

## North Carolina Angus Association Holds 74th Annual Meeting

The 2019 North Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting was held February 9, 2019 at the Forsyth County Agriculture Building in Winston-Salem, NC. It was a great day to learn about new innovations in the Angus industry, conduct association business, rekindle old friendships and make new ones.

The day began with attendees visiting our many tradeshow vendors to learn more about the new products and services they have to offer. A special thank you to our Allied Industry Partners: Southern States Feeds, Farm Credit Associations of NC, Merck Animal Health and ABS Global, Inc. Also thank you to the Annual Meeting sponsors: Bartlett Milling Co., Cowbuyer.com, The Dize Company, Harward Brothers & Stanly County Livestock Market / MAC Sales, LTD Farm & Garden, Mt. Airy Equipment Co., Mt. Airy Southern States, NC Cattlemen's Association, Premier Select Sires, ST Genetics, Sunset Feeds, Winston Tractor Co. and Zoetis for making the day possible. Other highlights of the event included an educational session, updates on association, auxiliary and junior business and award presentations to members for their outstanding work throughout the year.

The afternoon education seminar was presented by Kelli Retallick, Genetic Service Director with Angus Genetics Inc. Her presentation focused on Utilizing Genomics and Genetic Selection Tools to Make Progress. Our members were very engaged with Kelli in her discussion. She was able to answer their many questions on how genetic selection tools will look in the future. At the conclusion of the educational program, our event sponsors held their "meet and greet" session giving them an opportunity to discuss their products and services with the members.



Next on the agenda was the Annual Business Meeting of the NC Angus Association. Each association committee shared their annual report of activities for 2018 with the membership. The retiring NCAA board members were recognized and thanked for their three years of service to the association: Joe Hampton, Mike Moss, Bryan Redfern, Bruce Shankle and Russell Wood. New board members were nominated and elected to serve the association for the next three years. New board members are: James Britt, John Smith, Kim Starnes, Henry Vines and

Mark Wilburn. Following the membership meeting the board of directors meet to elect officer. The 2019 NCAA officers are Eugene Shuffler – President, Mike Moss - Vice President and Roy Swisher - Treasurer.

The evening banquet brought out even more members to enjoy dinner and fellowship. Several awards were presented to members during the banquet. Shuffler Farms of Union Grove received the Ira Gentry Memorial trophy for consigning the high selling lot in the 2018 Spring Fever Sale. In addition, several farms were recognized as the "judge's choice" for having the top consignments in the 2018 Spring Fever Sale. Judge's choice winners included Shuffler Farms for the fall





cow/calf pair, C Cross Cattle Company for the spring cow/calf pair, Evening Star Ranch for the open heifer and Bridges Beef Cattle for the top bred heifer.

The 2018 NC Angus Hall of Fame Award was presented to Howard Gentry of Gentry Homeplace Angus in King, NC. This award was a big surprise for Howard who has served as the Hall of Fame Committee Chairman for many years. During his years of dedicated service he found many other worthy members for the award but none were more deserving than Howard Gentry. Doug Rowell and Jim Scarlett recognized Howard for his many years of service to the NC Angus Association, from his countless hours serving on association committees, being a board member and officer to assisting with managing association sales Howard truly represents what it means to be a Hall of Fame inductee.



Many NC Junior Angus members were recognized for their outstanding achievements as well. The DeEtta Wood Leadership Award was present to Nate Bowman, Lynae Bowman and Taylor Glover for their participation in various Angus activities during 2018. Jordan O’Neill, NC Junior Angus Association Advisors, presented Charlotte Wood with her silver award from the National Junior Angus

Association. The NC Angus Auxiliary also presented their Merit Awards to several NC Junior. Outgoing President Roy Outlaw was recognized for his two years of service in guiding the association.

The evening finished up with the auction conducted by Mr. Neil Bowman. The juniors auctioned several cakes and were able to raise funds for their many activities for the coming year. The preferred spots on the NCAA Website, the ad spaces for association sales and for the select pages in the *NC Angus News* magazine were also sold. A special thank you to everyone who bid and purchased all the items to benefit the association.



Once again thank you to Eddie Leagans, Annual Meeting Committee Chairman, Roy & Teresa Swisher, Howard Gentry, Dwayne Livengood, John Brewer, Linda Hicks, April Bowman and all the other great members who helped make the day such a success.