

Happy New Year! As we move into 2016, I have taken some time to reflect upon the last year and all it has brought to the table. As a breed, I commend each and every one of you. The name “Wagyu” is becoming more and more popular by the day and the breed itself has too. The quality in which the Wagyu breed possesses is turning heads in the cattle industry while making taste buds jump for joy. Everyone is responsible for this; replicating quality genetics, promoting the breed as a whole, and constantly pushing Wagyu in both the market place and the sale barn. The Wagyu shows have also gained ringside spectators who are only watching with excitement and gaining phenotypical knowledge as the Wagyu themselves are so very unique.

On my side of the table, this year dished me great experiences as well as tribulations. I have had the honor of meeting so many great people in the breed throughout my travels. I have also been blessed to help so many of you market and promote your cattle and breeding programs. The Wagyu breed and its breeders have brought me much joy this year and I am so very happy to have these experiences. On the other side of the table was the passing of my father whom many were considered great friends in his book. When this tragic moment happened, many of you, once again, were wonderful and all of your support, both personally and professionally, has been instrumental in getting through this year.

As this is the beginning of a new year, I want to continue to meet as many folks as passionate of the Wagyu breed as I am and also assist as many of you as I can with all of your marketing and promotional needs. I also look forward to continue to honor my father and continue what his passion and dreams have created and in continue his legacy. Along with my mother, Sherry and my husband, Matt we plan on continuing to offer you top notch service and support in all of your Wagyu endeavors. We also wish you a healthy and prosperous 2016. We are as fervent about the product of Wagyu as all of you and have a harvested Full Blood steer to make this year even better.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mercedes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial 'M'.