



Brett Kaysen

Adams County

Exemplary Leadership Serving Agriculture

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Brett Kaysen grew up on a family farm working with small diversified livestock in Adams County where he was involved in 4-H swine projects and livestock judging. As a 10-year 4-H member Brett attributes his success in life, and the development of his public speaking skills, to his 4-H experience. He also believes what makes 4-H so powerful is the mentoring that takes place between 4-H members and the 4-H volunteer leaders who make the program possible. He credits the 4-H leaders and coaches he had throughout his 4-H career as the key influence in his life which has shaped the person he is today.

Brett is now one of the most sought-after Livestock Evaluators in the world, judging shows in over 40 different states and four countries. He is also a nationally known speaker who presents to both youth and adult organizations around the country, on topics ranging from leadership and personal development to livestock industry topics. When people ask him where he learned his public speaking skills, his answer is always — **4-H!**

He is active in serving others through his service on the Colorado Pork Producers Council, the National Junior Swine Association Youth Advisory Board, and his membership on the National Pork Board and the Colorado Livestock Association.

Brett has won many awards throughout his professional career including the 2012 Colorado State University Best Teacher Award. For his entire life, Brett's heart has been in building others—from students at CSU to 4-H members across the country.

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