

CJHA Honour Roll Larissa Lupul



Larissa is the 18-year-old daughter of Dennis and Becky Lupul of Foisy Alberta and owner of Barefoot Polled Herefords.

Larissa's love for cattle began at a very young age when her dad, who works in the oil fields, purchased a few cows as a tax write-off. This is important to understand because Larissa did not grow up on a big cattle

farm. In fact, her parents know very little about cattle and what they do know, she has taught them! As a young child, Larissa often asked to go over to Dennis & Andrea Babiuk's farm to see the calves and help feed. When she was seven, Larissa's parents bought her first heifer - "Nancy" - from the Babiuks, at their production sale.

The following summer, Larissa brought "Nancy" to the Alberta Junior Hereford Show in Bashaw. This is where she caught the "show fever" which many cattle enthusiasts get after their first cattle show. From then on, Larissa was hooked!

Her favourite show, to-date, was Bonanza 2011 - Bridging Friendships - in Saskatoon, where she exhibited six head, five of which were bred and owned by Larissa. She had many successes at that show, along with owning and exhibiting the Champion Semen Donation Animal. The best part of winning that award,

according to Larissa, was seeing Jim and Lori Duke of Square-D Polled Herefords, who donated the Hereford semen to Larissa, "go absolutely crazy" when her cow was slapped. Larissa was also named the Premier Breeder at Bonanza 2011, which gives her great pride, as it was recognition for the work she had done so far developing her own herd.

Larissa's most recent winnings in the ring with her Herefords were winning two Reserve Champion division banners at the World Hereford Conference show and having the high seller at the National Hereford Sale at the 2012 Canadian Western Agribition. Larissa retains ¼ interest the bull BARE MR YOU TUBE 4Y and continues to market him. She is proud to say his semen is being marketed in Europe.

This fall, Larissa is off to Olds College to take Agricultural Management with intentions of majoring in Production. Fellow Hereford breeders, Travis and Becky Page from Redline Livestock have allowed Larissa to move her cattle to their place while she goes to college so she can keep her herd and have them close by.

Larissa has intentions of expanding and continues to improve herd quality along with starting a small club calf operation as well. Even though she may play in the waters of different breeds, her heart will always be with the Herefords, she says.

Larissa's dedication to the breed, young people, and the CJHA is very much appreciated.

Congratulations, Larissa!

