

## ***Employee Recognition***

### **May Birthdays**

**Office:**

**Ashley Brindle 5/11**

**Hoosierland Pork:**

**Gilberto Ayala 5/1  
Emilio Perez 5/17**

**North Fork Farms:**

**Olver Zepeda 5/11  
Deanna Gordon 5/17  
Pat Klemme 5/17  
Diana Reyes 5/25**

### **May Employee Anniversaries**

**North Fork Farms:**

**Primitivo Alconedo, 6 years  
Larry Owens, 1 year**

### **April New Hires:**

**Hoosierland Pork:**

**Alyssa Wyatt**

**North Fork Farms:**

**Samuel Livingston**

**Office:**

**Ashley Brindle**

## **Effects of COVID -19 on the livestock industry**

In the past several weeks, many packing plants have been shut down due to positive cases of the coronavirus on the plant team members. This has impacted our food supply in a negative manner, including everyone from the livestock farmer to the consumer. President Trump and his administration has recognized the impact of the food supply by this and has enacted the Defense Production Act. This will help the processing plants to get back up and running again, hoping to negate any additional adverse effects to our food supply. On April 28<sup>th</sup> Brian Martin was on the Spicer & Co program to discuss the hardship of the livestock industry during this pandemic. Feel free to search it and watch the program, [https://www.newsmaxtv.com/Shows/Spicer-and-Co/vid/0\\_utpgulwr](https://www.newsmaxtv.com/Shows/Spicer-and-Co/vid/0_utpgulwr)

As many are aware, many of our weaned pigs are shipped to finishers that market their pigs to Indian Packers Corporation. This plant was shut down to undergo testing of all of their employees and have started operations again. The good news is that we were able to work with IPC and have devised a plan to keep our weaned pigs moving out the door to the finishers.

The finishing pigs we raise ourselves continue to be marketed to Clemens Food Group in Coldwater Michigan and as of today, are still continuing to operate at close to 100%.

### **Employee Spotlight: Primitivo Alconedo**

Primitivo has been employed with Martin Family Farms for many years and plans to retire this year. We interviewed Primo to learn more about him:



**What is your favorite memory at North Fork Farms?** *I love working here, grateful for the opportunity to work here.*

**What is your favorite movie?** *Rambo*

**What are you looking forward to most when you retire?** *Resting and working on my house.*

**What are you going to do with all your free time?** *Hunt and fish, going to try and go to more festivals and go dancing. I love to dance!*