

14-year-old cattleman gets his start, hits the ground running

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Logan Fischer, 14, got his start this year in the cattle business with his recent acquisition of four first calf heifers. His short-term plans include growing his herd to help pay for FFA expenses, eventually he looks forward to taking over his father's cattle operation.

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Young Logan Fischer, 14 and an eighth-grader at Wauneta-Palisade Schools, has his future mapped out. He plans to make his future as a cattleman and he's on his way with the purchase of four first calf heifers.

"Ever since I was six, I've known I wanted to do this," Logan expressed.

Fischer's mother, Cindy, says Logan's been an animal person since he was very young. When he was just 7 or 8 they had pigs on the farm and Cindy said, "He was always out in the pen

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with them.”

He’s not afraid of the hard work it will take to make his new enterprise work either. He joyfully recites his daily routine caring for his animals.

In Fischer’s words, “Anything agricultural, I’m in.”

His parents admire his passion for animals and agriculture. “We’re impressed with how he’s always been so interested in animals. Now, it’s rewarding to see him take responsibility for his cows and follow in our footsteps,” Cindy expressed.

Fischer’s parents helped him purchase four first calf heifers in December 2012 with New Standard and Hoover Dam bloodlines.

So far, his cows have dropped three calves, which Fischer plans to keep to help grow his herd. Eventually, he wants to raise cow/calf pairs.

His father, Gordon, has been his inspiration. Fischer’s parents explained that he’s going into this endeavor seeing all sides, both the good times and trying times on his parent’s farm.

Logan applied for and received his own brand. His parents use the brand Cindy’s parents, Wayne and Sharon Raasch of Champion used while she was growing up.

“It’s heartwarming to see your kids carry on something you’ve done,” Cindy said.

When asked of his future goal, Fischer smiles and says, “I want to take over my dad’s operation.” He’s very clear, his plans are not to join his father in his endeavors, young Fischer is making plans to take over the operation, something that brought a smile to his mother’s face

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as well.

Fisher's done his homework, talking to experienced cattlemen such as Jack Maddux and Jack Fanning about their operations. He's also done work for Fanning to help him learn the trade.

Fischer plans to use the money he earns from his cattle to help with various FFA expenses when he's in high school. He's already started mapping out what it will take to earn his state and national FFA degrees.

Dan Andrews, W-P's FFA advisor, has seen Fischer watching and learning from ag producers around him and applying it to what he's learning in class.

"Logan's excited about FFA. He wants to be involved in the contests and activities FFA offers," Andrews explained.

Andrews went on to say Fischer's new cattle herd will help him qualify for Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE), which will help him qualify for State and National FFA degrees. He said Fischer's new endeavor will, "blend right in" with his FFA and future goals where he will apply what he learns.

Cindy says Logan's interest in agriculture has encouraged him to look into different colleges and the various ag programs they offer.

He plans to attend either Colorado State University, Kansas State University or Purdue. Fischer's top college pick is CSU because of their broad array of ag programs.