



## 2016 IBA Young Leaders Program

The 8th group of the IBA Young Leaders Program participated in the 2016 annual conference and tour in Lake Taupo, New Zealand on October 17-21, 2016.

Eight young participants from five countries had the opportunity to share their points of view among themselves and with the other delegates on the cattle industry challenges in their respective countries and in the global market.



1. **Kevin Stark** is from southwest Victoria, Australia where he works at his family cattle farm. Kevin also participated in the 2015 conference in Mexico.
2. **Kristy McCormack** was selected by Cattle Council of Australia to participate in this year conference. She works for the oldest organic beef company in Australia promoting their products in the domestic market as well as in Asia.
3. **Ellen Crane** came from Eastern Canada. She was born and raised in her family cattle operation in Prince Edward Island.
4. **Brett McRae** is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation cattle producer from Brandon Manitoba in Canada. For Brett this was also his second IBA conference after attending last year's in Mexico.
5. **Javier Garfio**, a young rancher from Chihuahua, Mexico, was selected by his state cattlemen's association to participate in the program. Javier raises commercial cattle for export to the United States and is initiating a register Angus herd.
6. **Marie Timperley** from New Zealand coordinated the activities of the group in this occasion. For Marie it was her second consecutive attendance. She represented her country in the 2015 conference in Mexico.
7. **Mark Murphy** also represented New Zealand. He lives and works in his family farm in the South Island.
8. **Jaclyn Wilson** represented the United States. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation rancher from Nebraska. In 2013, Jaclyn started Flying Diamond Genetics serving clients in five states.

The young leaders participated as full delegates in the program including the farm visits and the General Session where they made an outstanding presentation.

We look forward to seeing some of them again and other new young leaders in the 2017 Conference in Paraguay.



