



## Emily Yeiser Stepp

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Emily began her involvement in the dairy industry through the 4-H dairy leasing program where she was able to “borrow” a calf to show at local, county and state fairs. While in 4-H, she was a member of the Maryland 4-H Dairy Judging Team and won high individual overall and reasons at World Dairy Expo and the All American Dairy Show.

She obtained her B.S. in animal science with a minor in agribusiness management from Penn State University. She was an active member of the Dairy Science Club, member of the collegiate dairy judging team that was 1st place at the All American Dairy Show contest and Emily was high individual in reasons.

Upon graduation from Penn State, Emily worked for ABS Global Inc. as their Young Sire Program Specialist. She then went on to attend graduate school at Virginia Tech and in 2011, obtained her M.S. degree in dairy science. She now is the Director of the FARM Animal Care Program with National Milk Producers Federation.

She has maintained her passion for dairy evaluation through the opportunities to judge local, county and state youth and open shows while also coordinating and officiating the Maryland State 4-H Judging Contest, officiating the World Dairy Expo 4-H contest and serving as the coach of Delaware Valley Collegiate Judging team for 3 years.

Emily and her family maintain a small herd of 30 registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss under the Spots-Pride prefix, that are housed at Palmyra Farm in Maryland.

Top five most significant recent judging experiences:

- Minnesota State Fair 4-H Grade Holstein Show and Color Breed Show
- Maryland State Fair 4-H Holstein Show
- Michigan State Junior Dairy Youth Expo
- World Dairy Expo Contest Official
- Maryland State Fair 4-H Dairy Judging Contest Official and Coordinator

Besides judging type conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship