



Melissa Griffin is a fifth-generation dairy farmer at Clessons River Farm in Buckland, Massachusetts.

Melissa's interest in dairy started at a young age helping her parents with chores on the farm. She joined the local 4-H dairy club when she was 9 years old and developed a love for showing cows, an activity which she still participates in every summer.

She started working full-time on the farm in 2005 and took over ownership from her parents in 2021. The farm was the 2022 Green Pastures Award recipient for Massachusetts.

Melissa serves on the Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board and has been actively involved serving as a voting representative and on ALEC (Agri-Mark Legislative and Education Committee) for Agri-Mark Family Dairy Farms Cooperative. She has represented Massachusetts several times as a delegate to the National Holstein Convention and serves on the Legislative Affairs Committee for Holstein Association USA. Melissa is a strong supporter of 4-H and youth dairy programs and can often be found judging a local dairy show.

Melissa received her Bachelor of Music in Trumpet Performance from UMass Amherst and her Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Penn State and is an active performer in Western MA/Southern VT/Southern NH. Melissa lives in Buckland with her husband Adam and English Bulldog Amber.