



## **AUSTEN SCHMIDT**

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### Top five most significant judging experiences:

- Kentucky State Fair (Black & White, Red & White)
- Indiana State Show
- Iowa Youth Classic
- Wisconsin District 3 Show
- California Youth Expo

Austen Schmidt resides in Cascade, Wisconsin with his wife Michelle. After graduating from UW Madison Farm and Industry Short Course he returned to his family's farm, Elmlo Registered Holsteins. The 70-cow dairy has a BAA of 112.0 which ranks them 5th for their herd size and 50th overall in the US. Austen serves as the herdsman at Elmlo, which includes making all breeding decisions and providing all the day to day care.

Austen has owned or sold nine Black & White and Red & White All-American nominations. With highlights including owning the 2023 Supreme Champion heifer and 2015 Junior Champion Holstein at World Dairy Expo. Throughout the year Austen travels to several shows and has helped on crews that have exhibited champions and class winners at World Dairy Expo and the Royal Winter Fair. As a former Wisconsin 4-H judging champion and post-secondary contest winner Austen has officiated local and state shows in 7 states.