

K.B. Kinsman & Son Farm Limited

K.B. Kinsman & Son Farm Limited is owned by Keith, Michael and Diane Kinsman.

The Kinsman's have been producing beef for over 40 years. They started out with a few head, growing each year, and are currently housing approximately 400 head in their feedlot, at 1774 Hwy 358 in Port Williams, NS. They farm approximately 400 acres, growing their own feed to supply the feedlot.

The cattle are fed a ration of grass silage, corn silage and snaplage, along with cull potatoes, (they call the potatoes "opportunity feeds") which are often added to the ration when available. The cattle are fed with a TMR.

Michael Kinsman, who owns K&M Rolloff Container Services Ltd, helps out with the farm, providing a trucking service for the opportunity feeds. Additionally, he trucks the finished cattle to Atlantic Beef Products in PEI.

K.B. Kinsman & Son Farm Limited have only one full time employee – Cody Legge. He was hired on as a summer employee when he was 14, then becoming full time after graduating high school, and again after graduating from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro. Cody is a hard worker and is very dedicated to farming. He has become like a part of the family, the Kinsman's say.

Keith and Diane's 17-year-old grandson, Kameron Kinsman, who graduates from North Kings Educational Centre this year, helps out when he can – hoping one day to work full time on the farm. His future is in farming to say the least. He says "it's what I love doing – it runs in the family".

Keith Kinsman, who is the heart of the operation, is 77 years young and is still out working every day. He enjoys farming and doesn't plan to stop working for a while yet. Being a welder back in the day, he still enjoys creating useful things for the farm in the repair shop, as well as keeping the farm's equipment going.

Diane Kinsman, Keith's wife, can often be found in the house looking after the bookkeeping, out running errands or making lunch for the men at the farm.

The Kinsman say: "it is a love of what you do and the team work that makes it all come together!".