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## Cattlemen's Young Leaders announces 2015 mentorship recipients

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Calgary, AB – The Cattlemen's Young Leaders (CYL) program is pleased to announce its 2015 national mentorship recipients. The 16 recipients were selected following the final selection round at the CYL Spring Forum held in Saskatoon on March 26-28, 2015. A total of 22 semi-finalists vied for a spot in the national youth initiative of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA).

The 2015 CYL mentorship recipients are:

- **Alberta:** Benjamin Campbell – *Black Diamond*, Robert Dixon – *Vermillion*, Jodi Flaig – *Two Hills*, Brett Hassard – *Medicine Hat*, Elizabeth Homerosky – *Calgary*, Angela Kumlin - *Duchess*, Penny Patton – *Athabasca*, Byron Whitford – *Lethbridge*, Brittany Wiese - *Bentley*
- **Saskatchewan:** Breeanna Kelln – *Duval*, Shane Klepak – *Melfort*, Brandon Sparrow – *Vanscoy*,
- **Manitoba:** Breanna Anderson – *Swan River*
- **Ontario:** Bethany Storey – *Guelph*, Brendan Zettler - *Teeswater*
- **Nova Scotia:** Ellen Crane - *Truro*

The CYL Spring Forum brought together the semi-finalists, current graduates and industry leaders for a weekend of networking and learning. The forum included an afternoon of industry speakers at the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) followed by a networking and leadership panel discussion. The following day featured the selection of the new young leaders as well as the graduation of the current cohort. The final day saw tours of the Western Beef Development Centre, the U of S Beef Research and Teaching Unit and their Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility.

CCA Director Brent Griffin was among the Canadian beef cattle industry representatives to take part in the CYL Spring Forum. Griffin, who served as a facilitator for the CYL 2015 selection process, said the CYL program is an outstanding program that the CCA is very proud of and that the industry is in good hands as a result.

"The experience, training and mentorship provided by the CYL program is second to none," Griffin said. "I am confident that these experiences will shape future industry leaders, and in turn will enable Canada to continue to produce some of the best beef in the world for years to come."

Griffin congratulated the 2015 recipients, who will be paired with a mentor for a ten-month mentorship.

The CYL program provides industry-specific training and mentorship opportunities to young producers. CYL participants have the opportunity to explore a potential career choice or involvement with a provincial/national producer organization, while gaining the expertise and business acumen necessary to sustain the cattle industry into the future.

Funding for the CYL program is made available through its foundation partners: UFA Co-operative Ltd., the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency (ALMA), Cargill and MNP. The program also receives support from gold sponsors Farm Credit Canada and New Holland. The CYL Spring Forum was sponsored by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.

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