

2016

**Iowa Seedstock
Producer of the
Year**

Schroeder Angus



Sustaining the land and caring for cattle is a family commitment handed down and improved upon from generation to generation and we take a personal stake in the quality of our environment. It's not just where we raise cattle; it's also where we raise our families. As a result, we continually look for ways to improve the air, land and water while raising the cattle in our care. Raising cattle and farming is all we wanted to do with our lives when we were married in 1982 and fortunate to have three children. We both had cattle when we got married, together purchased 5 bred cows from Sydenstricker Genetics and started Schroeder Angus. In 1988 we rented farm ground near Clarence and in 1989 purchased our first 80 acres. William Schroeder, great grandfather, began farming as a renter and bought a 160 in 1902, this was part of the 80 we were able to purchase, now a Century farm with the 6th generation living there.

Today the operation consist of 125 cows and 1000 acres of row crops. We market bulls and heifers through sales; Iowa Beef Expo, Denver bull sale, National Western Foundation female sale, online sale and private treaty. Cattle are all enrolled in AHIR, we use ultrasound data and genomic to enhance the genetics to their greatest potential.

All three of our kids were heavily involved in 4-H, FFA and the Jr Angus Association and throughout the years we were involved in state & national associations and were advisers for the Iowa Jr. Angus Association for 13 years. Today our sons are farming and raising cattle and our daughter works in Des Moines and still owns cows.

The most rewarding thing about the seed stock business no matter what breed, is the people you get to meet and the friendships that last forever. We continue to use all the data we can get our hands on to help produce more predictable & better cattle. In the near future we plan to have our own bull sale with our sons.

Looking back though the years, if we had it all to do over again, we would do it the same way. We have sons, a daughter and daughter-in-laws to be proud of and 4 grandchildren. What more could we ask of life? Long term goal is to keep the operation moving in the right direction to pass on to the next generation.

Congratulations to the Schroeders on this well deserved honor!