

BROWN SWISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Member Profile

Our newest Board member representing District IX, is Dr. Kyle Thompson from Raymond, California. Kyle's love of cattle started at a young age when he began working on a local dairy and showed his first Brown Swiss heifer.

Dr. Thompson earned his bachelor's degree (2006) in Pre-Professional Animal Science from California State University, Fresno. As a Fresno State student, he worked at the sheep unit as the Student Shepherd for three years, served as a campus farm tour guide for four years, and the Dairy Unit Technician for three years. He then went on to Oklahoma State to pursue his MS and PhD. He earned his doctoral degree in Animal Science, specializing in Comparative Nutrition from Oklahoma State University (2016), as well as a master's degree in ruminant nutrition (2011). While at OSU he served as the Graduate Student Assistant Manager of the campus dairy cattle center. After completing his PhD, Kyle took a position at California State University, Fresno.

Dr. Thompson was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education at California State University, Fresno starting in 2016. He also served as the Dairy Science Program Coordinator. In addition, Dr. Thompson was the Enterprise Manager of the Manuel Jr. & Katye Mancebo Dairy Unit. In addition, Dr. Thompson advised the Fresno State Dairy Club and served as the coach for the Fresno State Dairy Challenge Team and Fresno State Dairy Show Team. While at Fresno State, Kyle's passion and love of Brown Swiss cattle was reignited when Edwin Genasci donated several head of Brown Swiss to Fresno State. Dr. Thompson's research focused on applied nutritional research with various species, including dairy nutrition research trials, lactating cow feed additives, direct fed microbials, blood metabolites, ruminal kinetics, digestibility, volatile fatty acid analysis, and milk fatty acids.

Currently, Dr. Thompson is an animal/dairy science instructor at College of the Sequoias in Tulare, CA. Besides teaching animal and dairy science courses, Kyle helps manage the livestock units, serves as a club advisor for several clubs, and coaches the Dairy Challenge Team. Dr. Thompson is active within various industry roles serving as the Chairman for the California Animal Nutrition Conference, the President of the California Brown Swiss Breeders Association, and Board Member of the California Shorthorn Breeders Association. Dr. Thompson also owns and operates Wild Acres Ranches raising registered Shorthorns and Brown Swiss Cattle.

