



## Meet Kaylee Coverdale...

Kaylee was born and raised on Coverdale Farms, a sixth-generation family farm in Halton specializing in the breeding of American Quarter Horses. Kaylee was privileged to grow up surrounded by family, with her grandparents living in the farmhouse next door, and her great aunt living on a severed lot beside the farm. Kaylee attended Kilbride Public School and attributes her small class sizes and caring teachers to her academic success. In her own words "I was blessed growing up to have so many people in my rural community invested in my success as a person". Kaylee studied at the University of Guelph where she graduated in 2017 with an honours degree in applied human science, Criminal Justice & Public Policy, and an honour Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Throughout University, Kaylee worked on neighbouring farms harvesting and selling local produce, as well as herbs and flowers to consumers at the Burlington Farmers' Market. It was here that Kaylee discovered her passion for educating consumers on modern day farming practices and promoting local food. Shortly after graduating from the University of Guelph, Kaylee was hired by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. She currently holds the position of Member Service Support Representative for South Western Ontario, and loves helping farmers with on-farm issues, answering agriculture questions, and meeting farmers at tradeshows and events. Kaylee has recently become a 4-H leader for Halton 4-H and is passionate about giving back to the rural community.

