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Mary Ellen Gibson

Maryellen was born and raised on Windpatch Farm in Tees, Alberta. She is the daughter of Bill and Lorna Gibson.

Since the age of six, she has had a flock of purebred Dorsets and Friesien Dorset ewes. Maryellen was a member of the Wild N' Woolly 4-H Sheep Club for 9 years. During this time she showcased her sheep at Northlands and many provincial sheep shows. With 4-H, Maryellen coordinated her flocks breeding program and productivity evaluations. In the last few years of her involvement, she acted as a Junior leader and mentor to younger 4-H members and shepherds.

When her family farm became involved with the RFID pilot project, she was an active participant in the implementation of the system on Windpatch Farm. As a promoter of this project, she was a guest speaker at the 2009 Symposium.

She has also assisted her mother with teaching the Shepherding 101 courses at Olds College. In 2012, Maryellen received the Loran Scholarship, an \$80,000.00 scholarship program based upon her leadership and community service in Central Alberta. Upon receiving this scholarship in Toronto, Maryellen was referred to as the "shepherd girl" and was very enthusiastic to share her farming experience with the other scholarship winners from urban backgrounds.

Currently, Maryellen is a student at the University of Saskatchewan taking a degree in International Development and often returns home for lambing and to help with deworming and vaccinating in the summers.