

2023 SSA COMMERCIAL BREEDER OF THE YEAR!

WADELLA RANCH

Wadella Ranch is located 11 miles south west of Kipling, Saskatchewan. It was established by Wade and the late Ella Joorisity in 1985. The early years of the operation consisted of cattle, registered Percheron horses, Quarter horses and an involvement in the PMU industry. In the early 90's cattle were phased out of the operation to focus on the horse breeding program. Then the rebuild of a cow herd began in the early 2000's with Wade's youngest son Justin, and his intentions to stay at home on the farm after high school. By 2009, the focus shifted back solely to commercial cattle.

Wade and Justin, as well as Justin's wife Martina, now have a herd of over 400 red Simmental females. Their steer calves, as well as some heifers, are marketed on TEAM each fall, where they have been very well received, quite often topping the market for their weight range. Some packages of replacement females are marketed privately, as well as the Canadian Western Agribition commercial heifer show and sale, where they have been quite successful. Highlights from their successes of this event include top honors of Champion open heifers, multiple time reserve champion open heifers, as well as reserve champion bred heifers.

In the early years of Wade and Justin's cattle operation the herd was largely mixed but Simmental influenced. Before long, the cows were being bred exclusively to red Simmental bulls with the exception of their heifers being bred to Red Angus bulls. Although, once the decision was made to market on TEAM, the Red Angus heifer bulls were phased out to make way for calving ease Simmental Bulls. This resulted in a 100% Simmental sired calf crop as well as a nearly pure Simmental cow herd, producing steers bred to perform and strong replacement heifers.

The breeds strong maternal traits combined with performance is what lead Wadella Ranch to their firm belief in the Simmental breed. They source top end bulls from reputable Simmental breeders from across Saskatchewan, as well as a few from neighboring provinces. Simmental genetics will continue to be the mainstay to the ongoing improvement in the Wadella Ranch breeding program.

Wade, Justin, and Martina would like to express thanks for being chosen for this award. They are humbled and honoured to be recognized in this way by the Saskatchewan Simmental Association.



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SSA President Blaine Barnett presenting the farm sign to
Martina, Justin and Wade Joorisity (l-r)

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