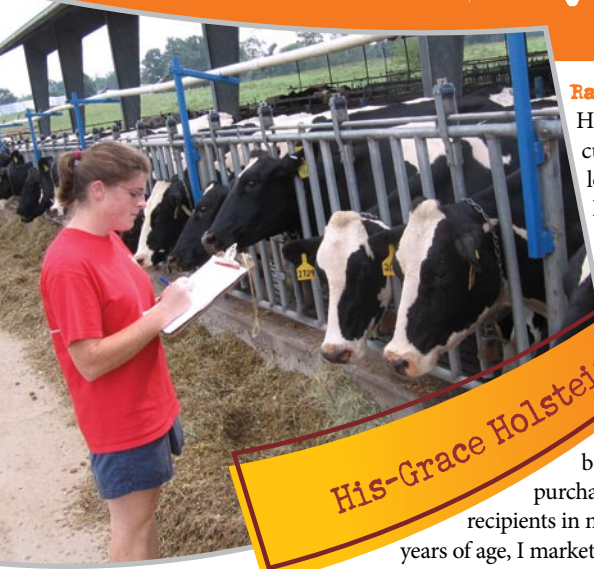


Dairying for Dollars



His-Grace Holsteins

Rachel Patrick owns and operates His-Grace Holsteins, an enterprise that custom raises commercial Holstein heifers and bulls for local dairy farmers, as well as buys and sells registered Holstein cattle.

“Through my business, I buy, raise, show, breed and market registered and commercial Holstein cattle.” Patrick said. “I raise or purchase my registered animals to show and contribute superior genetics to my herd. I market a number of animals annually by private treaty or consignment sales, allowing local dairy farmers to benefit from the superior genetics of my herd. I also purchase commercial Holstein heifers to use as embryo transfer recipients in my breeding program. When these heifers calve at two years of age, I market them to local dairyman.”

Patrick is a 2007 graduate of Putnam County High School. While in high school, Patrick was active in FFA, serving as president and vice president of the Putnam County FFA Chapter. She was named the Georgia Star Farmer in 2007, and was part of the Dairy Evaluation team that placed second nationally and eighth internationally in 2006. Patrick was awarded the State of Georgia Certificate of Merit and served her graduating class as salutatorian. She is attending South Dakota State University majoring in dairy production and plans to continue on to attend veterinary school with hopes of owning a small dairy and being a large animal veterinarian.



Rachel Patrick

- **Age:** 18
- **Putnam County FFA Chapter, Eatonton, Ga.**
- **Parents:** Bob and Marsha Patrick
- **Advisor:** Dr. D.J. Sheppard
- **Product/Service:** dairy heifers and bulls
- **Proficiency Area:** dairy production