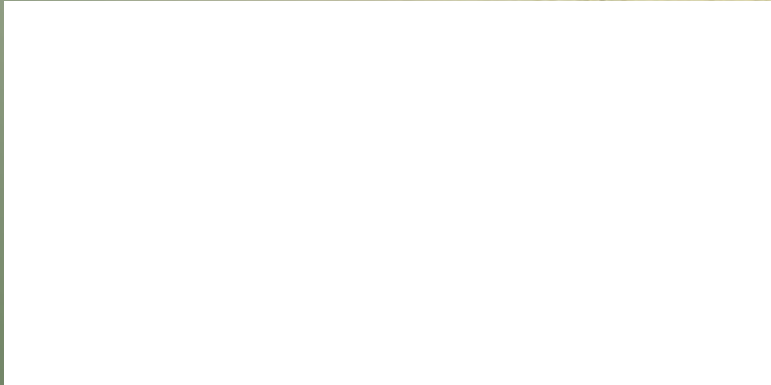


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From Sharon's Desk...

Welcome to the NC ANGUS NEWS! This is our first publication of the new magazine. Much thought and discussion went into making the decision to change the way we reach our members and Angus breed enthusiasts across our region. Any time you start a new endeavor there will be a learning curve so we hope you will send us any feedback or thoughts you might have to continue to make this publication a valuable tool for you and your customers.

A special thank you to all of our advertisers who helped make this magazine possible. Be sure to visit their stores, farms and special sales for all your cattle and farming needs.

As I write this article for the new magazine we have about eight inches of snow on the ground and some very cold temperatures! But the weatherman and the calendar assures me that SPRING is just around the corner. Which means the NC Angus Spring Fever Sale is quickly approaching. This year's sale marks the 32nd

year of this annual event and the consignments are excellent as always. So save the date on your calendar for May 2 and arrive at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville before noon so you will have time to view all the cattle and catch up with friends before the sale begins. Also be sure to visit our website www.ncangus.org to download the catalog.

For those of you wondering about the spring tours? The board of directors decided to combine the annual tours and field day into one event this year. Plans are being made for a late summer or early fall outing in western North Carolina. If you have ideas, suggestions or want to host the event at your farm please contact John Cassavaugh, field day committee chairman or myself. For those of you who enjoy attending the NC Junior Angus shows be sure to check out the junior's column which lists all their upcoming events.

It is going to be a busy spring. I hope to see you all soon.
Sharon

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President's Message

John Smith, NCAA President

As your new president I want to encourage each of you to get involved in the Association. As with any organization the more you are engaged in its activities the more it will meet your needs and benefit you. Encourage your fellow breeders to become a member of the Association. When our membership was asked why they are involved, their first response was to learn more about Angus cattle but also they chose to join for the relationships they have made with likeminded individuals who enjoy the Angus business and the cattle industry.



For those of you that attended the Annual Meeting you will agree that the afternoon program was excellent. I want to thank the Annual Meeting Committee for a job well done. Mr. Joe Hampton led a very informative panel discussion featuring speakers from all segments of the beef industry. A special thank you to Neil Bowman, Marcus Harward, Chris Jeffcoat and Tina Prevette for sharing their beef industry insight and opportunities with our members. Also, thank you to our generous sponsors who helped to support our meeting and further educate our members. I always enjoy the sponsor "meet and greet" which gives us an opportunity to learn about the various new products available for our businesses.

Spring is on the way and it is time for the Spring Sale season. The NCAA sponsored Spring Fever Sale will be held May 2, 2015. Plan to attend as a consignor, a buyer or both. This is our premier sale event and our consignors dug deep into their herds to showcase their programs. They will be offering some outstanding genetics in cow/calf pairs, bred heifers and open heifers. I hope to see you May 2nd at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville, NC at the sale.



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- MAY 2, 2015** NCAA Spring Fever Sale
Reidsville, NC
- MAY 9, 2015** Springfield Angus Production Sale
Louisburg, NC
- MAY 21 - 24, 2015** Atlantic Nationals
Timonium, MD
- MAY 30 - 31, 2015** NC Junior Beef Round-Up
Raleigh, NC
- JUNE 19 - 21, 2015** Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show
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- JULY 13 - 18, 2015** National Junior Angus Show
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- SEPTEMBER 13 - 20, 2015** ... NC Mountain State Fair
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- OCTOBER 2 - 11, 2015** Dixie Classic Fair
Winston-Salem, NC
- OCTOBER 15 - 25, 2015** NC State Fair
Raleigh, NC
- NOVEMBER 7, 2015** NCAA Down East Sale
Clinton, NC
- DECEMBER 1, 2015** Eastern Carolina Cattlemen's Conference
Clinton, NC
- DECEMBER 18, 2015** NCBCIP Butner Bull Test Sale
Oxford, NC

NORTH CAROLINA ANGUS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Sharon Rogers, NCAA Executive Secretary

The 2015 North Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting was held in January at the Forsyth County Agriculture Building in Winston-Salem, NC. It was a great day to conduct association business, see old friends, make new ones and learn about some of the newest innovations in the beef industry.

The day began bright and early with a NCAA Board of Directors meeting. The various association committee reports were shared with the board and many plans were made for the upcoming year. One of the most exciting changes coming in 2015 will be the introduction of the North Carolina Angus News magazine. The board made a unanimous decision to update its membership communication utilizing the new magazine to replace the existing handbook and newsletter currently produced. Look for the first edition to be out in the late spring of 2015.

A special recognition to our meeting sponsors for their support of the day's events: ABS Global, American Angus Hall of Fame, COWBUYER.com, Farm Credit Associates of NC, Igredion Inc., Kings AgriSeeds, Mid Atlantic Cattle Sales, Harward Brothers & Stanly County Livestock Markets, NC Cattlemen's Association, Pasture Management, Performance Livestock & Feed Co., Select Sire Power, Sink Farm Equipment, Southern Farm Supply, Southern State Coop., Sunset Feeds, Wood Angus and Zoetis. The NCAA would like to thank those sponsors for exhibiting and for sharing information about their products and services with our membership.



Joe Hampton introduces the seminar panel: Neil Bowman, Tina Prevatte, Chris Jeffcoat and Marcus Harward

The afternoon educational program proved to be very enlightening for the audience. A distinguished panel of industry experts discussed the many marketing options

available to beef producers today. Mr. Joe Hampton, NCDA&CS, kicked off the conversation by discussing the need for producers to realize we are experiencing a special time in the beef industry with record low numbers and record high prices. He then introduced each of the panelists and asked them to explain their role in the North Carolina beef industry. Chris Jeffcoat, Regional Manager with the American Angus Association, talked about the options for east coast producers' participation with Certified Angus Beef programs. He wanted members to realize we do face some added challenges due to the lack of feed yards in our area and the need to utilize CAB processors to receive the certification through USDA. One option he did offer was the grouping of cattle, shipping and selling them as a uniform offering to be retained by the owners through the feeding and harvesting phase. He also gave a brief overview of his family's experience in the local "freezer beef" business and how it helped them to utilize resources they already had on their farm to produce and market the fat cattle.

Marcus Harward with Mid-Atlantic Cattle Sales, Stanly Co. and Harward Brothers Livestock Market discussed the need for southeast producers to have more uniformity in their calves. He emphasized the need for larger calves, not necessarily taller calves, but calves that will grow and develop to a heavier end weight thus producing a heavier carcass with more pounds of beef. He told the group following good management practices like castration, vaccination, proper bull selection and a defined breeding season are just some of the ways calf uniformity can be achieved.

Tina Prevatte, Co-CEO with Firsthand Foods, a beef and pork aggregator in Durham, NC, spoke to the group about their business. Firsthand Foods buys fat cattle and cull cows from producers who follow their on-farm production protocols for management. Some of their protocols include no feed through antibiotics, no growth promoting implants, limited feeding along with pasture based finishing. The beef is then sold to restaurants and retail outlets in the triangle and surrounding areas. Tina emphasized the Firsthand program began giving producers feedback on the carcass quality of their animals during the early stages of their business to help ensure a more consistent beef eating experience for their customers. They feel it is important to share information with both their customers and their producers. Tina also stated they really like to work with producers who have Angus genetics in their calves.

Neil Bowman, NCDA&CS, discussed the desire for cattle feeders to know the genetic makeup of the calves they

Annual Meeting...

are purchasing. With the high price for each animal, feeders are looking for a "history" to back up the calves they purchase and feed.

Bryan Blinson, NC Cattlemen's Association Executive Director, commended the entire panel for their work in the various segments of the industry and recognized each one was very important. He also emphasized that we must continue to communicate our positive beef message to the consumer who ultimately drives our industry.

One final comment from Joe Hampton really stuck with the crowd. He said commercial cattle producers are having to pay a much higher price for an Angus bull today and those producers will certainly expect more from that higher priced bull than they did from the bulls they bought just a few years ago, so be sure you are selling them the right bulls. At the conclusion of the presentations the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions and a very lively discussion continued.



2015 NCAA Officers & Board: (front row) President John Smith, Treasurer Linda Hicks, Executive Secretary Sharon Rogers, Vice President Roy Outlaw; (second row) NCJAA President Cara Smith, Brooke Harward, Wells Shealy, Eddie Leagans, Bill Teague; (third row) William Leatherman, Stan Tennant, Randy Jones, Eugene Shuffler, Ben Winslow, Kim Starnes

Next on the day's agenda was the Annual Business Meeting of the NCAA. Committee reports were shared with the membership and they were informed about the new membership magazine for 2015. The retiring NCAA board members were recognized and thanked for their three years of service to the Association: Steve Grady, Eddie Leagans, Henry Vines, Stephen Watson and Jeffrey Wood. New board members were nominated and approved by the membership to begin their service immediately: Eddie Leagans, David Gragg, Brooke Harward, Eugene Shuffler and Mark Wilburn. Following the membership meeting the board met once again to elect officers. The 2015 NCAA officers will be John Smith - President, Roy Outlaw - Vice President and Linda Hicks - Treasurer.

The evening banquet brought out even more members for fellowship and to learn more about the Angus breed. Chris Jeffcoat, American Angus Association Regional Manager, gave a year in review report for the activities of the American Angus Association and its successes throughout the year. Roy Swisher, 2014 NCAA President, then recognized Suzanne Brewer and thanked her for her



President Roy Swisher presents a special thank you gift to former NCAA Executive Secretary Suzanne Brewer for her many years of dedicated service

many years of dedicated service to the NC Angus Association and its members. John Barnes received the Ira Gentry Memorial trophy for consigning the high selling lot at the 2014 Spring Fever Sale. The NC Angus Auxiliary then announced the winners of "The Cows Hate Cancer" silent auction to benefit DeEtta Wood. The auxiliary raised almost \$5,000 from the auction and it was all possible due to the generosity of the NCAA membership. The evening finished up with the fun and ever entertaining auction conducted by Stanley Smith. The Auxiliary and the juniors auctioned several items including cakes, gift baskets and a hunting trip. A special Angus print was purchased by the Harward Sisters to benefit the William



Mike Moss presents the Ira Gentry Memorial trophy to John & Emily Barnes for consigning the high selling lot in the 2014 NCAA Spring Fever Sale

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Retiring NCAA board members Jeffrey Wood, Henry Vines, Stephen Watson and Eddie Leagans were recognized for their three years of service



Eddie Leagans presents Roy Swisher with a plaque for his dedication and hard work as the 2013-14 NCAA President

M. Sanders Scholarship for NC Angus juniors. Then the auction cranked up for the preferred spots on the NCAA Website, the Back Cover of the Spring Fever Catalog and for the select pages in the upcoming new magazine. A special thank you to everyone who bid and purchased all the items to benefit the association.

Thank you to Eddie Leagans, Annual Meeting Committee Chairman, Roy & Teresa Swisher, April Bowman and all the other great members who helped make the day such a success.

Steeple Creek Angus Farm *a Real Family Operation*

By: Sharon Rogers, NCAA Executive Secretary



It was a sunny and windy Sunday afternoon when I visited Steeple Creek Angus Farm located in the southern Guilford County town of Pleasant Garden. But all of the Smith Family was out and about working with their cattle on the farm.

Craig and Elaine Smith, along with their children Cara and Thomas and Craig's father, Jim, are somewhat new to the purebred Angus business, purchasing their first registered female in 2011 from EBS Farms, but they are not letting that hold them back. Craig grew up on the 125 acre

farm in Pleasant Garden and he says they have always had cows. As a kid his family grew produce and raised cattle. Today there is no produce but lots of cattle. They keep most of the registered Angus cattle and show animals on the home farm and lease other pasture in the area for their commercial cows.

What brought the change to the makeup of their cattle herd? Well, it was Cara and Thomas and their desire to be involved in learning more about the cattle industry and showing. They began their show careers at the Central Piedmont

Junior Livestock Show in 2011 by exhibiting cattle and a few goats from their farm. Craig said luckily the need to have goats faded quickly and the kids wanted to get more involved with cattle. Since that first experience, Cara and Thomas have continued to exhibit at that show and they have certainly expanded their Angus activities in a very short time.

Currently they are show-

ing in several events all across NC and the nation. Some of the shows include the Cape Fear Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit, The Clover Classic, NC Junior Beef Round Up, NC State Fair, NC Junior Angus State Show, Angus Eastern Regional and the Angus Junior Nationals in 2013 and 2014. They have had lots of success in their short show careers, for example in 2013 and 2014 they received the Herdsman Award at the NC State Fair. Both are also excellent showman. Thomas was reserve intermediate on the showmanship circuit for 2014 and Cara was intermediate reserve champion at the NC State Fair. They exhibited cattle and participated in many of the other contests at the 2013 and 2014 National Junior Angus Shows.

A quick glance into their show barn and you can see why they have been so successful. This family doesn't mind working. I think I counted fourteen heifers and a few steers they were preparing for the 2015 show season. Craig says both Cara and Thomas catch and feed all the show animals before and after school each day during show season in addition to all the other tasks required to get the animals ready for show. Thomas said it was a good thing they had lights in the barn. For all their hard work, Cara and Thomas were both awarded the National Junior Angus Association's Bronze and



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NCAA PREPARES FOR THEIR 32ND SPRING FEVER SALE

Mark Wilburn, 2015 Spring Fever Sale co-chairman

Plans are underway for the North Carolina Angus Association's Spring Fever Sale at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville on Saturday, May 2, 2015. This annual sale showcases Angus genetics from leading breeders in North Carolina and surrounding areas. Angus enthusiasts gather each year to view and purchase progeny from leading sires of the Angus breed. It's also a time to come together and socialize with fellow Angus breeders.

The Spring Fever Sale is known as the showcase for fall pairs with fancy heifer calves, where you can purchase the heifer with cutting edge genetics or the proven dam bred for another calf. There also is a group of outstanding bred and open heifers to choose from. This sale has become a source for the heart of many Angus herds in the southeast. Offering elite genetics all the way down to good Mama cows, born and bred in North Carolina.

Items will be donated with proceeds to benefit the North Carolina Junior Angus Association as they plan for the busy summer show season and other activities throughout the year. The North Carolina Angus Auxiliary will also have items for auction to benefit their activities.

Consignors are digging deep into their herds to offer some of their top cattle for this sale. We will have a great selection of fall cow/calf pairs, spring cow/calf pairs, bred heifers and open heifers. We will once again have heifers that have qualified for the NC Elite heifer program. We also have a pregnancy consigned with a choice for the sire.

Most of the females in this sale are influenced either by their pedigree, by the calf at their side or by the calf they're carrying by some of the most prominent industry leading sires.

Watch for your sale catalog in the mail and the catalog should be posted on our website (www.ncangus.org) by early April. If you're not on our mailing list, please give the office a call at 336-599-8750 or send an email to ncaa.sec@gmail.com and we would be happy to add you to our mailing list.

Please contact any member of the 2015 Spring Fever Sale committee: Mark Wilburn @ 336-953-0521; Brent Scarlett @ 336-629-5400; Daniel Wall @ 828-502-9117; Joe French @ 336-349-8347; Randall Smith or Mike Moss with any questions you might have.

Mark your calendars, and come be a part of this year's Spring Fever Sale the first Saturday in May, May 2, 2015. The cattle industry is the strongest it has ever been with a future that is even brighter. The genetic packages offered on May 2nd will make your operation more profitable in the future.

Cattle prices have continued to climb the last few years and we as producers hope they will continue that climb, the cattle industry has never been better! The genetics of the Angus cattle consigned to this year's Spring Fever Sale will carry you into a brighter future. We hope you will make plans to join us on Saturday, May 2nd at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville.

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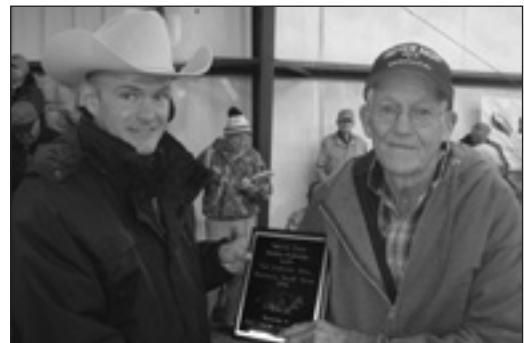
ANGUS BULLS - NC BCIP Bull Test

The Angus bull consignments for the NC BCIP Bull Test and Sales once again performed and sold very well in both the Butner and Waynesville locations.

Top performing Angus bull at the Butner bull test and sale was consigned by Bobby Aldridge and family of Oakview Farms in Yanceyville, NC. The Aldridge's Lot 5 bull was a September WHS Limelight 64V son from a Connealy Lead On dam. He had outstanding EPDs for growth and finished the test weighing 1,508 pounds. The high-selling Angus bull in the Butner sell was Lot 48, consigned by Panther Creek Farms of Pink Hill, NC. A Mytty In Focus son from a SAV 8180 Traveler 004 cow sold for \$5,300. Thirty-nine Angus bulls were sold in the sale with an average of \$3,735.

A standing-room-only crowd packed the WNC Regional Livestock Center for the first Waynesville Bull Test Sale to be held in the new facility. It was a great location for the sale. The bulls were all penned individually giving buyers plenty of opportunities to look over all the consignments. High performing Angus bull in the Waynesville test and sale was Lot 1 consigned by BGS Farms of Piney Flats, Tennessee. The Lot 1 bull was a TC Candid 161 son out of a Bon View New Design 1407 cow. His EPDs placed him in the top 1/3 of the breed for weaning and yearling weight. Buddy Hamrick of H&H Farm, Boiling Springs consigned Lot 12, the high-selling Angus bull to the test. Lot 12 is a very high performing Sitz Upward 307R son from a TC Total 410 dam who sold for \$7,000. Not far behind was the \$6,700 second high-selling bull from Gordon Brothers Farms of Kings Mountain, Lot 9, an S Chisum 6175 son from a SAV Final Answer 0035 female. The eighteen bulls sold in the sale averaged \$4,465.

Thank you to Gary Gregory, the staff at each of the research stations and everyone else involved in the development of the bulls.



Chris Jeffcoat, AAA Regional Manager, presents Bobby Aldridge the plaque for consigning the high performing Angus bull to the Butner Bull Test.



Homer Stout of BGS Farms receives the plaque for high performing Angus bull in the Waynesville Bull Test from Sharon Rogers.



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Embrace the Unexpected

Being involved with the American Angus Auxiliary sparked a lifelong passion for Cortney Holshouser of Castalia, N.C.

by Jena McRell, digital editor

Cortney Holshouser will tell you her husband, Karl, isn't the best teacher.

It was the summer of 2003, and the couple had been dating about a year when he persuaded her to show a heifer at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky. Cortney remembers stepping onto the green chips and into the bright lights, suddenly terrified at the grandeur of the showing.

Her nerves went into overdrive.

She had made her cattle-showing debut only a few weeks prior at a couple of county fairs and the Atlantic Nationals — which seemed like little league compared to the national stage she found herself entering that day.

"When Karl asked me if I'd be interested in showing, I said, 'Sure, I'll show a cow.' I had no idea what I was doing, but I did it anyway," Cortney says with a laugh. "He was not a good teacher, and I had my share of embarrassing moments, but I guess everything happens for a reason."

Looking back now, that intimidating trip around the NJAS showing was a prelude to what would become Cortney's sincere passion for the Angus breed and its people. Over the next decade, she would serve as a volunteer advisor for the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, in officer positions for the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary and at the helm of the American Angus Auxiliary.

An unexpected dream turned into reality.

While she always knew she wanted to be involved in agriculture, cattle weren't part of that equation. Cortney's family grew tobacco in eastern North Carolina, and before meeting Karl she'd never been around livestock. They met at North Carolina State University (NC State), where they both graduated in 2004. Two years later, they married and started their lives together on the farm.

Angus cattle, of course, were an essential part of the deal.

The Holshouser family has been raising Angus cattle for about 25 years, and Karl



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► "I've always had a sense of not just being a member of something. I have always felt like I need to be involved and make a difference," says Cortney Holshouser, a North Carolina native and past president of the American Angus Auxiliary.

joined the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) when he was 8 years old.

Today, the couple travels with a small show string of cattle and manage an approximately 120-head seedstock operation in Castalia, N.C., as well as offer custom embryo transfer work.

"Our life together is definitely not what I would have imagined," Cortney says, "but I honestly wouldn't want it any other way. I would not trade it for anything."

While attending her first NJAS, Cortney says she was amazed at all the contests and activities for Angus youth.

Much more than a cattle show, the week's events offered impressive life-skills competitions that set juniors up for future success. Since 2003, she hasn't missed an NJAS.

"You don't realize the tradition of the junior show, and how families plan their summer around the event. It is their vacation — and now that's the same for me," Cortney says. "It's my most anticipated week of the year. That first year, I didn't know that I'd ever go back, but I couldn't imagine missing it now."

She and Karl served as advisors to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association for a couple of years, working with the youth and traveling to events, such as the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference. Through these experiences, Cortney was able to fully understand the opportunities presented to junior members in the Angus breed.

Finding her place

Martha Holshouser, her mother-in-law, purchased Cortney's first membership to the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary in 2004. She was immediately impressed with the group's enthusiasm for the Angus breed and its future generations.

Even though she did not grow up in the business, Cortney says she was extended a warm welcome by the American Angus Auxiliary and given the chance to share her talents within the volunteer organization. Throughout the next 10 years, she served in a number of leadership positions, both on the state and national level.

At the American Angus Auxiliary's Annual Meeting in November 2014, she retired as the organization's president.

"I've always had a sense of not just being a member of something. I have always felt like I need to be involved and make a difference," Cortney says. "I wanted to be involved with the Auxiliary because I felt very strongly about their mission, and I wanted to be



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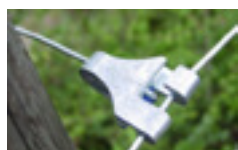
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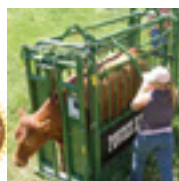
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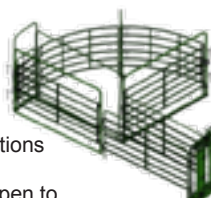
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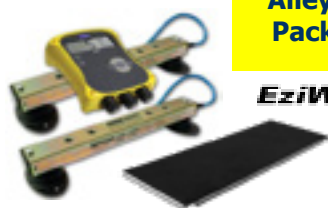


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► Cortney Holshouser (left) passes the gavel to Lynne Hinrichsen, who was elected president of the American Angus Auxiliary at its November 2014 Annual Meeting.



► Handing out awards at the NJAS is a favorite for Cortney, pictured here with the Association's director of events and education, Jaclyn Upperman.

involved in giving opportunities to Angus youth."

A gracious and humble leader, Cortney has accomplished many goals for the Auxiliary and its members during her years

of service. Her favorite, she says, is when young women approach her about being involved in the Auxiliary because they are inspired by the group's mission.

Each year, the American Angus Auxiliary conducts fundraising activities to support youth scholarships, hosts educational programs for their members, and provides opportunities for Angus women to connect and get to know one another.

Whether it's the Angus Gift Barn, showcasing trendy cattle merchandise to purchase, or the biannual "Women Connected" conference, which brings together women from across the country, the Auxiliary remains one of the Angus breed's best ambassadors. Cortney says that friendly atmosphere is what has kept their membership growing through the years.

"When I first became involved, I was completely out of my comfort zone. My biggest advice to anyone is don't be intimidated. If you feel strongly about what we — or any other organization — are doing, come join us. We like to have fun and accomplish a lot at the same time."

That sentiment holds true for any industry organization or group cattle

producers might be interested in joining. Find a cause you are passionate about, and join with others who share in your goals. Together, you'll accomplish much more than you can separately.

Strength in numbers

Cattle farming and ranching can be a fairly isolated occupation.

One of the greatest benefits of being involved with the American Angus Auxiliary, Cortney says, is the ability to share experiences with women who have similar lifestyles.

"We are all very different, but still the same, and Angus cattle are what binds us," Cortney says. "The best conversations we have together are about everyone's different takes on the business — what works for them, how the calves are looking, that sort of thing. We are a pretty integral part of the industry, and it's nice to share something like that with others like you."

Those conversations play out in the stands at the NJAS, in the barns at regional shows, the Auxiliary's annual meetings, and at cattle sales and events throughout the country. Knowing that you aren't alone in your goal of producing quality beef, and relying on others for advice and expertise can make a significant impact on how you approach your business.

"I feel so passionately about the Auxiliary and our members, it just carries over to what I do on the farm," Cortney says. "It makes you want to work that much harder to have something sustainable for the future generations to be able to enjoy."

Organizations also bear the responsibility of helping protect the industry against future hardships and challenges. For the American Angus Auxiliary, Cortney says they spend a lot of time focused on consumer misconceptions about beef. Their group's demographics parallel those making a majority of the purchase decisions, and they have a great opportunity to educate others about the wholesomeness of beef.

One way they work together to do that is by hosting the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off each year during the NJAS.



► Recognized for her year's service as president of the American Angus Auxiliary, Cortney Holshouser was joined by several North Carolina Angus friends at the Auxiliary's annual breakfast in Kansas City. Pictured (from left) are Alton Holshouser, Patty Harward, Catherine Harward, Martha Holshouser, Karl Holshouser, Cortney Holshouser, Christy Perdue, Carol Perdue, Elaine Scarlett, Clay Perdue and Jane Ebert.

The competitions encourage Angus youth to become well-versed in beef cuts, cooking flavorful meals and preparing creative presentations that resonate with consumer audiences.

"It's our hope that by supporting the Cook-Off and other youth scholarships that we are investing in future advocates for our industry and helping ignite a passion for sharing the importance of cattle farming and ranching," Cortney says.

Even though she did not grow up showing at the NJAS or competing in the Cook-Off, Cortney has witnessed firsthand the impacts such experiences can have on the beef

industry's future leaders. She has awarded scholarships to outstanding young men and women who will make great contributions to the Angus breed, and she has rallied the efforts of the volunteer leaders who make those funds possible.

After leading her heifer into the ring at the 2003 NJAS, Cortney would've never guessed what lay ahead of her in the Angus community. By stepping outside her comfort zone, she was greeted with many opportunities to make a difference and establish friendships that will last a lifetime.

She may not have grown up with Angus cattle, but Cortney now considers herself a

"lifer" in the American Angus Auxiliary and the American Angus Association.

Cortney treasures the opportunity to build relationships with others who feel as strongly about the organization as she does, and who have the same goals and are willing to work just as hard to provide opportunities to youth.

Says Cortney, "In all honesty, the friendships that you make in this industry ... you just can't put a price on that."



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Steeple Creek Angus Farm

Silver Awards in 2015 for their activities within the breed. Cara was just elected to serve as the President and Queen of the NC Junior Angus Association. They both attend Vandalia Christian School in Greensboro, where Cara is in the tenth grade and Thomas is in the eighth grade. They are also in the Go Getters and Guilford County 4-H Livestock Clubs.

The foundation females of their purebred Angus herd are the show heifers they have purchased from influential Angus breeders across the state and the NC Angus Spring Fever Sale. Now many of their show heifers are in production and they are exhibiting some calves they have raised themselves. Cara and Thomas now have about 10 purebred cows each. They look at the production data, EPDs and phenotype of each of these females when deciding which bulls to utilize in their AI program. They individually match each female with a bull that will compliment her EPDs and enhance her overall phenotype the best. Apparently this leads to some interesting discussions between Thomas and his dad when it comes time to select bulls. Some of the genetics of their foundation females include: Hoover Dam, SydGen CC&7, Final Answer, Net Worth, Woodhill Foresight and TC Total 410.

They AI all their heifers and purebred Angus cows. The females are synchronized using the seven day CIDR protocol with time breeding all the females for the first AI. Those not con-

ceiving on first AI are watched for standing heat and AI'd for a second time. They have two outstanding registered Angus bulls from C-Cross Cattle Company and EBS Farms they use to follow up after their AI. Purebred Angus females will begin calving in late October and early November to allow for two years of exhibiting the heifer calves.

The commercial herd is bred for winter calves. They utilize both Angus bulls and SimAngus bulls on these cows. So starting in January they are busy catching and processing all the calves at birth, including castrating all the bull calves. They wean the commercial calves in late October, utilize the Zoetis WeanVAC program, precondition them and sell both the steers and the heifers in Mid Atlantic Cattle Sales auctions. They have had great success working with their neighbors to group calves together for truck load lots for the video sales.

Starting in 2012, Elaine began to develop a "freezer beef" business for the farm. She has found it to be a successful additional enterprise. The beef marketing is mainly done by word of mouth and they are starting to get several repeat customers. She sells quarters as well as individual cuts of beef to local consumers in the Pleasant Garden and Greensboro area. The development of this market has been an outlet for their outlier calves that may not fit into the truck loads and for heifers that may not breed. They also began selling some finished steers to Firsthand Foods in 2014. Firsthand Foods is a Durham, NC based food aggregator that works with farmers to sell locally grown beef and pork products into foodservice and retail

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One of their favorite cows purchased from Bobby Aldridge, Miss Oakview Final Answer, just calved on January 17. Luckily Pawpaw was home to tag the calf since the rest of the family was at the NC Angus Association Annual Meeting.

outlets in the triangle area. The cattle they sell to Firsthand Foods must be raised and finished based on a strict production protocol.

Last year they began using the HD50K technology to test their Angus bull calves' genetic potential. Even though they did not have a huge number of bull calves, the genomic enhanced EPD information they received from the test served as an additional tool to help them determine which bulls will be kept and which bulls will become steers. They are just beginning to have bulls to sell from their farm and for the first time in 2014 they marketed a bull in the Southeast Bull Expo and the Stanly Select Bull Sale in 2015. They hope to continue to grow their bull market.

After spending a few hours with the Smith family you can see they are committed to the Angus breed and all the wonderful programs it offers. They are especially grateful to all the great people who have helped them learn more about the breed and who work hard to support all of the junior programs. There is no doubt they will continue to utilize all the new technologies available to help them produce the best cattle for their farm, the consumer and the show ring as they continue to expand their Angus herd.



A group of cows at Steeple Creek Farm



North Carolina Junior Angus Association

NC ANGUS JUNIOR NEWS

North Carolina Angus juniors gathered together in January to have their Annual Meeting at the same time as the NCAA Annual Meeting. The juniors conducted their business meeting, installed new officers, participated in a parliamentary procedure workshop, went bowling, and attended the NCAA banquet to recognize their boosters and supporters. The annual meeting is always a great

time for the juniors to come together and discuss plans for the upcoming year and plan for any shows or events that the association wants to attend. Some of the highlights of the meeting are below. The complete version of the NCJAA Annual Meeting minutes are available at ncangus.org/juniors



NEW OFFICERS

2015 NC Junior Angus Association officers: (front row) Mary Elaine Wood- Eastern Director & Sweetheart and Ava Wood-Sweetheart; (second row) Mattie Harward-Central Director, Marcie Harward-Reporter & Princess and Lynae Bowman-Central Director; (third row) Cara Smith-President & Queen, Jay Cassavaugh-Treasurer, Zac Coffey-Western Director, Justin Wood-Vice President. Some officers are not pictured



NEW ROYALTY

Congratulations to Mary Elaine Wood and Ava Wood who were selected as the first NC Angus Sweethearts!



2014 BOOSTERS

Thank you to all the boosters who contributed to the juniors this past year. We could not have accomplished so many things without your help!

We hope you were able to attend our 2015 NCJAA State Show in Greensboro, NC. Thank you to all of the sponsors and supporters of the show. Results will be posted in the Summer Issue.

Upcoming Events

WNC Spring Fling, **April 17-19**, Fletcher, NC
 Atlantic National, **May 21-24**, Timonium, MD
 NC Junior Beef Round-Up, **May 29-31**, Raleigh, NC
 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, **June 19-21**, Lewisburg, WV
 National Junior Angus Show, **July 13-18**, Tulsa, OK



North Carolina Junior Angus Association

In Memory of Cory Watt, NJAB Chairman

With heavy hearts, the Angus community remembers one of its brightest young leaders.

It is with deepest regrets that the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and American Angus Association® announce the passing of Cory Watt of Iva, S.C., following a prolonged battle with cancer. A lifelong Angus breeder, Watt was halfway through his term as chairman of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). He was a faithful steward of Angus cattle and a positive role model for Angus youth nationwide.

At the time of his death on Thursday, Feb. 19, he was surrounded by friends and family who loved him dearly and found inspiration in his life. He is survived by his parents, Jody and Rebecca Watt, and his sister, Carly. A celebration of life service took place Sunday, Feb. 22 at the First Baptist Church of Iva, S.C.

Watt, 22, had graduated from Clemson University in December 2014, where he received a degree in animal and veterinarian science, and focused on agriculture business. A member of the NJAA since 2000, Watt encouraged youth and adults alike with his selfless leadership and the enduring strength reflected throughout his life.

The Angus family will miss him greatly. To continue Watt's life passion for the Angus breed and its future generations, the family has established the Cory Watt Memorial Endowment Fund through the Angus Foundation. You may contribute online through the Angus Foundation's website. Please indicate the Cory Watt Memorial Endowment Fund in the comments section. You can also contribute by mail to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506.

While he is no longer with us, Cory Watt will remain an inspiration and his memory will be honored in the NJAA and the American Angus Association for generations to come.

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You may contribute to the Angus Foundation at

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Be sure to comment it is for the Cory Watt Memorial Endowment Fund.

Cara Smith and Thomas Smith Earn Junior Bronze and Silver Awards

Cara Smith and Thomas Smith, Pleasant Garden, N.C., have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Cara, the 15-year-old daughter of Craig & Elaine Smith, attends Vandalia Christian School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, where she has served as secretary, central director and royalty. Thomas also attends Vandalia Christian School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, where he has served as reporter and central director.

Cara has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Cara participated in photography, graphic design, creative writing, team fitting, livestock judging and quiz bowl contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. She also served as a voting delegate in 2014. Cara has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and has consigned cattle at the Southeast Bull Expo and Sale.

Thomas has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Thomas participated in photography, graphic design, creative writing, extemporaneous speaking, team fitting, livestock judging and quiz bowl contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. Thomas has also submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).



Thomas and Cara Smith receive their Bronze and Silver Awards from Chris Jeffcoat, American Angus Association Regional Manager.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

The NJAA promotes the involvement of young people in raising Angus cattle, while also providing leadership and self-development opportunities for the nearly 6,000 active members nationwide.

NOW and THEN: Memories and Thoughts on the NCAA and the Angus Business...

By Bette Laursen, N.C. Angus Association Executive Director, 1988 - 1996
Co-Owner and Manager of Goose River Farm, Oxford, North Carolina

Memory of the exact occasion evades me, but in the 80's I attended my first event as NCAA Executive Director. I do remember that it was a cattle show, maybe 4-H, maybe county fair, the show already in progress when I arrived. In the ring, was a small slim youngster leading a much larger Angus heifer, confidence and determination in her walk, and I have remembered that girl ever since. She hasn't grown a lot physically but, boy, she has grown in leadership and abilities.

Now she is heading up the NCAA with that same confidence, determination, and all her acquired skills. Her name is Sharon Rogers. Congratulations to the NCAA!

Memories...what a good time I have had in the cattle business.

Our introduction to the cattle business began in 1980 when Doan told me I needed to take a year off from the teaching I loved. Exhausted I surely was; teaching four classes of Chemistry and one of Physics at Webb High School was a big load and I reluctantly agreed to a year's break.

Five years before, we had purchased 80 mostly wooded acres of land and my dream home: a farmhouse built in the 1840's. From childhood, "farm" was an enchanted word to this city girl and still is.

Now I had time to spend on *our farm*.

"You could raise Holstein steer calves," said Charlie Gantt, Granville County Livestock Agent. He gave me a fistful of literature and told me to go over to NCSU to see the folks in the Dairy Science Department for more information.

"Now don't get but two or three calves to start with because they aren't easy to raise," he cautioned.

Six or seven weeks later, Charlie visited our farm and all 36 of my Holstein calves were thriving, as was I! Over the next couple of years, I raised hundreds of dairy calves, selling them at about 500 pounds; and truly it was one of the best experiences I could have had for learning about cattle diseases, treatments, signs of health and signs of sickness, choices of feeds, and handling cattle.

But it was hard to make a dollar with Holstein calves.

The esteemed and now late Robert Davis, manager of the internationally known dairy at the Masonic Children's Home in Oxford, kindly answered each of my questions as I learned. One day he told me, "You need to raise registered Angus cattle. I know someone who does and he's making some money."

That was all I knew when I bought my first two beautiful wonderful registered Angus cows, older cows to learn on, from well-known, highly regarded cattleman Jim Smith at Janastci near Butner. Robert Davis told me that to be competitive I needed to learn AI and that a Select Sires workshop was soon to be held near Oxford that I could go to in order to learn.

I went.

Never having seen AI work done and hardly ever, if ever, having touched a mature cow, I was shaking and not only from the cold! I waited for instructions under the breezy shed where about 20 huge black and white Holstein cows milled around.

"Catch yourself a cow and tie her up," said the leader.

The other "students" began to grab halters and tie up their choice of cow, but I stood there with my heart in my throat and panic on my face.

"Do you want me to catch a cow for you?" a sturdy coverall clad young woman said. (My age at that time being about 45, I must have seemed ancient to her.)

"Yes, yes, please!"

To shorten this story, let me just tell you that after getting over the shock of finding out that I had to put my arm in the cow all the way to my shoulder and getting kicked so hard I fell over backward, I passed the course and enjoyed breeding cows for our herd and other herds until 2001.

And I never went back to teaching.

Every fall in the 80's the American Angus Association published a printed Sire Summary. Breeders awaited the book with great anticipation because here was the data that would determine the direction of their herd. When the thick book about 18 by 12 inches in size arrived in the mail at Goose River Farm, it became a fixture on the dining room table for weeks. Each evening I pored over the pages, studying the bulls, their maternal traits and growth traits, number of progeny, marking off the bulls I was not interested in, circling those still in the loop. No EPDs existed to help with the choices at that time. Finally I would make my decision...Schearbrook Shoshone, Early Sunset Emulous 60E, Traveler 23-4...and more.

What a difference then and now! Boot up the computer, click

on the Angus.org icon saved on your desktop, check the data that interests you, make EPD selection criteria, and in minutes all the bulls that meet your criteria pop up. Very quick, very easy, but I learned a lot those nights poring over those thick Angus Sire Summaries and dreaming.

In those days, as now, producers chose bulls that fit the direction they aspired to go. Breeders kept our AI bull choices to ourselves. At our farm, the genetic choices and direction of the herd was totally under my control. Not only was Doan employed in a demanding job but he was not the slightest interested in genetics or bulls and therefore I didn't bore him with my searches or my decisions.

Some never believed that.

J. R. Fowler of Wakelon Angus Farms near Zebulon and D. S. Moss of D.S. Moss Farms near Enfield were the greatest of friends and had a wonderful competitive friendly relationship, but wild horses couldn't have prried the names of their AI bulls from them each year.

One day at a sale, always up to mischief, they cornered Doan, and D. S. said, "What bulls is Bette going to use this year, Doan?"

"I have no idea," said my good partner and that was true.

"YES, YOU DO!" said J.R. vehemently and he never believed otherwise.



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Instructions

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3. In a large bowl combine mixed greens, green beans and tomatoes. Lightly dress and gently toss salad (refrigerate extra dressing for another time). Serve with warm steak strips and garnish with blue cheese.

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►“Folks are making significant investment in your genetics, and they expect them to last,” noted Dan Moser, pointing out that proper hoof structure plays a significant role in an animal’s longevity.

Solid Footing

American Angus Association to start collecting hoof scores to generate expected progeny differences.

Story & photos by ***Sauna Rose Hermel***, editor

The American Angus Association is now accepting hoof scores in anticipation of developing an expected progeny difference (EPD) to assist in selection decisions, Dan Moser told cattlemen gathered for the breed improvement breakout session at the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show Nov. 4-6, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

“Folks are making significant investment in your genetics, and they expect them to last,” he noted, pointing out that proper hoof structure plays a significant role in an animal’s longevity. Moser encouraged those in attendance to start collecting and submitting hoof scores as he unveiled a foot-scoring system the Association will use to evaluate the trait in Angus cattle.

“Our goal is to come up with a simple system that characterizes the cattle well enough that we can build tools to help with your decision-making in the future,” said Moser, who serves as president of Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and director of performance programs for the American Angus Association.

Moser said two main issues have been identified: (1) foot angle, or set to the pastern; and (2) claw set.

Cattle that don’t have the proper pastern set often tend to have shallow heels, he noted. As they sit back on their heels, they don’t get as much wear on their toes, so the toes tend to grow out. This can cause lameness in especially the rear limbs, though the front limbs can be affected, too.

Problems with claw set often show up as scissor or corkscrew claws in which the toes don’t stay separated and sometimes curl in, even crossing in some cases. Moser said this more often affects the front feet, but can occur with the back feet, as well.

“Those are real issues that impact soundness of cattle,” Moser emphasized, noting that the Association intends to develop EPDs that will assist producers in evaluating seedstock for their ability to propagate sound hoof structure.

Your data needed

Developing that selection tool depends first on gathering data, said Moser, adding that the Association is building the framework to collect that information for use in future evaluations.

Emphasizing that doing so is strictly voluntary, he encouraged Angus breeders to submit foot scores on two traits — foot angle and claw set, scoring both on a 1-to-9 system, where 5 is the ideal. He offered diagrams used by the Australian Angus Association to illustrate the scoring system, noting that educational materials from the American Angus Association would soon be forthcoming (see Figs. 1 and 2).

Looking at foot angle, Moser explained, the ideal to score a 5 would have a 45° angle to the pastern. Animals that are extremely weak in the pastern, very shallow in their heel and extremely long on their toes would score a 9.

“Animals that are extremely straight in their front end and up on their toes, having no set to their pastern, would be a 1,” Moser said, noting that you don’t see very many



Fig. 1: American Angus Association scoring system to evaluate foot angle, where a 5 is ideal



Source: American Angus Association, 2014. Illustrated by Craig Simmons.

Fig. 2: American Angus Association scoring system to evaluate claw set, where a 5 is ideal



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modern Angus cattle at that end of the spectrum.

For claw set, the ideal to score 5 would have some space between the toes, and the toes would be basically straight and symmetrical, Moser described. Toes that tend to curl in a little would score 7 or 8, while toes that curl to the point they cross over would score a 9. Toes that spread out more would score lower on the scale, with widely open and divergent toes scoring a 1. Again, few modern Angus animals would fall on the low end of the scale.

For both foot angle and claw set, animals at either end of the spectrum, scoring a 1 or a 9, would be animals you would typically cull, Moser said.

Working with a similar scoring system, the Australians have found reasonable heritability of both foot angle (0.13) and claw set (0.16), meaning there is opportunity to identify differences among sires.

Tips for scoring

Moser offered these things to keep in mind when scoring feet:

- ▶ Score animals prior to trimming hooves.
- ▶ Where there is variation from front to rear, score the worst foot.
- ▶ Score animals at a year of age, using the same age window and contemporary grouping as for yearling weights and ultrasound.
- ▶ Submit basic ration information along with the hoof scores.
- ▶ Animals may be scored as they come out of a chute or as they mill in a pen.
- ▶ Data submission forms will be made available through AAA Login.

Sale time provides a deadline by which breeders must score the bulls they raise, he noted. However, there may be multiple opportunities to score females as they age. "Some of these conditions become more

severe as animals get older," Moser said. "If you have groups of 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 5-year-olds, and you would like to score them as a group, we would happily receive that data, as well."

These age groups will be maintained in their yearling contemporary groups, to allow for differences in management from one year to the next, he explained. "So your 4-year-olds as a group would be a contemporary group, but they wouldn't necessarily be compared to your 5s."

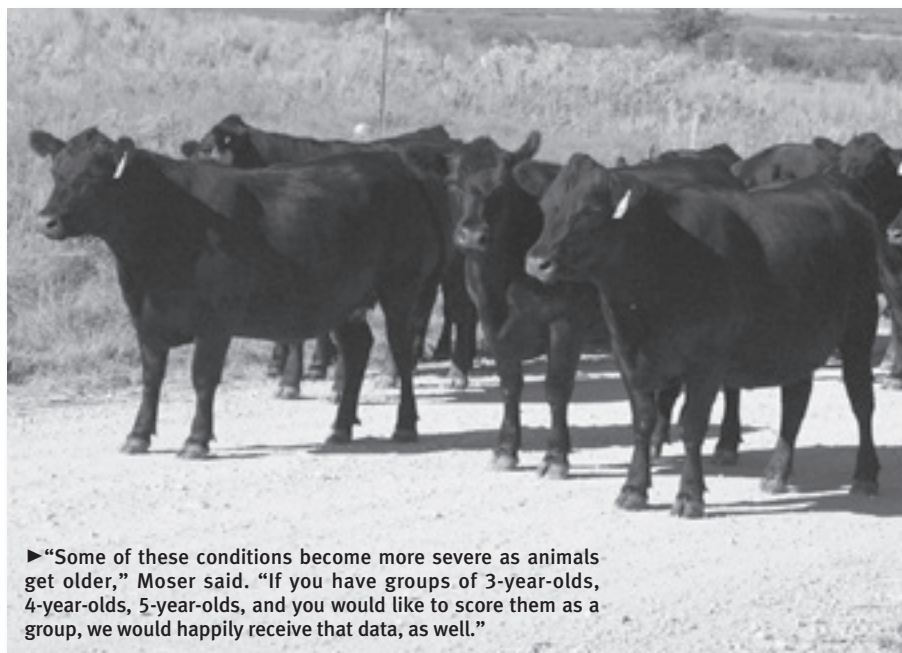
Angus breeders soon will be able to download a spreadsheet through AAA Login for collecting foot scores that will have registration numbers, tattoos, etc. Once they input the scores, they will be able to upload the completed spreadsheet to the database. Eventually, a form that can be submitted online will also be made available through AAA Login.

"As soon as we feel there's enough data from enough members to give a reliable and useful EPD, that's something we'll implement," Moser said. The end goals, he concluded, are to describe the variation that exists in the breed and to provide a tool to members that they can use to apply selection pressure for foot conformation if they choose to do so.

In the meantime, he added, "it encourages people to look at the cattle's feet a little more closely, and that may be the most powerful thing of all."



Editor's Note: Moser spoke at the breed improvement workshop at the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show. To listen to his presentation, access his PowerPoint or read summaries of other presentations at the convention, visit the newsroom at www.angusconvention.com.



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1. Which of the following has the highest cholesterol content: beef, chicken, pork or shrimp?
2. What term is used to describe an animal that has too much set to the hock joint as viewed from the side?
3. What is the typical rate of gain for a feedlot steer?
4. Corn silage, pasture, and hay are examples of what type of feed?
5. What is the amount of fat on a market animal called?
6. Calcium and phosphorous are examples of what type of nutrients?
7. Name the four stomachs of the bovine?
8. True/False: Birth weight and yearling weight have a negative correlation?
9. From what feedstuff does a mature beef cow obtain most of her dietary energy?
10. At what age should a beef heifer be bred?

Answers
1. shrimp
2. sickle-hocked
3. 2.9 to 3.8 pounds/day
4. Roughages
5. Finish
6. Minerals
7. Rumen, reticulum, omasum and abomasum
8. True
9. Forages
10. 15-18 months



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Chimney Top Upward Z28

Birth Date: 4-15-2012 Reg# 17239070 Tattoo: Z28

#Connealy Onward
Sitz Upward 307R
#14963730 Sitz Henrietta Pride 81M
#Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616
DeBusk 112 BlackCap 5005
+14987776 GAR New Design 2609
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Sitz Henrietta Pride 1370
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CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN
+5	.36	+2.1	.41	+64	.32	+117 .34

CW	MARB	RE	FAT
+65 .26	+53 .37	+61 .31	+022 .35

\$W	\$F	\$G	\$QG	\$YG	\$B
+54.83	+62.90	+27.54	+28.81	-1.27	+113.22

Springfield Complete 1084 [CAF-DDF]

Birth Date: 8-29-2011 Bull +17248892 Tattoo: 1084

#CF Right Design 1802
Summitcrest Complete 1P55 [RDF]
#14850409 Summitcrest Elba 1M17
#Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616
44 Blackcap Empress 8748
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#Rito 616 of 4820 6807
GAR Precision 2536
#B/R New Design 323
B/R Blackcap Empress 558

CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN
+1	.29	+1.9	.37	+57	.31	+100 .25

CW	MARB	RE	FAT
+35 .23	+82 .27	+63 .29	-.042 .25

\$W	\$F	\$G	\$QG	\$YG	\$B
+44.91	+52.35	+47.95	+37.21	+10.74	+113.66

Breeding Heifers

Breeding Mature Cows

Chimney Top C C & 7 A19

Birth Date: 3-15-2013 Bull +17484012 Tattoo: A19

#SAF Connection
SydGen CC&7
#15330743 SydGen Forever Lady 4087
#TC Total 410
Rita 8H17 of Rita 3110 Total
15964598 Rita 3110 of Rita 148 616
#SVF Gdar 216 LTD
+SAF Royal Queen 5084
#SydGen 1407 Corona 2016
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#Bon View New Design 208
+TC Erica Eileen 2047
#Rito 616 of 4820 6807
Rita 148 of 5F18 Equator

CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN
+4	.33	+6	.37	+59	.30	+105 .32

CW	MARB	RE	FAT
+51 .25	+68 .36	+81 .30	-.035 .34

\$W	\$F	\$G	\$QG	\$YG	\$B
+45.59	+58.07	+43.08	+33.53	+9.55	+126.77

PCF Idelette 206 of 010

Birth Date: 8-26-2012 Cow 17336956 Tattoo: 010

#SS Traveler 6807 T510
SS Objective T510 OT26
#13776378 SS Miss Rita R011 7R8
Werner Retail Product 1357
PCF Idelette RP 010
16941332 PCF Bando 5175 Idelette401
#DHD Traveler 6807
#SS Miss Hi Spade A114
SS Rito Rito R76 R011
SS Miss Ultress U56
#GAR Retail Product
Werner Kem 115
#SAF 598 Bando 5175
Woodlawn Idelette 569

CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN
+1.9	.05	+1.5	.05	+61	.05	+103 .05

CW	MARB	RE	FAT
+23 .05	+74 .05	+28 .05	+030 .05

\$W	\$F	\$G	\$QG	\$YG	\$B
+44.68	+54.70	+43.08	+35.18	+7.90	+91.32

Breeding Young Cows

Ebs 6025-407

Birth Date: 10-14-2013 Bull 17853979 Tattoo: 407

#Connealy Onward
Boyd Forward 6025
15347916 Sitz RLS Eisa Evergreen 30P
#Ironwood New Level
EBS Miss Wendy NL-757
#15725285 EBS Miss Wendy 377-359
#Connealy Lead On
Altune of Conanga 6104
#Sitz New Design 349M
#Sitz RLS Eisa Evergreen 39M
Ironwood New Design 022 701
Wardens Blackcap 6148 6309
#SA Neutron 377
#Ebs Miss Wendy 2004-9731

CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN
+6	.28	+1.9	.38	+60	.29	+114 .28

CW	MARB	RE	FAT
+46 .14	+29 .20	+59 .20	+062 .17

\$W	\$F	\$G	\$QG	\$YG	\$B
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