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CONGRATULATIONS TO PERCYVIEW FARMS 2018 SSA COMMERCIAL BREEDER OF THE YEAR!

Percyview Farms is a fourth-generation operation located north of Kisbey, Sk on the sunny side of the Moose Mountains. The operation is owned and operated by the Gordon family; Grant, Larry, Ron, Troy & Kris. They run 550 red and black Simmental influence cows and grain farm 10,000 acres of cash crops.

Cattle have always been part of the family operation; they operated a dairy and Grant, Larry & Ron's father started in the purebred Angus business in 1965. 27 years ago, they were introduced to crossbred Simmental bulls and gave them a try. The cow herd base at the time was primarily Charolais and Angus and they wanted to achieve the F1 cross to produce a cowherd based on optimal heterosis. This is when they established a real appreciation for the breed and moved from the ½ bloods to purebred Simmental bulls and have been using them ever since. The biggest benefit for their operation has been being able to back off their calving period from February/ March to April/May and still wean off calves that weigh the same at weaning time. They appreciate the maternal qualities and the added performance that the Simmental genetics offer them as commercial breeders. They have also found that the Simmental influence cattle are more marketable and more widely accepted by feeders than other breeds they have utilized in the past.

They market their steers every fall usually through T.E.A.M and background their heifers. They keep about 85 replacements each year and purchase 35-40 Simmental females annually as well. They are apart of the BIXS program and utilize the data supplied for all the cattle that they market through to slaughter. They have collected years of carcass data and are very pleased with the grading and finishing results. The heifers are all bred to Black Angus bulls and after that they are bred to Simmental bulls. They are careful to ensure that they are keeping hybrid vigour within their herd. They are strict on udders, feet and disposition and cull accordingly. Every year they cull cows to maintain their numbers and bring in the replacements. Due to this their cowherd is always young and one that they are very proud of! Prior to BSE, the Gordon's were a part of a replacement heifer sale, "Top Cut" and they topped the sale every year with their Simmental Influence heifers. They now sell about 20 bred heifers privately annually. They have always believed that herd bulls are an investment and have never bought cheap bulls. They also run breeding fields with 2-3 bulls that are sired by the same bull to bring consistency to their calf crops.

The Percyview Farms operation is one that is nationally recognized and has bought cattle out of purebred operations from British Columbia to Nova Scotia. They are strong supporters of the Simmental breed and very deserving recipients of this award.



2018 SSA Commercial Breeder of the Year

Larry, Grant, Troy and Kris Gordon accepting their Farm Sign from SSA President, Kirsten Fornwald



Grand Champion of Open Replacement Heifers - 619 Land & Cattle

Simmental Genetics EXCEL IN THE FALL COMMERCIAL SHOWS & SALES!

Congratulations to all exhibitors of
Simmental influenced cattle at:

Edam Fall Fair

Yorkton Harvest Showdown
and Canadian Western Agribition
on strong shows & sales last fall!

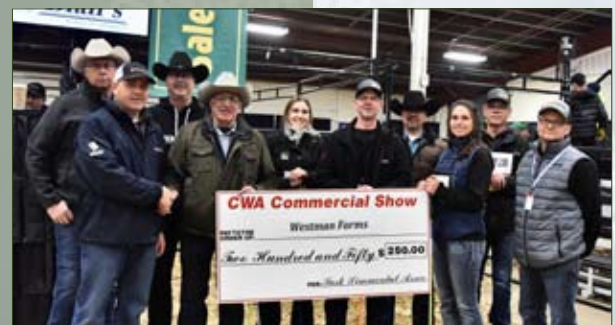


Grand Champion Pen of Bred Replacement Heifers - Blairswest Land & Cattle



Reserve Grand Champion of Open Replacement Heifers - Wadella Ranch

Yorkton Harvest Showdown
Champion Pen of 3 Futurity Bred Heifers
George Galatiuk, Inglis, MB



Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Bred Replacement Heifers - Westman Farms