

## **EMILY YEISER STEPP**

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Top five most significant judging experiences:

- North Carolina State Fair Junior Show
- MN State Fair 4-H Grade Holstein Show and Color Breed Show
- MD State Fair 4-H Holstein Show
- Michigan State Junior Dairy Youth Expo
- WDE Contest Official

Emily Yeiser Stepp began her involvement in the dairy industry through the 4-H dairy leasing program where she was able to borrow a calf from a local dairy farm to show at local, county and state fairs. Yeiser Stepp was involved in Maryland 4-H and the leasing program for over 10 years. While in 4-H, Yeiser Stepp was a member of the Maryland 4-H Dairy Judging Team and won high individual overall and reasons at World Dairy Expo and the All American Dairy Show contests.

She obtained her Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Science with a minor in Agribusiness Management from Penn State University. She was an active member of the Dairy Science Club, member of the collegiate dairy judging team that was 1st place at the All American Dairy Show contest and Emily was high individual in reasons. Upon graduation from Penn State, Emily worked for ABS Global Inc. as their Young Sire Program Specialist in the Mid-Atlantic region. She then went on to attend graduate school at Virginia Tech and in 2011, obtained her Master's of Science degree in Dairy Science. Yeiser Stepp has also served as the Dairy Initiatives Manager for the Center for Dairy Excellence in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Dairy and Beef Extension Coordinator at the University of Maryland and now is the Executive Director of the National Dairy Farmers Assuring Responsible Management Program with National Milk Producers Federation based out of Northern Virginia.

She has maintained her passion for dairy evaluation through the opportunities to judge local, county and state youth and open shows while also coordinating and officiating the Maryland State 4-H Judging Contest, officiating the World Dairy Expo 4-H contest and serving as the past coach of the Delaware Valley Collegiate Judging class instructor and coach.

Emily and her family maintain a small herd of 20 registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss under the Spots-Pride prefix, that are housed at Palmyra Farm in Maryland and Bullcreek Farm in Pennsylvania.