## 2011 Herdsman of the Year - Youth Kylie Donovan



Xcaliber's Chrissy



Xcaliber's Devlin



Xcaliber's Xora

Everyone has goals when raising Holland Lops. At the end of 2010, I set the goal to earn the HLRSC Herdsmen of the Year award. It is always an honor to win a Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex of Breed due to the number of talented youth breeders that are breeding and raising awesome Holland Lops. I knew winning numerous Best of Breed/Best Opposite Sex of Breeds with many different Holland Lops would be a very large goal. Fortunately for me, my Holland Lops were up to this tall task and made it possible for me to attain this goal in 2011.

Since I have met this goal, I have now made new goals that I am hoping to reach. I am extremely proud of the Holland Lops in my barn right now but I know there is plenty of room for improvement. In evaluating my herd at the beginning of this year, I made it my goal to improve the bone in my Holland Lops. I am excited by the improvements I am seeing in my voungsters that were born this year. With each breeding, I am wishful that the next generation exceeds the quality of its parents. Holland Lops are a challenging breed. I've learned they are like a jigsaw puzzle. As soon as you get one part in place, something else no longer seems to work or fit.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me when I was starting out with Holland Lops by selling me quality animals, providing their opinions and offering me support. I have met so many wonderful people that I can now call my friends. Due to my love for the breed and the wonderful people I have had the opportunity to meet and become friends with, I am hooked to this hobby. I will keep working and striving to meet my goals in pursuit of Holland Lops that are better than past generations. I look forward to continuing on with my journey with Holland Lops and wish you all luck and best wishes in reaching your goals.

> Kylie Donovan Xcaliber Hollands



Xcaliber's Ace



Xcaliber's Gauge



Xcaliber's Cadence



Xcaliber's Charisma