



Panther Creek Farms, located in Pink Hill, NC is owned by John C. Smith, Jr. John is a man of many talents and interests. Among these are cattle producer, swine producer, CPA, hunter and family man.

John has been married to his wife, Bobbie, for 29 years. He has two daughters, Alexis who is a nurse at Vidant Hospital in Kenansville and Erica who works with John in his CPA firm. Erica and her husband Jeremy Whitfield have one daughter, Cameron Jane.



After graduating from East Carolina University in 1972, John worked in the accounting field. In 1978, he opened his own firm. The firm has accounting clients year round, but their busiest time of the year is tax season. The firm services approximately 800 clients and John's knowledge of the farming and cattle industries make him a very valuable asset in preparing tax returns.

John owns several tracts of land in the Pink Hill area, and he is actively involved in many aspects of farming. His swine production includes four finishing houses and a 1200 sow unit. But he is best known for his registered Angus cattle. His start in the cattle business began in 1989 with commercial cows. In 1993, he sold his commercial herd and began his registered Angus herd. Through his genetic selection he was able to change from a smaller frame animal to a larger frame one, was able to breed more milk into the females and thus increase the size of his calves. Currently he has 120 mature females in his herd.

John has also had several winning heifers and bulls on the North Carolina and South Carolina show circuit. KEM 322 of Woodlawn, Rosewood Apache 1084 and PCF of 365 of Skymere 022 are probably the most recognizable. Rosewood Apache was a herd sire that John used extensively and still has females with Apache influence. There are still females influenced by the old Pack Power line of Richard Putnam. The last several years John's herd sires have included Chimney Top Upward Z28, a Sitz Upward Son, whose EPD's are BW 2.1, WW 64, YW 117 and Milk 31. Another herd sire is Chimney Top CC & 7 A19, a son of CC & 7 with EPD's of BW .6, WW 59, YW 105 and Milk 31. The newest edition is EBS 6025-407, a Boyd's Forward Son with EPD's of BW 1.9, WW 50, YW 114 and Milk 22.

Panther Creek bulls have consistently been top gaining/indexing and top selling on the NC BCIP Butner Bull Test. He has also sold bulls and females in many North Carolina Angus Association sponsored sales.

John says, "I have chosen to purchase and use A-I quality sires to produce the caliber of females and bulls that we have for sale. Maternal is a must with carcass and growth being top priorities."

John is also an avid hunter and some of the places he has hunted big game are South Africa, Russia, Canada and New Zealand. John displays some trophies from his many successful hunts in his office and in a building at his home.



John Smith's involvement in agriculture and the cattle industry have led to his serving as the North Carolina Angus Association accountant, an NCAA Board member and officer. John looks forward to working with all North Carolina Angus Association members in the coming year.



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