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KAITLYNN HANSON

CUDLOBE ANGUS | STAVELY, AB

Growing up at Cudlobe Angus in Stavely, Alberta, agriculture was never just a way of life for Kaitlynn Hanson — it was part of her foundation. Raised among generations of respected cattle breeders, Kaitlynn developed a passion for Angus cattle at an early age, owning 50 purebred cows herself before many young people have even chosen a career path. Today, alongside her husband Travis Hanson and her parents, she is helping lead the next chapter of the family operation while honouring the legacy that built it.

After high school, Kaitlynn explored the world before pursuing an Agricultural Business Degree at Montana State University. Following graduation, she returned home to work alongside her father and brother Kevin at Cudlobe Angus. While Kevin focused primarily on the farming side of the operation, Kaitlynn took the lead managing the herd's 300 purebred Angus cows, continuing to deepen her knowledge of cattle breeding, herd management, and genetics.

As the family business has evolved, so has Kaitlynn's role. In recent years, both she and Kevin have entered new stages of life through marriage and growing families, leading to a natural evolution within the operation. Today, Kaitlynn and Travis work closely

with her parents to oversee the farming operations, cow herd, and the family's small meat business while also taking active steps toward succession planning and future ownership.

Kaitlynn's passion for genetics and herd improvement has been a driving force throughout her life. Since returning home, she has become increasingly involved in both business and financial decisions while continuing to focus heavily on herd management and breeding strategies. Cudlobe Angus remains committed to balancing strong cattle phenotype and practical stockmanship with modern technologies and data driven tools. The operation incorporates genomics, EPDs, ultrasound data, and management technologies such as Heat Seeker tags to continue advancing the herd while staying true to the cattle principles passed down through generations.

"We are committed to balancing strong cattle phenotype and stockmanship with all the modern tools available to us."

Family has played a defining role in Kaitlynn's journey. She credits not only her parents, but also her Uncle David and Aunt Marg, for shaping her knowledge, work ethic, and passion for the Angus industry. Surrounded by some of the cattle industry's most respected and progressive breeders, Kaitlynn grew up learning from generations of experience, stories, and innovation. Marrying into another



“We are extremely forward looking, while still staying grounded in the fundamentals that built our herd.”

longtime ranching family has only expanded that support system, providing both her and Travis with mentorship and encouragement as they continue building their future together.

Beyond the farm gate, Kaitlynn has remained deeply involved in the Angus community and rural leadership. From participating in junior Angus shows as a youth to serving on boards such as the Southern Alberta Angus Club and the Canadian Angus Foundation, she continues to advocate for the breed and the people behind it. She also volunteers with the Stavely Pro Rodeo Committee, giving back to the communities of Stavely and Claresholm that helped shape her upbringing.

Looking ahead, Kaitlynn sees tremendous opportunity for the future of Cudlobe Angus. With a strong focus on innovation, practical cattle breeding, and family values, the operation continues to evolve while remaining grounded in the traditions established by previous generations. As Kaitlynn and Travis prepare to welcome the next generation to the farm in September 2026, the future feels especially meaningful.



“The future of Cudlobe Angus is forever bright. We are excited to raise the next generation of Angus breeders right here where my grandparents raised my father, doing what we love every day.”