



**2024 FREE HEIFER PROGRAM**  
**By Madison Dahlke (age 16)**

My name is Madison Dahlke, and I am a 16-year-old from Glencoe, MN. I attend Sibley East in Arlington as a junior while also taking part-time PSEO classes at Ridgewater College. My passion for cattle and the beef industry has been a defining part of my journey, and winning Saffron through the American British White Park Association was truly a dream come true.

Growing up in 4-H, starting out as a Clover Bud, I had the privilege of watching my brothers participate and being guided by 4-H families who generously shared their knowledge and experience with me. They provided me with the opportunity to learn, grow, and implement their teachings in real-life situations.

I was introduced to British Whites through the opportunity to work with the Cohrs family, and it was an easy choice to fall in love with the breed. British Whites are not only striking in appearance but also playful and intelligent. I've always had a love for beef, and this breed embodies everything I appreciate—beauty, personality, and efficiency. With Saffron by my side, my plan is to use the blessing she brings along with the knowledge and experience I've gained to create a herd of my own.

This year, I plan to exhibit Saffron at the Sibley County Fair, and World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, WI. As she grows, I'll also be making breeding plans for her. I have a few ideas in mind, but nothing is definite yet. Finding the perfect match for her is something I want to take the time to get right.

After high school, my dream is to work in the beef industry, combining my passion for cattle with my future career. Knowing that I have a supportive community behind me is incredibly reassuring and motivates me to pursue my goals.

Ultimately, my dream is to move Saffron's herd to Montana, where they can thrive in a new environment. However, I also cherish the idea of raising my herd in the same community where I was raised, surrounded by the people who have supported me throughout my journey. Either way, I know I am truly blessed to have Saffron and the support of the American British White Park Association. Thank you, Mike Todd and Thistledown Farm, for your generous donation!

Thank you, Madison

