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LUCAS & BETHANY DE BRUIN

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GET TO KNOW THE DE BRUINS

Lucas and Bethany farm on the family's century farm in Oskaloosa, where they raise bison for their direct-to-consumer business, Deep Roots Bison, and grow corn, soybeans, and rye. They're passionate about conservation and partner with the Iowa Soybean Association and Iowa State University to conduct research trials. Married in 2019, they have three children: Weston, Kaisley, and Iva. Bethany, who has a background in animal nutrition, now stays home with the kids. Lucas works as a research agronomist with the Iowa Soybean Association. Bethany grew up on her family's ostrich farm and was deeply involved in 4-H and FFA, eventually earning a degree in Animal Science from Dordt College. Lucas also attended Dordt, studying Ag Business after growing up on the farm with his dad and grandpa. He returned to the farm after graduation, helping expand the operation by reintroducing livestock. Lucas has served on the County Farm Bureau board since 2018 and is a graduate of the Ag Leaders Institute Program. Both Lucas and Bethany have been active participants in the Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Conference for several years. The De Bruins enjoy spending time with family, being involved in their community, and helping connect others to agriculture.

