Twins Remain Close Despite Conflicting Breed Loyalties
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Louisville, KY – November 16, 2014 – Each year, hundreds of juniors flock to Louisville for the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) to show off their livestock and a year of hard work. Juniors show a variety of livestock in a variety of breeds. Several even cross-over from breed to breed but not Tyler Adcock.

Tyler Adcock, twenty-years-old, has grown up alongside older siblings, Justin and Lauren and twin sister Taylor in Mowequa, IL. The children grew up in the cattle ring, but never the same one. While Justin, Lauren, and Taylor all showed Angus, Tyler stayed loyal to his family’s Simmental breeding roots.

The Adcocks come from a long line of Simmental breeders, which can cause conflict in the show arena when juniors compete against other showmen who are also customers of their farm. To avoid this, parents, Bobby and Sherry, let their children switch to the Angus breed. Tyler wanted to remain true to his roots and keep showing Simmentals. Twin sister Taylor said she selected Angus to follow in her older sibling’s footsteps. Now as young adults, the twins have conflicting opinions on which breed association is ‘better.’

There may be a family rivalry between which association (Angus and Simmental) they prefer, but they are always each others’ biggest cheerleaders. Tyler said he prefers to be in a different association than his twin sister so they are not competing against one another. Taylor backed that up by saying it makes show days easier when they show on different days so there is always an extra helper and showman available.

Tyler even stated he prefers going to the all Simmental shows with dad, Bobby, while Taylor goes to the Angus shows with mom, Sherry, because they can celebrate together. Taylor also mentioned it’s easier on the family when shows fall at different times so there is always someone to care for the cattle since Justin and Lauren have aged out of junior competitions.

All four siblings agree there has not been a separation among them. Tyler thinks growing up in separate breeds has brought them closer, because it eliminated competition. They have all learned about a special breed.

Neither Tyler nor Taylor have regrets about growing up in two different breed associations. Tyler summed it up by saying, “I like that we can go our own separate ways and still come home as a family.”

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Caption: Tyler Adcock stands next to twin sister, Taylor’s, Angus heifer, Missie, at the North American International Livestock Exposition to show his support of their different breed choices.

The North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) is an annual event that attracts thousands of livestock producers from across America. More than 200,000 visitors attended the big expo, and nearly 28,000 livestock entries competed in ten specie categories. The NAILE is the largest purebred exposition in the world, and successful competitors take home over $750,000 in premiums and awards. The North American International took place in Louisville, KY during November 8-21.