

DAYNE VOELKER DIRECTOR DISTRICT VI



Dayne Voelker is currently the District VI director and Vice President of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association. Dayne is on his second term and would like to thank everyone in his district for the support they have shown him over these last four years. Dayne is blessed and honored to be on the Brown Swiss board. While there are many thank you's to go around, he is grateful to Lee Barber for encouraging him and mentoring him to initially run.

Dayne's roots in Brown Swiss started early on in life. Dayne was fortunate to grow up with the big brown cow on Voelker Swiss Farm in Perryville, Missouri. While growing up, he got to learn about Brown Swiss from his father Charles "Charlie" Voelker, mother Nancy, and his siblings Katie, Suzanne, Chad, and Grant. Dayne would like to say a special thank you to his parents and siblings for teaching and mentoring him about everything Brown Swiss. Growing up, he helped out on the farm and showed Brown Swiss all across the country. Dayne's love for Brown Swiss only increased as he got older. Dayne helped with calf raising and show animals on the farm, and this continued even as he went to medical school. Dayne earned his Bachelor's and Medical Degree from University of Missouri-Kansas City. He then completed internal medicine residency at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. From there, he returned closer to home for two years to complete Allergy/Immunology Fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis. Moving back for a few years helped reinvigorate Dayne's passion for the breed. He was able to help out on the farm more with his family and continued showing.

Throughout his life, Dayne has been blessed to be around some special cows and bulls, including Voelkers Migel Candid 5E94, Voelkers Collection Amber E92, Voelkers Denmark Fergie E92, Voelkers Livery Moe 3E94, Voelkers Carter Rachel E91, Voelkers Cadence Cameron E92, Voelkers Durango Sasha 4E94, Voelkers Carter Almighty E93, Voelkers Bush Aggie E92, Voelkers Nello Asher E90, Voelkers WNDT Chilli Pepper, and Voelkers TD Carter. He learned what he knows about cows today from his family and a few mentors along the way. Dayne hopes to continue breeding and showing high-type animals with production. He and his wife, Kayla, currently own Voelker Kiley Farms LLC which owns around 20 elite Brown Swiss heifers and cows. Dayne and Kayla were awarded the Brown Swiss Association's Young Master Breeders Award in 2023. Their animals are currently boarded at several locations including at the homestead farm Voelker Swiss Farm, Knapp Genetics, Fairdale Farm, B-Willenborg Farms, and Sandy Creek Farm. Dayne and Kayla would like to say a special thank you to the Voelker, Knapp, Sparrow, Reed, and Moyers families for taking care of their animals.

Dayne and Kayla, just had their first baby, Charles "Charlie" in early February 2025. Dayne currently works as an Allergist/Immunologist at Mayo Clinic in both Austin and Rochester, Minnesota. Dayne, Kayla, and little Charlie hope to continue breeding and developing elite Brown Swiss genetics.