

Youth Advisory Committee Biographies

April Nichol, Chair - Qu'Appelle SK

April holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan with a major in Plant Science and a minor in Agriculture Business. Since 2006, she has worked with Syngenta Crop Protection as a Seed Care Specialist in southern Saskatchewan. April and her husband Chad operate a 2,000 acre grain farm near Qu'Appelle.

Daryl Frank - Southey, SK

Daryl operates a 4,300 acre grain farm seven miles south of Southey overlooking the Qu'Appelle Valley. After completing the Ag Mechanics program at SIAST, he worked at Southey Farm Supply from 1997 to 2002.

Max Halyk - Melville SK

Max and his wife Janelle are fourth generation farmers who are raising their family on the original family homestead west of Melville. They operate a mixed farm consisting of 350 cow/calf pairs and 4,000 acres of mixed farmland. Max graduated from Olds College in 2001 with a diploma in Agriculture Management.

Jeff Prosko - Rose Valley, SK

Jeff graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2005 with a Diploma in Agriculture. Jeff and his family operate a 9,000 acre operation near Rose Valley, on which they grow canola, oats, barley and wheat. Over the years, the farm has grown and diversified, producing a variety of crops including alfalfa and some organic crop production. Jeff and his parents have also diversified into other areas such as custom spraying, combining and trucking, as well as seed production and numerous other ventures.

Landon Swityk – Spiritwood, SK

Landon currently runs a mixed farming operation with his father, 50 Kilometres northwest of Spiritwood. The family farm is uniquely surrounded by the Northern Forest Reserve and consists of roughly 1,200 acres of crop land and 100 purebred Black Angus cow/calf pairs.

Derek Tallon - Lafleche SK

Derek is currently enrolled in the University of Saskatchewan's College of Agriculture and Bioresources where he plans to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness. Derek and his father operate a 6,500 acre grain farm near Lafleche where they grow cereals, pulses and oilseeds, in addition to operating a custom spraying business.

Colin Wilgenbusch – Halbrite, SK

Colin grew up on the family farm near Halbrite Saskatchewan, where he now farms 350 head of cattle and 3,000 acres of crop land with his father and brother. From 1997 to 2003 Colin successfully owned and operated a custom hauling livestock business.