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## Read Into My World

The Minnesota CattleWomen have created an effective and easy way to tell our story of agriculture production. We would like you to participate in the "Read Into My World" program. All you need to do is read a story that accurately portrays an aspect of agriculture to students in an elementary class, after school program, or day care during National Ag Week, March 14-20.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the program, whether you're a CattleWoman, Cattleman, FFA or 4-H member, a beef or dairy producer, grain farmer, or involved in agriculture in any way, we want you to tell your story by reading to pre-school or elementary aged students.

For more information on the program or to sign up to participate, please contact Jennifer Scharpe at jenn\_scharpe@hotmail.com or 507-995-4147 or Marilyn Nickel at nickelm@centurytel.net or 507-628-4949.

Remember the goal of the program is to simply read a book about agriculture to students. Let's see if we can read to 500 students!

## CattleWoman of the Year Carol Abrahamzon

The 2009 Minnesota Cattle Woman of the Year is Carol Abrahamzon. Carol has been an integral part of the Minnesota CattleWomen's Association for many years, serving on numerous committees and as Vice President, President-Elect and President.

Carol has put in tireless hours for our organization and is always willing to pitch in when a project needs her leadership. Her love for shaping the future leaders of our industry and promoting beef has led her to work closely with the Beef Spokesperson program at the state level, and in her job as the National Beef Ambassador Project Manager. Congratulations to Carol and a big thank you from the Minnesota CattleWomen for all your contributions!

## Thank You!

The Minnesota CattleWomen would like to thank Jill Resler, Nicole VanWyk, and Dar Geiss and all the bidders during the auction of the Minnesota State Beef Queen, Beef Princess and Beef Ambassador banners. The auction raised almost \$800 to support the Minnesota Beef Spokesperson Program.

Jill (Pesek) Resler was the Minnesota Beef Queen in 2005. Jill has remained involved in the MN State Cattlemen's and CattleWomen's organizations and is currently the secretary for the CattleWomen. Jill is recently married and works as the Director of Producer Outreach for the Minnesota Pork Producers Association and Minnesota Pork Board.

Nicole (Wellman) VanWyk was the Minnesota Beef Princess in 1998. Nicole currently lives in Odin, Minn. with her husband, Steve, and two children. Nicole is currently employed with the City of Odin. Nicole stays involved with her parents beef herd and is looking forward to when her children start showing beef. Dar Geiss purchased the Minnesota Beef Ambassador banner as a donation to the program.

Greetings:

My column this issue will be short as I want you to be sure to read the other articles on this page highlighting the great things happening with the Minnesota CattleWomen.

We had an excellent convention and I want to thank all of you who attended, shared your ideas and input, and helped get the CattleWomen off and running for 2010. Congratulations to the CattleWoman of the Year Carol Abrahamzon! Carol has done some wonderful things for our organization on a local, state and national level and is highly deserving of this award.

At the annual meeting, the Minnesota CattleWomen voted to start a membership drive program. For the CattleWoman who recruits the most new members, she will receive one paid registration to next year's annual Cattlemen's and CattleWomen convention!

Probably one of the biggest challenges facing our industry right now comes from anti-animal agriculture groups who have set a purpose of stopping animal food production. These organizations are threatening our way of life and have gained tremendous popularity from people who most likely do not have an understanding of what we do. However, we can have a voice.

For more information about animal care and well-being and how you can become involved visit [www.animalagalliance.org](http://www.animalagalliance.org). Or become a Master of Beef Advocacy by completing the beef advocacy training program. Contact [mba@beef.org](mailto:mba@beef.org) for more information about this program.

For a simple way to educate about agriculture production, participate in the newly developed MN CattleWomen "Read Into My World" program. All you have to do is take about 30 minutes and read a book that accurately portrays agriculture production to a group of students during National Ag Week, March 14-20. Check out the article on this page for more information and how you can participate. Join us for our next meeting, new members are always welcome! Regards, Jennifer

### Recipes Wanted

Do you have a favorite recipe? Then share it with others by having it included in the Minnesota CattleWomen's cookbook. The CattleWomen are seeking recipes from everyone for a cookbook that will feature the National Beef Cook-Off recipes. All types of recipes are wanted – appetizers, beverages, salads, main dishes, desserts, etc. We only ask that beef be the main protein in those recipes that have a protein.

Send recipes to Judy Tollefsrud, 17575 Cty 27, Spring Grove, MN 55974, [gerard@springgrove.coop](mailto:gerard@springgrove.coop), 507-498-5741. Photocopies or scanned images are acceptable! We'll take care of putting them in the cookbook. Recipes are due March 6!

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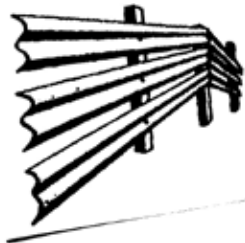
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#### Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship

A \$500 educational scholarship is available through the Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship Foundation for a deserving student majoring in animal science or agronomy.

#### Reid Mason Memorial Scholarship

A \$500 educational scholarship is available from the Reid Mason Memorial Scholarship Foundation for a deserving student majoring in animal science with an emphasis on beef cattle.

Scholarships will be presented at the MSCA Annual Convention Banquet Dinner on Saturday evening December 4, 2010. For more info email MSCA Exec at: [maysteve@comcast.net](mailto:maysteve@comcast.net) or call (952) 920-9512.

Applications are available on the MSCA website: [mnsca.org](http://mnsca.org) or the MSCA Office, 3901 Joppa Ave. South, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Applications are due in the MSCA Office no later than Nov. 12, 2010.

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