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I am a first generation farmer on nearly 1,000 acres, we are a mixed livestock operation with a focus on Beef Cows. We raise all our animals from birth to finish; we direct market all our products to the consumer, through our on farm store, several off farm stores and restaurants.

Wolf River Farm is located 70 km Northeast of Thunder Bay along the north shore of Lake Superior. The farm was established in 1929 by the original founding families of Dorion, alongside the breath taking canyons and majestic Wolf River. In 2013 we purchased the farm and started living our dream. From our humble beginnings with 5 cows to now around 80 head, we are a cow calf operation that goes all the way to finishing.

We are proud to raise our two sons Sheppard and Jack, in the small community of Dorion on our family owned and operated farm. We believe strongly that good beef comes from good practices that are environmentally friendly, sustainable and maintain the highest levels of animal husbandry. So much so that in 2018 we became certified in the Verified Beef Production Plus or VBP+ program. As per our website; “The VBP+ program is a way for certified operations to demonstrate and verify that they abide by the highest standards for food safety, animal care, land management and conservation, and bio security when raising their cattle.”

Since the beginning I recognized how important our story was, our practices, and maybe most importantly our impact on the environment was. We started to work on these three key issues, and built our relationship with our costumers, community and the land. We are a “Grassland Conservation Partner”, for the species at risk partnership on agricultural lands. And feel this is the single greatest challenge facing agriculture today, our image, practices and impacts on our environment are being challenged daily. Possibly for too long we have sat back and have not been as proactive as we needed to be. Moving forward id like to address the concerns the public and our government have with the agricultural sector head on. We have an amazing track record and story, we just need to share it more.