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Leah is a native of the state of Minnesota and finished her bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. While at UW-River Falls Leah was extremely active with the dairy judging team, placing in the top 10 individually for oral reasons at all four national contests she competed in. She was a member of the winning collegiate team at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY and an All-American judge at World Dairy Expo. Post college, she worked as a type evaluator and area representative for the American Jersey Association for nearly four years before joining the AI industry. Currently, Leah is the U.S. Marketing Manager at GENEX Cooperative. Leah, her husband Jason and daughter Brenlyn also operate Pine-Valley Farm in SW Wisconsin where they enjoy breeding and developing elite animals across three breeds, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn. Leah and Jason have developed All-American's, put bulls into stud and were recognized as the American Jersey Cattle Association Young Breeders in 2018.

Top five most significant judging experiences:

- Judging Internationally - Guatemala National Shows
- Judging the North Carolina State Fair Junior Show
- Coaching the Champion FFA team at the All-American Contest, Harrisburg, PA
- Judging the MN State Fair Open Guernsey & Milking Shorthorn Shows, St. Paul, MN
- Winning the National Collegiate Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition

Besides judging type conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship