





Top five most significant judging experiences:

- 2024 Fort Worth Stock Show dairy judging contest official
- Union County Fair Marysville Ohio
- Mercer County Fair Celina Ohio
- Midland County Fair- Midland Michigan
- Michigan State Fair

Derik, his wife Jessica and their three children Amelia, Abigail, and Levi reside in Anna, Ohio where they care for a group of show heifers. He owns Holstein, Brown Swiss, Jersey, and Ayrshire animals, which he breeds under the Happy-Hour Prefix. He exhibits at many local, state, and national shows including Ohio State Fair, NAILE and World Dairy Expo. He had a great deal of success in the showring as a youth exhibitor and aims to continue that as a breeder himself. Recently, he has had the honor of owning multiple top-10 placing Brown Swiss heifers at World Dairy Expo, and in 2019 bred his first All-American nomination. Derik is a 2012 graduate of The Ohio State University where he majored in Agricultural Business. He was a member of the Ohio State Dairy Judging teams in 2010-2012 where he had many highlights including High Individual Brown Swiss at the 2011 Big E, as well as High Holstein Individual 2012 Fort Worth Stock Show. He now loves judging all breeds of cattle and working with both junior and open exhibitors. Recently he has been judging many county, district, and state shows across Ohio as well as Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Idaho. He also enjoys working with many local 4-H and FFA teams to help develop their dairy judging skills.