

Nate Janssen Bio

Nate Janssen is the Dairy Operations Manager at Golden Oaks Farm, a position he has held since 1999. In this role, Janssen oversees the operation of a progressive 720 cow, 650 youngstock operation that focuses on superior milk quality, cattle genetics, and community relations. On a daily basis he supervises the management of the animals and the employees on the farm. Prior to his time at Golden Oaks Farm, Janssen was a Dairy Nutritionist for Cargill Animal Feed.

Janssen has served, and currently serves on many agricultural committees. Janssen has previously participated in the Young Dairy Leaders Institute, and for two years served as the Committee Chairperson for the Livestock Grass Roots Initiative Team with Illinois Farm Bureau. Additionally, Janssen has served as a Director for Ag-Source, and has been heavily involved with the Red and White Dairy Cattle Association in several capacities.

Currently, Janssen is a participant in the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program, class of 2012, and will soon be traveling to China and India to study International Agriculture as part of the class. Janssen is heavily involved with the Illinois Holstein Association as well, serving as the Co-Chair for the State Holstein Show and as Committee Co-Chair for host day activities at the 2015 National Holstein Convention to be held in St. Charles, IL.

Janssen also enjoys working with students of all ages when it comes to promoting agriculture. For the last 5 years, Janssen has served as an official judge for the National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, a contest in which his own team was crowned National Champions in 1994. This past October, with the help of sponsors and his IALP classmates, Janssen completed a 3-day Dairy Days event at Golden Oaks Farm, hosting 335 5th graders from the Cary School District. This year, Janssen will be working closely with the Glenview Glovers 4-H program. In the past, Janssen has also given numerous presentations to students, teachers, and health care professionals about the importance of dairy production consumption.

Janssen received his BS degree in Animal Science from Cornell University in 1996, and currently resides with his wife Sarah in Barrington, IL.