

Jersey Canada recognizes Jersey Young Achievers at the 2010 Jersey Canada Annual Meeting



Chris Kyle, Ash Lawn Jerseys, Ayr, Ontario

Chris has been heavily involved with the Jersey breed from a young age. Chris had a distinguished career as a 4-H member, with notable successes in the show ring and in a number of judging competitions. He has continued to be a 4-H club leader in his community. Chris has also continued to be an avid dairy judge. After a number of years attending judging schools, he is now an Official Judge. He has judged a large number of 4-H shows, county shows and regional shows, as well as serving as the judge of the Royal International Jersey Futurity.



Chris farms along with his father George and brother Carman at Ashlawn Farms in Ayr after completing his B. Sc (Agr) from the University of Guelph. He is responsible primarily for breeding, feeding and young stock care for the Jersey herd. He was also involved in recent barn renovations that included lowering the floor of the barn and redesigning the tie-stall layout. He also works part-time as an AI technician. Chris is a student of pedigrees and puts a great deal of time into sire selection at Ashlawn. Chris is currently the Jersey Ontario Director from Brant-Norfolk and serves as chair of the Ontario Invitational Sale committee. He also manages the 250 ewe sheep flock at Ashlawn and serves as a representative for the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency.

Carman Kyle, Carmalee Jerseys, Ayr, Ontario

Like his brother, Carman has also had a long involvement in the 4-H program. He completed over 30 clubs in dairy and beef, showed at the Classic Youth Show at the Royal on several occasions and was involved with a number of judging schools. In fact, on a trip to Agribition in Saskatchewan as part of a 4-H judging team he met his future wife, Jennifer. He and Jennifer were married in 2007 and they have a one year old daughter, Madelyn.

Carman completed a Diploma in Agriculture in 2002 and then worked for other dairy operations to decide if he wanted to be a dairy farmer in the future. He had a great experience working with Barry Little at Meadow Lawn Jerseys, broadening his practical knowledge of feeding and caring for Jersey cattle. He returned home to the family farm full time in 2007, with primary responsibilities of milking, observing herd health, and setting production goals for the herd. Carman is a very capable fitter of cows and enjoys showing at a number of local and regional shows. Carman and Jenn also have some dairy cattle under their own prefix, Carmalee. Additionally, Carman has a herd of registered Shorthorns under the Carmyle prefix and is currently serving as president of the Ontario Shorthorn Association.

Phil and Selena Prinzen, Prinzhaven Farms, Bloomfield, Ontario

Phil grew up on a family dairy farm in Bloomfield, in the heart of Prince Edward County. Phil started their own dairy herd in 1999, milking for the next decade in rented facilities. At the same time, Phil worked off the farm for a local feed company, while Selena continues to work as an agent for Bay of Quinte Mutual Insurance. They were able to purchase a farm in January 2010, where they are currently milking 75 cows, 50% of which are Jerseys. Current BCAs for the herd are 243-216-237 and they have recently been in the top five herds for herd management score in their county. Their herd continues to make great strides forward, with a homebred daughter of Lencrest On Time recently being used in advertising for that sire by Semex.

Phil and Selena were married in 2003, and have two daughters, Maria and Paige. They are involved with their church and continue to work with Phil's father and brother from time to time to get work done on both farms. Phil won the Bill Teasdale Award for Outstanding Young Jersey Breeder in 2004.

Dwight Garrett, Garsholm Jerseys, Denfield, Ontario

Dwight Garrett farms with his parents Doug and Nancy Garrett under the Garsholm prefix. Dwight is the third generation on a farm that has been home to Jerseys for 55 years. He was involved in the 4-H program growing up and graduated with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1998. After this, Dwight travelled to the UK, Denmark and Ireland for a year to

experience the Jersey breed in other countries, working on dairy farms during his stay. Upon returning home, he took an active role in their 200 acre farm and 90 cow dairy herd. Barn renovations were completed in 2005 and acidified milk feeding was added in 2006. Dwight has also recently completed an AI course and now does the sire selection and breeding for the herd. He is committed to improving both type and production, with a strong individual attention to butterfat. Dwight serves as a DHI delegate for his county and is also the Jersey Ontario Director for the Southwestern Club. He is a volunteer firefighter and is involved with church activities. He is married to his wife Leanne and they have three children.

Jeff and Tara Butcher, Granclare Jerseys, Princeton, Ontario

Granclare Jerseys has been a well known herd in the Canadian Jersey breed for many years. Jeff is the fourth generation of the Butcher family to breed Jerseys and is continuing to the family tradition of excellence with the breed. Along with his wife Tara, Jeff operates the herd with his father Dale. The herd had 69 completed records in 2009 with a BCA average of 237-234-226. The herd has had a number of Class Leaders and Hall of Fame winning cows in recent years, including five Single Hall of Fame winners in 2009. Granclare has also owned nine All Time Class Leaders, more than any other Canadian herd. Jeff is involved with all facets of the day-to-day operation of the herd. Tara is responsible for care of calves and heifers on the farm. They have two young daughters: Alyssa (10) and Ashley (7).

Jeremy de Vries, Sunshine Valley Jerseys, Grand Forks, British Columbia

Jeremy is a keen young dairyman who has always had an affinity for the Jersey breed. When still in high school, he worked for Rick and Vicky Llewellyn at Jerseyland Organics, gaining an appreciation for both the breed and for the quality of their milk. Following high school, Jeremy developed his own dairy goat farm and also worked for a time as herdsman at Gort's Gouda Cheese in Salmon Arm, BC. In 2006, he was presented with the opportunity to purchase the herd and farm from the Llewellyns at the age of 24, and now Jeremy manages the dairy herd and dairy processing at Jerseyland, now with the prefix Sunshine Valley. He milks 40 Jersey cows on an 80 acre farm which is certified organic. They make 18 varieties of cheese, as well as some additional products such as yogurt. Most products are marketed within British Columbia. Jeremy is married to wife Keely, and they have two children. They are currently putting in a new milking parlour and developing new and delicious products from their rich Jersey milk!

Photo is of (from left) Dwight Garrett, Chris Kyle, Jersey Canada President Dean Sayles, Carman Kyle, and Tara and Jeff Butcher at the 2010 Jersey Canada Annual Meeting in Brantford, Ontario. Contact Ryan at ryan@jerseycanada.com to request a high-resolution copy of this photo.