



Austen Schmidt

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Austen Schmidt resides in Cascade, Wisconsin. After graduating from UW Madison Farm and Industry Short Course he returned to his family's farm, Elmlo Registered Holsteins. The 70-cow dairy has a BAA of 110.9 ranking them in the top 75 herds in the country. Austen serves as the herdsman at Elmlo, which includes making all breeding decisions and marketing. He also cares for the animals that the farm exhibits at shows throughout the year.

Austen has owned or sold eight Black & White and Red & White All-American nominations with a highlight being selling the 2015 World Dairy Expo Junior Champion Holstein, Golden-Oaks Sid Charlise. Throughout the year Austen travels to several shows. He helped prepare the 2017 World Dairy Expo Supreme Champion and in 2019 helped with the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor of the International Holstein Heifer Show. As a former Wisconsin 4-H judging champion and post-secondary contest winner Austen has officiated at multiple youth shows throughout the Midwest.

Top five most significant recent judging experiences:

- Winning High Individual Post-Secondary Contest at World Dairy Expo
- Royal Highland Judging Contest, Scotland
- Manitowoc Futurity
- Winneshiek Fair in Iowa
- Wisconsin Valley Fair

Besides judging type conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship