

Get to Know Us

'Get to Know Us' is a feature of some of our Farm Bureau Young Leaders and volunteers. We hope to share what agriculture means to those featured, share the variety of agricultural jobs/careers in our surrounding areas, and have our communities get to know us a little better! This month's feature is on: Cassie Schleich.



Tell us about yourself:

My husband, Tyler, and I reside outside of Monmouth where we are raising our daughters Scarlett (4) and Sutton (18 months). We have an Angus and Simmental cow/calf operation and own and operate Schleich Cattle Services. We custom breed between 800-1000 cows annually and are independent contractors for GENEX.

Did you grow up in agriculture?

I grew up in rural Abingdon on our family farm where we grow corn and soybeans. I was actively involved in 4-H and FFA and showed livestock.

Where did you go to college? What is your degree in?

I went to Joliet Junior College as an Ag Transfer student and then transferred to Western Illinois University and graduated with an Ag Business Degree.

How many years of experience do you have in agriculture? What areas of the industry have you worked?

I have been working in agriculture since I graduated in 2011. I started off working for the local Extension office with the 4-H program. The majority of my experience comes from the crop insurance world. I currently work from home doing crop insurance, which allows me to be home with the girls most days depending on the time of year. Tyler and I have been custom breeding cows since 2010 so I've gained an abundance of knowledge on beef synchronization and AI over the years.

What advice would you give students considering a career in an agriculture related field?

I would suggest getting as much exposure to different areas of agriculture as possible. I would have never expected to be where I am, doing what I'm doing. The connections I made throughout college and during different job positions ultimately lead me to my next position. Don't be afraid to take a chance!

What benefits do you get from the Farm Bureau Young Leaders?

Working from home doesn't give me a lot of opportunities to network or spend time with likeminded people so the Young Leader events and meetings help keep me up to date with current issues and events in the ag community.

If anyone has any questions or comments for Cassie, or would like to learn more about Farm Bureau and our Young Leader committee, please give us a call at 309-734-9401 or email whfb@whfarmbureau.org.

