

2021 Royal Winter Fair Simmental Show

Judge Nominees

Lee & Dawn Wilson

Bashaw, AB

Lee and Dawn Wilson ranch in Bashaw Alberta. Miller-Wilson Angus is one of the most recognized seedstock brands on the face of the planet. They have genetics in over 30 countries worldwide. Their accomplishments in the show ring and championship titles are too numerous to mention. National champions in several countries abroad including Mexico, Denmark and Argentina, and their most recent being DMM INTERNATIONAL 54D being named Champion of the World after this 2018 Alberta and RBC Supreme Show wins. They were inducted into the Canadian Angus Hall of Fame in their first qualifying year in 2013. Lee and Dawn have judged in over 10 countries at major exhibitions. They know a great one comes in every colour! Their emphasis in their program is the strength of the momma cow. Soundness, udder quality, ease of fleshing and disposition have always been their top priorities and they believe every great bull comes from a great mother. Lee and Dawn would be honoured to judge the Simmental show, it is the only breed they haven't had the pleasure of sorting at the Royal Winter Fair. They are wonderful advocates and are very passionate about the Canadian cattle industry.

Nominated by: Jackie MacGregor

Seconded by: Gerald & Keitha Donovan

Andre Stepler

Miami, MB

Andre and Katie Stepler along with their 3 children Brynn, Brayden, and Declan, reside on the family farm near Miami, MB where Andre along with his parents and 3 brothers operate multi-faceted Stepler Farms Ltd. Stepler Farms consists of 4000 acres of grainland, 2500 honey beehives, as well as the cattle division which consists of 600 purebred Charolais and 100 Black Angus females. Stepler farms markets their genetics through an annual fall female and spring bull sale. Andre and Katie maintain a busy lifestyle, with Katie working off farm as a Physiotherapist; and during their "free time" they enjoy travelling the country evaluating and touring cattle as well as advocating for agriculture. Andre's judging highlights consist of Edmonton Farmfair, Toronto Royal where he judged the Canadian Beef extreme as well as the Charolais show, Agribition Supreme in 2018 and the Simmental show at Canadian Western Agribition in 2019.

Nominated by: Grace Kuhl

Seconded by: Blair Williamson

Brian McCarthy

Moosomin, SK

Brian started Spring Creek Simmentals in 1973. His goal from the start was to raise practical polled cattle that would be superior seed stock for the Canadian Commercial industry. Along the way, he has developed a very successful annual Bull Sale and also an annual bred Female Sale. The Bull Sale is held every March on the ranch. They have had very good sale averages, sending about 80 bulls a year into progressive commercial and purebred herds. The "Springcreek" prefix can be seen across the country in most sale catalogs. As well, many of the bull are used in the AI industry. The bred Female Sale is held every December. Each year, they sell the six-year-old cows and a large group of bred heifers. Many of these cows go on to raise lead off and high selling bulls for their new owners. Numerous cows also go into a flush program at their new homes. Along with the Simmentals, Brian also raises purebred Black Angus under Red Rose Angus. The Angus area raised to compliment the Simmental Cattle. The first calf Simmental Heifers are bred to easy calving Black Angus bulls. The half-blood mulls meet strong demand in the Bull Sale and all the half-blood heifers are sold as bred heifers in the Female Sale. To be acceptable in our target market, the cattle must be very sound structurally with good udder genetics to maintain good longevity. The cattle need to express strong growth with high volume and capacity to efficiently in large commercial operations. "Over the years, I have judged many shows from Vancouver to Halifax, including the Toronto Royal in 2002. When I judge cattle, I try to select cattle that would work in my operation; cattle that will raise marketable bulls and good female seed stock. Bulls need to show masculinity and females need to have that "broody" look. Refined, extreme cattle that require a lot of high energy feed to look good, do not work in my world. I realize that different markets require different genetics, but I must select the genetics that will work in my operation." -Brian McCarthy

Nominated by: Jean O'Connor

Seconded by: Whitney De Decker

Blair McIntosh

Maymont, SK

Blair, wife Steph and boys own & operate McIntosh Livestock. They raise red and black Simmental cattle in Maymont, SK. Blair was born and raised in Ontario. At a young age, he moved to Saskatchewan. McIntosh Livestock has an annual Bull sale in March.

Nominated by: Kade Early

Seconded by: Jerry Barber

Ryan Rash

Crockett Tx

Ryan Rash is from Crockett, Texas and grew up showing every species of livestock. During his junior show career he exhibited 13 Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Steers at major livestock shows all over the United States. He graduated from Texas A&M University where he was also a member of the National Champion Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team. During his collegiate judging career, Ryan placed in the Top Ten Individuals of every collegiate contest he entered, as well as placing in the Top Ten of oral reasons in every contest and was the high point individual at 5 contests. He currently works for the Texas Junior Livestock Association and The Showbox magazine. Ryan is also the owner of SBCC, a cattle company and consulting firm that has an incredible track record. He has selected and supervised the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion steers for junior exhibitors at Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and the Grand Champion steer at the Houston Livestock Show 6 times and the Reserve Grand Champion Steer at Houston twice. And the Grand or Reserve Supreme heifers at San Antonio, Houston and Austin 5 different times. He and his family have a club calf operation as well as a purebred Charolais and Hereford operation. He has judged both nationally and internationally in every species of livestock at shows from the local to major show level throughout the US in 44 states, Canada and Mexico.

Nominated by: Brittany Barkley

Seconded by: Lindsay Mitchell

Justin Morrison

Radville SK

Justin along with his wife Tawnie and three children own and operate Brooking Angus Ranch located in Radville, SK. They run about 160 Angus cows and 70 recipient cows. They have a bull sale every March and a female sale every November. The sales have been fortunate to consistently be among the highest sale averages in the country. Recently Brooking Angus just won Supreme Champion Female at both Farm Fair & Agribition. Justin has judged all levels of shows including most of the major shows in Canada and has also judged top shows in the United States.

Nominated by: Billy Elmhirst

Seconded by: Dan Munro