



## Shaun Merrill

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Shaun grew up on his family's dairy farm in Seneca Falls, NY under the Merrillea Holsteins prefix. Currently Shaun resides in Seneca Falls, N.Y. where he and his wife Stacy, son Cooper, and daughter Evelyn breed cattle under the M-Devine and Blackfire prefix. Shaun is co-owner and operator of Black Fire Cattle Care. He and his partner Bret Bossard take care of cattle at New York Spring Show and the New York State Fair. He and his family bred and raised the 2013 Holstein Junior Champion at the New York Spring Show, as well as the 2018 Red and White Holstein Junior Champion at the New York Spring Show. He is also the Principal of LaFayette Intermediate School in Waterloo, NY.

The highlight of Shaun's judging career so far was serving as the official judge of the Jersey show at the 2016 Big E as well as judging many shows through New York and Pennsylvania.

### **Top five most significant recent judging experiences:**

- 2016 Big E Jersey Show West Springfield, MA
- 2015 PA State Guernsey Jr show Harrisburg, PA
- 2015 PA State Brown Swiss Jr show Harrisburg, PA
- 2015 Spring Dairy Preview Hamburg, NY
- 2015 Big 6 Picnic Auburn, NY

### **Besides judging type conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:**

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship