



## **Dr. Jon DeClerck**

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Dr. Jon DeClerck is a Technical Consultant for Purina Animal Nutrition and resides in College Station, Texas. He grew up on a cattle operation in Illinois and attended Texas A&M for his bachelor's degree and completed his graduate education at Texas Tech University. Prior to Purina, Jon was the Judging Coach at Iowa State and Texas Tech Universities and is the first individual in history to judge on a National Champion Livestock Judging Team at all 3 levels of competition (4-H, Junior College, and Senior College), and to also coach a National Champion Livestock Judging Team at the University level.



## **Shirley Kaufman**

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Shirley Kaufman grew up in Western Canada on purebred cattle operations. After attending North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University Shirley taught at Ferrum College for three years and was instrumental in raising funds to purchase a livestock operation. She also coached and put together their first livestock judging team at Ferrum College. In the fall of 1995, she began teaching agriculture at Buffalo Gap High School. During her past 27 years at Buffalo Gap, she has coached eight state-winning livestock judging teams and has had two high individuals in the National FFA Livestock Judging contest. In addition to coaching the Buffalo Gap FFA livestock judging teams, she has coached the Augusta County 4-H Livestock Judging team since 1990.

She has one son, Cole who manages Oakley Farms in Livingston TN. Together they raise Angus cattle and have shown them at the state and national levels.



## **Danny Davis**

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Danny Davis graduated from K-State with his masters degree and was on the national champion livestock judging team. While in college he also served on the National Junior Hereford Board. Danny is married to his wife Amanda and they have 3 daughters, Jalyn, Danica, and Brinley.

Danny raises registered Hereford cattle with his family in Maple Hill, KS. Besides showing cattle, his three girls also enjoy showing pigs and goats. He is also and AG instructor in Alma, Kansas. Danny has been asked to judge in 23 states, and has judged over 350 livestock shows, including the Ft. Worth Stock Show, The American Royal, and Shorthorn Junior Nationals.



## **John Spiker**

Jane Lew, WV

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John Spiker is from Jane Lew, West Virginia. He is a graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in Agricultural Business and Economics. John is also the past president of the West Virginia Angus Association and current president of the West Virginia Livestock Roundup show and sale, the longest continuous sale of its kind in the United States, 92 years. John has evaluated livestock for over 20 years. He currently manages a herd of Angus based commercial cows and flock of commercial ewes on family farm with wife Kate and daughters.



## **Kyle Pérez**

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Kyle Pérez of Pérez Cattle Company in Nara Visa New Mexico graduated from Kansas State University and was a member of the livestock judging team. After graduation he returned to the family ranch where they run 1000 head cow/calf operation. They raise both registered Herefords and Angus and have built an extensive ET program where they utilize their commercial cowherd and put in over 800 embryos a year, of their own genetics as well as for clients. They have two bull sales, selling 150 bulls annually. The spring sale is at the ranch in New Mexico and the fall sale is in Navasota, TX.

He and his family have show on the national level and have exhibited national champions at Denver, Reno, Ft. Worth, Louisville and Cattlemen's Congress. In 2009 Kyle was named Hereford herdsman of the year. He was also a member of the Junior Hereford Board and one of the youngest members of the American Hereford Board of Directors. Kyle has judged shows all over the nation from the county level the elite national shows.

To find out more about Kyle and their New Mexico operation visit [PerezCattleCo.com](http://PerezCattleCo.com)



## Adam Hayes

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Adam was raised on a beef cattle farm in Kingwood, WV. He grew up very active in 4-H and FFA and exhibited both purebred and crossbred cattle. Adam and his family operate that same farm today, White House Cattle, which focuses on purebred angus, composite seed stock, and club calves. Adam has a passion for helping families to get started in the cattle business and will always have a soft spot for kids in our industry. He serves as an advisor to the West Virginia Jr Angus Association, board member of the West Virginia Livestock Roundup, and serves on several local jr. livestock boards and committees. He was a past member of the WVU livestock judging team and has judged throughout the eastern United States. Adam earned his B.S. from West Virginia University in Ag. Business and a M.S. in Safety Management also from WVU. He is currently employed with the USDA Farm Service Agency as a Loan Specialist. Adam and his wife Casey have one son, Charlie, and reside at their farm in Kingwood, WV.