
CANADIAN JUNIOR HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

Beaver County, Alberta

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Emma is a fourth generation Hereford breeder that grew up on Bar Pipe Hereford Ranch in Okotoks, AB. She continued the family tradition by starting her own herd under the name Sundance Herefords. She currently runs 25 head at Finseth Herefords, Beaver County, AB. Emma works on the ranch and prepares cattle for shows and sales, AI's her own cattle and is responsible for all the social media and marketing decisions.

Emma is active in the Hereford breed and in her provincial and national junior associations. She has served in various executive positions on both associations and is currently the president of the Canadian Junior Hereford Association. Emma was involved in the planning of Bonanza 2021 and was key in securing sponsorship opportunities. Emma sat on the junior and young producer working group that provided input for the new strategic plan for the Canadian Hereford Association. She has shown Herefords since 2012 and participated in seven Bonanzas and other shows such as Alberta Junior Hereford Summer Shows, Summer Synergy, Farmfair, Hardisty Field Days, Medicine Hat and Calgary Bull Sales.

Emma is a recent graduate of the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Animal Science. She received the Governor General's Silver Medal, the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Gold Medal and the Christensen Family Graduation Prize in Animal and Poultry Science. She also achieved a Certificate in Professional Communication.

Beyond her academic achievements, Emma is very much involved in being an advocate of the agriculture industry. Emma has volunteered multiple times as an Ag in the Classroom presenter to elementary schools in Saskatoon and organized opportunities for university students to learn about cattle production and sustainability.

Emma is currently employed with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and Verified Beef Production Plus working in a communications and advocacy role for the Canadian cattle industry.

Lindsay, Ontario

MAGGIE-JO HICKSON



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Maggie-Jo Hickson has grown up in agriculture on her family's dairy and beef farm in Lindsay, ON. Her grandparents, Jack and Jean Batty, have been involved in the Hereford breed for over 75 years. Maggie-Jo currently organizes the data and breeding records for both the beef and dairy herds.

She grew up showing livestock through 4-H beef, dairy, sheep and poultry clubs and local fairs and junior Hereford associations. She currently owns four of her own cattle, with two of them Bred & Owned eligible. She started exhibiting at Beef-A-Rama in 2013 and Bonanza in 2015. Since then, she has taken her show cattle to multiple events including the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 2019. She won Champion Bull Calf in the Virtual Beef-A-Rama in 2020.

Maggie-Jo is currently enrolled at the University of Guelph in a Bachelor of Agriculture Science program where she is on the Dean's Honour Roll. She has won multiple scholarships in support of her post-secondary education and has excelled in sports and community involvement. While in high school, Maggie-Jo took on roles as a student tutor, Eco-Committee member, Student Council member and Athletic Union Vice-President. Currently beyond her academics, she is involved with organizations within the Ontario Agricultural College serving as public relations representative on the Student Federation, Beef Show director for the College Royal 2022 Open House and OAC Beef Club vice-president. She is also a volunteer with the Lindsay Agricultural Society working as an office assistant planning shows and events.

Maggie-Jo is active within the Ontario Junior Hereford Association, serving on the OJHA Board of Directors since 2020 and is currently the vice-president. She has helped organize and run the Virtual Beef-A-Ramas in 2020 and 2021 and was an integral member of the Bonanza planning team for Virtual Bonanzas in 2020 and 2021 and served as co-chair for planning of Bonanza 2022.

*Hazlet, Saskatchewan***SPENCER DUNSMORE**

Spencer is an active cattleman in the beef industry in Ontario. As a young producer he had been involved in 4-H for many years before being introduced to Hereford cattle in 2014 at Agribition. Since then, Spencer and his family have travelled across Canada showing Herefords at junior and 4-H shows. At Dunsmore Family Farms, Spencer is responsible for the record keeping, treating of cattle and calving. He also works off the farm at Yungblut Meats processing beef and pork and at Stratford Foodland in the meat department. He currently owns five of his own cattle, with two Bred & Owned eligible.



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Spencer attended Olds College in Alberta and completed a Meat Processing Certificate in 2019, where he won the Top Meat Cutter Award. His interest in the processing side of the beef industry came because of an educational seminar held at Olds College during Bonanza 2016.

Spencer represented his county as a voting delegate at the Beef Farmers of Ontario AGM and is a current member of the Ontario Beef Youth Alliance, a recent initiative to build the future leaders of the Ontario beef industry. He also serves as second vice-president of the Mitchell Agriculture Society and is the Beef Show chair. He has assisted with several Ag In the Classroom programs supported by various commodity groups.

Spencer is active within the Hereford community, showing Hereford cattle at shows across Canada and Ontario including Bonanzas, Beef-A-Ramas, Barrie Fair, Lindsay Exhibition, Youth Forum and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair since 2015. He has been a board member of the Ontario Junior Hereford Association since 2016 and is currently the president. He has been a Canadian Junior Hereford Association delegate since 2018 and is currently the CJHA vice-president. He was instrumental in planning the virtual Bonanzas of 2020 and 2021. Spencer is currently the chair of the Bonanza 2022 committee.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are presented annually to deserving CJHA members. Scholarships are valued at \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$10,000. Applications are available at www.hereford.ca and must be postmarked by May 15th of the year of application.

TARA FUNK

SASKATCHEWAN

\$10,000 PRIZE FOR BEEF INNOVATION

Tara is a veterinary PhD graduate student at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN) in Saskatoon, SK. Her area of study is Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD) and her graduate research project harnesses the power of recombinase polymerase amplification (RPA), a newer experimental technique to determine its ability to identify bacterial agents commonly associated with BRD in feedlot cattle, and the antibiotic resistance genes and mobile genetic elements that carry them.



\$2500 HEREFORD YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



DANIEL SCHUEPBACH
Alberta

Daniel is a third-year student at the University of Saskatchewan, working towards a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree, majoring in Animal Science. Upon completion of his degree, he plans to return to the family business, Lilybrook Herefords. Daniel's focus and interest in breed improvement principles will be an asset to the Hereford breed.



MAGGIE-JO HICKSON
Ontario

Maggie-Jo is enrolled at the University of Guelph, ON in a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree program. She is interested in animal nutrition and research. Her career goal is to explore and share new, innovative and effective agricultural practices to the agricultural community.

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HANNAH STOKDIJK
Nova Scotia

Hannah is enrolled in her final year at McGill University, QC, in a Bachelor of Bioresource Engineering degree. Her goal is to continue her practical training in Nova Scotia and become a Professional Agriculture Engineer with a focus on improvement and modernization of barns and cattle facilities in eastern Canada.



**GABRIELLE
CHEREMSHYNSKI**
Alberta

Gabrielle is enrolled in Lakeland College, AB in her final year of a Diploma in Animal Science Technology, majoring in beef cattle. Her goal is to continue her studies at the University of Alberta to complete a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree, where she may pursue further studies either in the field of Nutrition or Veterinary Medicine.

\$1000 FUTURE OF THE BREED SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**CAILEIGH
HICKS**
New Brunswick

Caileigh is enrolled at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia in a Bachelor of Science program. She aspires to go into the medical field and work in the health care industry. As a fourth generation Hereford producer and active member of the Maritime Junior Hereford Association, Caileigh believes there is opportunity to promote Hereford beef as part of a healthy lifestyle and dietary choice.



**MATTHEW
CHARLTON**
Saskatchewan

Matthew is enrolled at Old's College, Alberta in An Agriculture Management Diploma program, majoring in Production. Matthew is a keen learner about all things related to cattle production including the start of his own AI and embryo program. While in college, he plans to work part-time in the agriculture industry to gain practical experience under the mentorship of experienced Hereford breeders. Matthew looks forward to a career in Agriculture and expanding his Hereford herd.



**EMILY
SEBASTIAN**
Saskatchewan

Emily is enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan in a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program, majoring in Crop Science. Emily has owned Hereford cattle since 2013 and is an advocate for the power of Hereford genetics in commercial crossbreeding programs. She plans to continue to breed and promote Hereford cattle upon completion of her studies.



**JESSE
PROCYK**
Saskatchewan

Jesse is enrolled at Parkland College, SK in the Agricultural Equipment Technician program. Jesse has been in Herefords for close to 10 years with ambitions to grow her herd into a large, successful business. Jesse is very involved in showing Herefords across Canada and has a great perspective, "its not about winning banners, it's about making a lifetime of friends and memories."