

We are both honoured and proud to be receiving the 2020 Manitoba Angus Purebred Breeder of the Year.

Our association with the Angus breed dates back to the early days of Daniel and Penny's married years in the 90s. Their farming journey together started with the fattening of Angus steers for contracts into high-end retail outlets across southern England. From there they chose to base their commercial cow/calf operation with an Angus wheelbase while introducing Simmental and Hereford genetics. 16 years later our family had grown to four – Daniel, Penny, George and Alice – all having our own passions within our mixed farming operation. At that point we had created a sizable farming and events enterprise but were looking to continue our journey in a place with more opportunities. In the late summer of 2013 we landed in Alexander, Manitoba. As a first-generation farming family on the Canadian prairies we had much to learn but already knew Angus was the way to go. With a small herd of black Angus females, we started to work towards the creation of a cow/calf herd that would soon turn predominantly red and incorporate the valued Simmental hybrid cross. The fall of 2014 saw the first generation of purebred Red Angus heifers arrive from the good folks of High Caliber Red Angus in Whitewood Saskatchewan.

Today we run a herd of 300 calving cows of which 90 function as purebred Red Angus and the rest are Angus cross Simmental commercials. We have also created a backgrounding and fattening program from which we privately supply Henry Meats butchers north of Brandon. Additionally, we grain farm and offer full-line custom services from planting to forage harvesting.

Our purebred seedstock program continually strives to incorporate new genetics with productivity and performance at the forefront. With our complete cattle program we have a thorough understanding of what our customers need to see at calving time that will match up to what guys want hung on the rail at the end. Calving ease, vigor, growth and productivity are only a few of the golden Angus traits that we value here in our program and are excited to share with our customers.

All our bulls are sold private treaty here in the yard at Alexander and we can't wait to present the spring 2021 bull crop. With outcross genetics coming from sire groups such as Red DKF Titanium 116D, Red RRA Only & Only and our walking herd sire Moose Creek Birnie 253E, there is something for everyone. Fed on a forage-based diet, the sale bulls are developed to go to work and can be proven by their use in our own commercial herd. We encourage that anyone interested in information on the 2021 bull offering get in touch with us anytime – we always welcome visits and viewing of any of the cattle!

With Alice in her second year of Agribusiness at the University of Manitoba and George passionate in producing high-quality cattle feed, the future looks exciting for our cattle program. We have high hopes for the 2021 summer show season where we can showcase the latest progeny while having a few laughs.

Thank you to the association for nominating us for the award and to all our friends and customers that have supported us in our journey so far. We thoroughly enjoy being a part of the Angus community and look forward to many more years to come.