



2015 FNBA Young Leaders Program

The 7th group of the FNBA Young Leaders Program participated in the 2015 Five Nations Beef Alliance Conference and Tour held in Mexico on October 18-23, 2015.

This was another group of twelve bright, smart, well prepared young producers from different parts of the world that had the opportunity to share their experiences with each other and with the delegates at large.

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| 1. Blythe Calnan | Australia |
| 2. Sam Becker | Australia |
| 3. Kevin Stark | Australia |
| 4. Breeanna Kelln | Canada |
| 5. Brodie Haugan | Canada |
| 6. James Bryan | New Zealand |
| 7. Marie Timperley | New Zealand |
| 8. Andrew Jolly | New Zealand |
| 9. Cody Norton | USA |
| 10. Sarah Ryan | USA |
| 11. Manuel Lopez M. | Paraguay |
| 12. Federico Piegas | Uruguay |

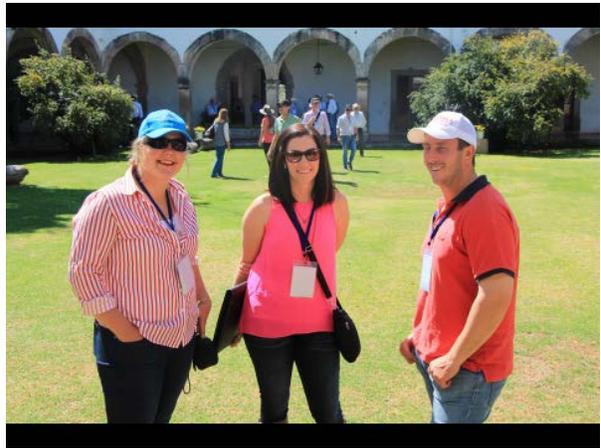
The team was coordinated by Heidi Eldridge from Cattle Council of Australia.

After an initial meeting in Durango, the young producers participated as full delegates in all the FNBA program which included:

- Opening Session
- Ranch visits in Durango:
 - La Punta
 - La Granja Ranch
 - Tres Marias Ranch
- National Angus Cattle Show
- Durango City tour
- Trip to Mazatlán, Sinaloa
- General Session
- Closing dinner

They made an outstanding presentation in the General Session ([link](#))

Photos:





Some of their testimonies:

Federico Piegas from Uruguay:

“On the program I gain the experience of how different countries are facing the challenges and opportunities within their beef industry”.

Brodie Haugan from Canada:

“I gained a better understanding of the global market place and how all countries benefit from trade and strong working relations”.

Kevin Stark from Australia wrote:

“Great material to spread amongst different youth groups helping to promote the future of the beef industry”.

Marie Timperley from New Zealand:

.....”the information I have learnt while being away, I will bring back to the youth programme's I help run as well as to my own farm community. This experience has opened my eyes to the whole scheme of beef industry, which I doubt the little producer would know”.....

Sarah Ryan from the United States said: “I was honored to attend and participate in the business meeting. Learning how our countries work together, voice opinions, respectfully disagree then resolve differences to develop “policy” for the International Beef Alliance was the part that probably did the most for my personal development. And, it inspired me to be more involved in my state and national programs”.