



## Producer Spotlight



# Slaichert Family Farm

## St. Ansgar, Iowa

Father and son team, Harlan and Harley Slaichert, raise crops and feed Angus cattle on their land west of St. Ansgar, Iowa. The Slaichert's have been bringing their cattle to Upper Iowa Beef since our opening in 2017.

The tidy nature of the Slaichert farm shows the attention to detail and pride of ownership in managing their resources. This pride spills over to the cattle they feed, resulting in superior quality beef.

Heifer calves are purchased each fall from Jerry Roseth from Philip, South Dakota. After weaning from their mothers in November, calves are transported to the Slaichert farm, growing and developing over the next 9-10 months.

All cattle feed is raised on this generational farm, yielding high-quality feedstuffs while reducing the carbon footprint. The Slaichert sustainable crop operation utilizes a rotation of corn, hay, and soybeans to limit commercial fertilizer use. Waste

from the cattle operation creates an organic fertilizer for the crops in this closed-loop system.

Cattle comfort is a high priority for the Slaichert's operation. Cattle are allowed to roam in a dirt field during dry times of the year. This results in fewer feet and leg issues due to reduced stress. In addition, sheds provide shelter for the cattle during in-climate weather.

Certified in Beef Quality Assurance procedures, truckers utilize techniques honed by years of practice to transport the cattle to Upper Iowa Beef. Given the proximity, the Slaichert cattle experience less stress in their short, one-hour trip. Less stress results in increased animal comfort and a higher quality beef experience for the consumer.

Upper Iowa Beef is honored to work with local producers such as the Slaichert family, bringing you a superior experience when it comes to your beef.