

## **Emily Yeiser Stepp**

Emily Yeiser Stepp is the Vice President of the National Dairy FARM Program. In this role she is responsible for the management of strategic initiatives for the US dairy industry's social responsibility program that encompasses animal care, antibiotic stewardship, environmental stewardship and workforce development. She also leads the day-to-day work related to animal care. Emily has been with National Milk Producers Federation since 2016.

Yeiser Stepp began her involvement in the dairy industry through the 4-H dairy leasing program and was involved in Maryland 4-H and the leasing program for over 10 years. She then went on to pursue a Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Science with a minor in Agribusiness Management from Penn State University where she was an active member of the Dairy Science Club, member of the collegiate dairy judging team, a sister of Alpha Zeta Fraternity and was President of the American Dairy Science Association-Student Affiliate Division.

Upon graduation from Penn State, Emily worked for ABS Global Inc. as their Young Sire Program Specialist in the Mid-Atlantic region. She then went on to attend graduate school at Virginia Tech and in 2011, obtained her Master's of Science degree in Dairy Science. Her research was focused on how mastitis and metabolic diseases impact on dairy cow behavior.

Additionally, Yeiser Stepp served as the Dairy Initiatives Manager for the Center for Dairy Excellence in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and as the Dairy and Beef Extension Coordinator for the University of Maryland prior to starting with the National Dairy FARM Program.

Emily and her family maintain a small herd of 30 registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss under the Spots-Pride prefix, that are housed at Palmyra Farm in Maryland.