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Matt is a 6th generation dairy farmer from Northeast Iowa. He works full time on the family farm with his parents where they milk 65 Registered Holsteins® with a few Milking Shorthorns. They focus on breeding for high type cows which translates to showing at local, district, state, and national shows with both breeds. Matt has bred and developed several All-Iowa and Junior All-Americans with both Black & White and Red & White Holsteins. Matt oversees the breeding program and has continued to breed for excellent cows with the herd total at 150 homebred excellent and a BAA of 110.7. While in college at Iowa State University Matt was on the dairy judging team that placed 3rd overall at World Dairy Expo and Matt received All-American honors.

Top five most significant recent judging experiences:

- Premier National Junior Ayrshire Show 2019
- Premier National Junior Milking Shorthorn Show 2019
- Midwest Spring Shows (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Jersey & Milking Shorthorn) 2020
- Minnesota State Fair 4-H Shows (Brown Swiss, Jersey & Milking Shorthorn) 2019
- Jackson County Wisconsin 4-H & Open Shows 2017 & 2018

Besides judging type conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship