Tamara Carter, her husband Russ and their three children run a mixed farming operation along the South Saskatchewan River near Lacadena, Sask. They crop 6,000 acres and run 200 head of commercial Black Angus cattle on 7,000 acres of native prairie grasslands.

A former Calgary resident and a University of Calgary alumnus, Tamara was transplanted by marriage to Saskatchewan in 1993. A “city girl” with no farming or ranching background, she had a steep learning curve ahead of her as she became part of a third-generation family farm. She embraced rural life with enthusiasm, along with the joys and challenges of farming and ranching.

After 27 years of constant learning within the agriculture industry, her perspective continues to be one of curiosity and excitement. Her interest in forages and research led her to the Saskatchewan Forage Council. She is currently chairing the council for a third term. She also sits on the Strategic Advisory Board of the University of Saskatchewan’s Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence. An avid horticulturalist and master gardener, Tamara can often be found outside working cattle, patching fence or pulling weeds in her many gardens.