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JESSICA GATTON-DIXON PRESENTED WITH
AYRSHIRE YOUNG BREEDER AWARD

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ayrshire Breeders' Association honored Jessica Gatton-Dixon of Conway, MO as the recipient for the Ayrshire Young Breeder Award at the National Ayrshire Convention in Oklahoma City, OK on June 16, 2016.

Jessica got her start with the Ayrshire breed 18 years ago when her parents' dairy operation was introduced to Ayrshires. Since then, she and her husband Brett have established Still-Dream'n Dairy where they are milking around 70 head of predominantly Ayrshires. Their average classification score is 88 points; and with a grazing program in place, their rolling herd average is over 16,000 pounds of milk.

As a young breeder, Jessica has her hands full being the primary caretaker of the dairy, DHIA tester once a month for a large commercial dairy in MO, and a mother to her 3 year old son. Her love for the dairy industry and the Ayrshire breed motivates her to pursue this busy schedule. She enjoys promoting the breed and instilling in others her love for the Ayrshire cow.

Throughout her term on the ABA Board of Directors, Jessica has worked hard to always carry questions and comments from her fellow constituents to the board meetings. She has been a leader on the state level as well, serving as secretary and helping plan the upcoming 2018 Missouri National Ayrshire Convention.

Jessica is always quick to promote and give credit to the Ayrshire cow for being profitable. She always states how profitable the Ayrshire breed can be, and backs up her statements with examples in her own herd. She has openly stated that if it wasn't for the Ayrshire cow, she would not still be in the dairy business. If you look at the cows that Jessica and Brett market and promote, you can see that longevity is key in this herd. This is another key testimonial for their herd and the Ayrshire breed.