



Caitlyn Ochsner

Caitlyn is the daughter of Kevin and Julie Ochsner of Kersey, CO. She is an 11-year member of the High Plains Ag 4-H Club and is involved in the market/breeding beef projects. She is a freshman at Belmont University in Nashville, TN pursuing a career in Country/Gospel Music recording artist and an Agricultural Advocate.

When Caitlyn was 8 years old, she started her 4-H career as a dreamer. Although she wasn't sure what the years in 4-H would hold for her, she knew that God would use the experiences from her 4-H career to mold her into the young woman he planned for her to be. Being involved in 4-H gave her the experiences and skills she needed to reach her dreams.

She grew up on her family's registered Limousine cow/calf operation and couldn't wait for the day that she would be able to show her very first calf. Her first county fair consisted of her showing a red steer named Goliath, participating in her first showmanship class and singing for the first time in front of an audience at the Weld County Youth Idol Contest. That same year she also began her 4-H livestock judging career.

When Caitlyn first started showing, her dad promised her that if she could earn some money selling home-raised 4-H steers in the Weld County Livestock Sale, he would partner with her to buy a heifer to start her own cow herd. Since that day, her cow herd has grown to 14 cows. She has focused on achieving success both inside and outside the show ring.

While the awards over the years has been appreciated, she realizes that it's not the trophies and buckles that have shaped her character and strengthened her work ethic, it's the projects that were worked on, lessons learned, friends made and the mentors who have helped her along the way.

In addition, to learning how to set goals, make decisions and communicate with others, she's learned many valuable skills in beef production. Caitlyn has learned how to effectively select quality breeding stock, make breeding and mating decisions, and care for animals responsibly. She has also worked hard to improve her fitting and showmanship skills, and developed life-long communication and marketing skills while selling my bulls to commercial cattlemen.

Her 4-H tenure has taught her many valuable leadership and communication skills as well. She has learned how to be a humble winner and a gracious loser. She believes one of the greatest qualities of a true leader is being humble in all circumstances. She has experienced defeat and victory had has learned how to be kind and positive in every situation.

Caitlyn is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Agriculture Scholarship.