

Featured Member: USMC Veteran Jason Stamp, Ewing, Nebraska

My name is Jason Stamp. I am married 21 years to Jill. We have a 19 year old daughter, Mikayla, attending Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, and an 11 year old son, Trevor, whom I still have the joy of experiencing every day. (What a character that one is!)

I grew up on an 80 cow dairy in Northeast Nebraska. After a stint in the Marine Corps in the early 1990's, during Desert Storm, I spent 6 years in Minnesota. This is where I discovered hoof trimming. After two years of trimming in Minnesota, I moved my family back to Nebraska.

I initially became interested in trimming because I wanted to be my own boss. Now, in what seems like a blink of an eye, it is 16 years later. Hoof trimming has been good to my family and I. I am now in what I consider my twilight years of trimming. I no longer wish to trim every waking hour and every cow I can find. I cover about a 300 mile radius from Central Nebraska to Southern South Dakota and trim 8,000 to 10,000 head a year.

The dairy outlook in Nebraska is the same as most areas, I assume.

The smaller dairies are going by the wayside and the larger are getting larger. My cow numbers stay pretty steady. My area I cover just continues to get smaller as I have to let farther away customers go to accommodate the growing ones closer to home.

Hoof trimming has changed considerably in the last 16 years, as has my original layover chute. Yes, I still have my original chute with somewhere in the neighborhood of 150,000 head through it and probably half a million miles or so. I am constantly changing and improving it, adding more hydraulics, more toolboxes, and adding a shade. I have had several customers tell me that part of the "fun" of me coming is to see my most recent upgrades.

In closing, I would like to give my unsolicited and possibly unwanted advice to new trimmers.

1. You only get out what you put in.
2. SAVE your money.
3. Invest in yourself - knowledge, tools, equipment, etc.



4. Knowledge is power, the more you know the more you are worth.
5. Join the HTA, it is an invaluable resource (if nothing else, you get to hear some great stories about people like you and I).

I have hoof trimming contacts in several countries now and for a small farm boy from Nebraska and former Marine - that is pretty cool!



Stamp Family