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Graisson is from Riverdale, Calif., where he lives with his wife Mandy. They own and operate Grai-Rose Cattle Co. an independent genetic marketing and consulting service. Under the Grai-Rose name Graisson and Mandy have bred, owned, or sold numerous All-American and All-Canadian Holsteins and Red and White Holstein Nominees. Graisson was honored with the Al Hay Memorial Award at the 2019 Western Spring National. Al Hay, former Carnation Farms herdsman and showman, ranks amongst the biggest legends of this industry and this award is given in his memory annually to a showman who “excels in leadership, sportsmanship, dedication, and who seeks to promote the dairy industry.”

Graisson previously worked as the Show Program and Boarding Services Manager for RuAnn Genetics. With Graisson on their team RuAnn enjoyed a lot of success in the showring, including nine Holstein and Red and White Holstein All-American Nominations in 2019. Graisson helped manage and revive a very successful RuAnn Fiesta Sale this last spring.

Like many enthusiastic young people in this industry Graisson got his start as a professional cattle fitter. As a fitter for 10 years, Graisson traveled throughout North America preparing some of the top cattle in the industry. He grew up on his family's 50 cow Registered Holstein Farm, Indies-View Holsteins, in Melrose, Wis. Indies-View exhibited their cattle at the county, state, and national level. Graisson credits his father, Jerry and his grandfather, Donald for helping him develop his passion for the Registered Holstein Industry.

Top five most significant recent judging experiences:

- 2019 Indiana State Fair Holstein & Red & White Shows
- 2019 Washington State Holstein & Jersey Shows
- 2017 Oregon State Holstein Show
- 2019 Wayne County Fair, OH
- Member of 2019 All-American Holstein Judges Panel

Besides judging type conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship