

NEXT GENERATION

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Foundational females

Skyscrapers — they are tall and bear a copious amount of weight, right? Therefore, they need a sturdy foundation to form the multiple levels where they become skyscrapers. We can take this classic engineering safety practice and turn it to all different aspects of life.

A foundation to life, academics or your cow herd can make a difference you may have never imagined could happen. I, for example, use faith as my foundation to life.

Standing on faith, my foundation is strong and able to withstand whatever may be thrown my way. This strong faith I have built my life upon has helped me become the


person I am thrilled to be.

Having a foundational female in our cow herds can do exciting things within our programs as well. The females we constantly strive to retain or make daughters of are so valuable, because they are what builds the foundation to keep the operation growing and profitable. Donors not only make up your foundation, but a

good recipient female also helps set the stage, too.

Without both types of females, our operations would not be capable of what we strive to get out of them. While we know our females are not the most dominant way to make a significant change quickly in our programs, they are still the foundation to our herds. Females provide the solid base making offspring more profitable. Our foundational females feed and help calves grow for the first six months of their lives, creating the building blocks for their future.

Each year we constantly try to find matings for the foundation to our operations to optimize returns. As we are all trying to boost our profits while doing what we enjoy, remember not every foundational female is the same.

Just like skyscrapers and your personal life, not all are the same, but each one has a solid foundation. Your foundational females to your herd may not look or be exactly like another breeder's, but if you are producing what is working for your program and keeping you profitable, set that solid foundation. 

— Kinsey Crowe

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