

Beef- The Story of My Life

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My life has always revolved around cattle. I live in the hills of Tuscarawas County on a beef farm. My sisters and I have enjoyed showing cattle on the local and state levels since we were young. Our show heifers became the basis of our personal herds; my herd consisting primarily of Angus cattle. Along with my family, I have hayed, fed, vaccinated, washed, brushed, walked, and cared for our family's herd all of my life. With cattle always comes extra responsibilities of grinding feed, making hay, and cleaning the barn, but it is all part of living on the farm. I had the pleasure of serving as the 2009 and 2010 Tuscarawas County Beef Queen, and I enjoy serving beef sandwiches in the Tuscarawas County Cattlemen's Beef Trailer. Since I was nine, I have been involved in 4-H, where I have taken beef projects alongside my sisters. The beef industry is a large part of my life.

These are some pieces and parts to my story: my beef story. My name is Kaitlyn Hinds and I am the 2011 Ohio Queen of Beef. To me this position entitles much, much more than a sash and a tiara. I plan to be an ambassador to our beef industry and promote it in a way that connects with the beef consumer, whether it be a sixth generation beef producer, a mother of four, or a seven year old child in a elementary school classroom. We all come from a strong and proud industry that has proven it can take blows from all sides. We stand united and connected to one another in more ways than one. We all have a story that is personal and unique to us. We have all lived and experienced a life to be shared with the consumer of our product, beef. These stories should to be told in a positive and productive way. This is my goal.

Throughout the year I plan to meet many people and hear their stories, as well as share mine. If there are events you would like me to attend, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at (330)-440-4013 or e-mail me at k2hinds@gmail.com.

We all have some sort of history and story to share. This history not only connects us to each other, but also to our consumer. So as my reign begins, I look forward to meeting a lot of new people and hearing their beef story, the story of their lives.