakota. We now own a white mare named Diamond and a farm cat.

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Colton Shirley, Colorado. I am 9 years old and in 4th grade. I am also in 4-H and have two steers for 4-H. They are gaining well, to be exact they are gaining 3.2 and 3.6 pounds a day. I am also an orange belt in taekwondo where I enjoy being in classes two times a week. I also enjoy building with lots of Legos. Thank you for this awesome opportunity to learn.



Lindsay Hays, Missouri. I'm 16 years old, a junior, and I'm home-schooled. I live in Maryville, in the northwest corner of the state. I enjoy cooking, gardening, canning, babysitting my cousins, and calving season on the farm. A fun fact that not many high schoolers, if any, can say is that "I'm a certified ultrasound lab technician." So, if a field technician comes to your ranch to collect % IMF, ribeye, and rump images and they come to UltraInsights Processing Lab, there is a good chance that I will work on the scan session. Another fun fact is that I had a milk cow a couple years ago. We had a cow lose her calf, and I'd been wanting a milk cow. So, voila! I had my mornings and nights booked for the next few months. It was a lot of work, but it's something cool to say that I've done. I like working with cattle and enjoy learning more about the industry through the SPC program!

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Anna Irvine, Kansas. I'm 13 years old. My family owns and operates Irvine Ranch. I enjoy helping out on the ranch. Some of my hobbies include volleyball, fishing, basketball, and running.