

MN Agriculture: Ammann Family Farms, Century Farm



Day 2 of my "30 Days of MN Agriculture" is the **Ammann Family Farms**. The Ammanns are David, Michele, Haley, Hayden, Hannah and Melva Amman. The Ammanns are located in Ormsby and raise cattle along with growing crops. Perhaps what makes them unique and special is they are a century farm. It's hard to fathom that a farm can be in your family for 100 years, but the Ammanns are an example of how deep farming is in their family roots.

Tell me a little about your farm and/or business?

David and his father were partners when it used to be Ammann Limousin cow/calf and now David and his family have beef commercial cattle, raising roughly 40 head. We calf in the Spring and then pasture graze during the Summer and bring cattle back home to the farm late fall time.

Century Farm

How long have you farmed or been in business?

It is a *century family farm*; it's from David's side of the family. His great-grandparents lived there, then grandparents, and now his Mother lives there. It used to be a feedlot when David was younger. He then became partners with his father raising the cow/calf herd, so it has been in the family for quite some time!

Tell me a little about what you grown/raise/produce or service provided.

Aside from the beef cattle, David also produces crops and we have some grass pasture. After our

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calves have been taken off the pasture, grain fed, as well as weaned and vaccinated, we sell them in the late fall to be finished out to fat cattle.

Where do you sell or provide services to? Who is your end consumer?

Our services go to local or state farmers who are looking to buy the feeder calves then finish feeding them to their end weight. We like to see the calves go local so that we can stay in touch with that grower and see how our calves do through the rest of their life cycle.

What do you love most about farming/business?

“For many, Farming is a labor of love, not a living.”

We love raising cattle and being involved within the agriculture industry. It's the networking that is amazing because everywhere you go someone has their own story, just like us. We *love* to interact with other farmers and get new ideas of how to run certain parts of our operation, to see what did and didn't work for other growers, and how can we add that to our own farm.

We don't stay up till 11 PM watching our barn camera to see if a cow has calved yet for nothing. We do it because we care. We love what we do, even on the days when it isn't going the way we planned.

What is one thing you wish consumers knew about what you do or your farm/business?

We aren't here working against you, we are here working *FOR* you. We want to see consumers purchase and enjoy our meat. That's why we go above and beyond to make sure we provide great quality cattle so that you don't have to worry about what you're eating.

You can't believe everything you read, so be careful what social media sites you find and do your real research. A farmer prides themselves in their crops and livestock so don't believe for one second we don't care; *it's our job to care.*

What is your favorite Minnesota location?

The Minnesota State Fair. My dad and his sisters/parents shared experiences together showing their livestock up there, and to be able to continue doing that with my siblings, cousins, and my parents is amazing. The county and State fairs is where your family becomes stronger. Those fairs will forever impact the life of the 4-Hers!

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