



## Producer Spotlight



### FAMILY TRADITION

Stardell Farms, Inc. is a 6th generation farm started by Hadwen Kleiss' great grandfather. Stardell used to be a dairy operation that has since transitioned into feeding 500 head of cattle. Hadwen has been farming for 70-years, and at age 90, he can't think of a better way to spend a day than caring for their cattle.

### IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CATTLE

Hadwen wants to see happy and healthy cattle - knowing that they produce the best quality beef. He prides the farm on rarely having sick animals because of their quality care. **"We love our cattle, we treat them as our friends...you will see when you walk our lots, they like us too,"** boasts Hadwen.

### AN INNOVATOR BEFORE HIS TIME

Wanting to help the environment and reduce water use on the farm, Hadwen developed an irrigation system with the City of Fredericksburg. The design utilizes a city runoff lagoon as a water source for crop irrigation.

Upper Iowa Beef is pleased to work with over 500 independent family farmers such as the Kleiss family. Their daily hard work, extraordinary cattle knowledge, and willingness to go above and beyond others to provide a superior beef eating experience are appreciated. *Upper Iowa Beef, from our family to yours.*



*Congratulations, Stardell Farms, for receiving the Beef Quality Assurance Feedlot Award, presented by The Iowa Beef Industry Council on December 21, 2021.*

