

## LIVESTOCK

# Inspiration for ag's future generations

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**L**IKE wind sweeping down the plain, Tammy Bartholomew is a powerful force to reckon with in the agriculture industry. Her influence spans from Missouri to Oklahoma and beyond. This dark-haired dynamo cleared the way for many girls with agricultural interests through her passion and accomplishments.

Tammy Bartholomew, then Tammy Ann Parker, was the first girl to earn a State FFA Degree from Oklahoma's Stilwell High School and its first female graduate to earn a bachelor's degree in agricultural education.

"She was a leader," says Colbert Starr, Tammy's ag teacher and FFA adviser from 1976-79. Starr recalls his standout student from more than 38 years of instructing. "Anything she did, she did it well. Tammy was an inspiration to our chapter and everyone around here."

After attending Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and Oklahoma State University, Tammy received a master's degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia. For 18 years, she taught agriculture courses in Missouri at Archie, Rich Hill and the Cass Career Center. She also served as the first female president of the Missouri

## Producer Profile

### Key Points

- Tammy Bartholomew has a passion for agriculture education.
- She has been a dedicated teacher, mother and mentor.
- She inspires female ag students to lead the next generation.

Vocational Teachers Association in 2002-03.

Bartholomew currently works as the A+ coordinator for Archie High School and teaches eighth grade exploratory agriculture and science. Her husband, Steve, is a beef merchandising specialist for MFA Health Track, commuting from Archie to his Columbia office.

### Family partnership

With their oldest daughter, Rachel, at college and Steve in high demand, Tammy and 16-year-old Hannah usually cover the farm chores at home. The two Bartholomew daughters share duties managing a beef herd of 20 cows.



**DAD-DAUGHTER TALK:** "Cattle was one of the ways I was able to connect with my dad," says Tammy Bartholomew. This photo, taken 10 years ago, is a favorite.

"Since Steve and I both have careers that extend often beyond eight-hour work days, the purpose of the herd now is to provide our daughters a way to

learn firsthand about the beef industry," Tammy explains.

Life lessons on money management, responsibility, and the value of hard

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