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DAMIAN ULLMER PRESENTED WITH
AYRSHIRE YOUNG BREEDER AWARD

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ayrshire Breeders' Association honored Damian Ullmer of Seymour, WI as the 2017 Ayrshire Young Breeder. The award was presented at the National Ayrshire Convention in Altoona, IA on June 23, 2017.

Ullmer grew up on a grade Holstein farm and knew at an early age he wanted to be a farmer. This dream continued to develop when he met and fell in love with a young lady from a registered Ayrshire farm. Damian and his wife, Kiley, bought his family farm in 2004 and Ullmstar Dairy began. The couple began renovating the facilities and developing their herd in addition to having off-farm employment. He and his family began regularly attending state and national Ayrshire shows, sales, and meetings. This was just the beginning for Damian and his love for Ayrshires as he started learning the people, genetics, and the countless perks of the breed.

Ullmer continues to impress others by his commitment and determination to the Ayrshire breed. He has been on the ABA Breed Improvement Committee and currently serves on the ABA Marketing Committee. He has been involved in the Wisconsin Ayrshire Spring Sale and the annual World Ayrshire Event Sale held at World Dairy Expo.

Ullmstar Dairy has invested in many foundation animals and have been showing, flushing, and marketing from these families. Damian is quick to tell anyone that he pushes for production on the farm, which has been demonstrated through the achievements of animals that he has purchased and developed along with their offspring. Many of his purchases have resulted in multiple "E" Excellent cows, 20,000-30,000 pound lactations, production awards, French Trophy Awards, and national show and All-American placings. Damian's ET program has produced progeny and embryos that have sold in state and national sales and gone on to receive national show and All-American awards.