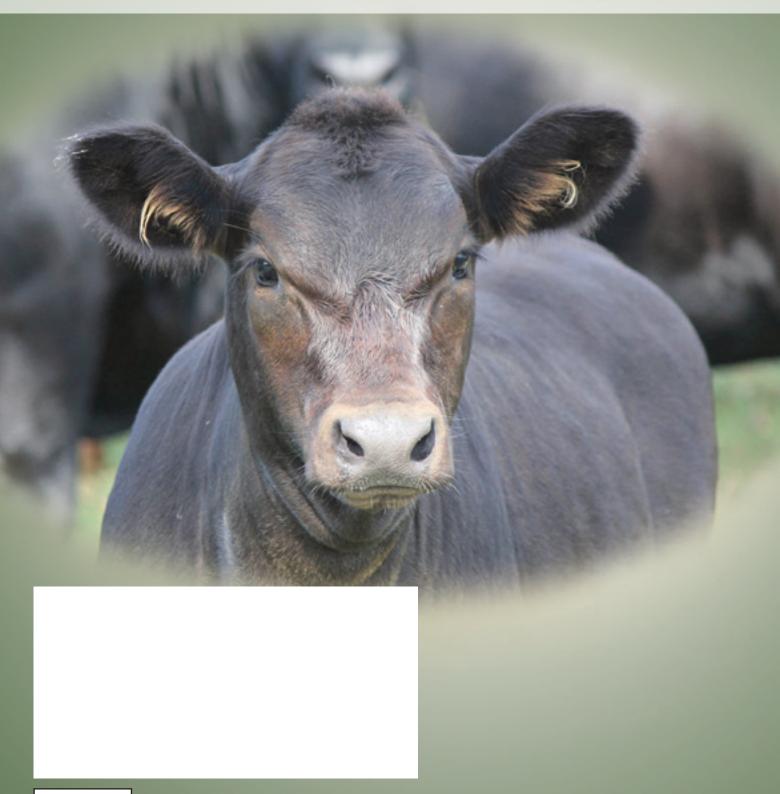
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rom Sharon's Desk...

We hope everyone enjoyed the first edition of our newly designed magazine, the North Carolina Angus News. I received some positive feedback from several of our members and other industry professionals. Keep those suggestions coming! Also advertising is very important to the success of this publication so if you have an upcoming sale, special event or know a business in your area that could benefit from an ad please contact me with all the details. Thanks to our partnership with API they can easily help us design a professional ad that will attract your customers' attention. Another selling point for the magazine, it is distributed to many other individuals and businesses, not just our core membership. For example, we had very successful distribution of the first edition at several livestock auction barns across the state. Those are the producers that buy your bulls or your business services for their farms. Remember the fall issue will contain our membership directory so get your ads in early.

The 2015 NC Angus Spring Fever Sale was a huge success. The weather started off on a bit soggy but by Saturday morning it was bright, sunny and a beautiful day for a sale. Be sure to read the sale report for all the details. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the newly formed DeEtta Wood Junior Angus Fund. This will

be a great way to honor her and to support two things she loved - young people and Angus cattle.

Save the date: **September 11 and 12** for the NCAA Tour and Field Day. Plans are underway for the events to be held in Lenoir, NC. Mr. John Cassavaugh, field day committee chairman, is planning for a fun and educational event. The educational program is still being developed so contact John or myself with any hot topics of interest.

The Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake, NC, now features CAB on its menu. This is big news for our community so if you are ever in the Roxboro area, stop in for a great steak.

Members - update the address for the NCAA office in your computer system: 945 Woodsdale Road, Roxboro, NC, 27574. Suzanne has been great about forwarding mail to me but please make the change so I get your mail more timely! Watch our website, ncangus.org, for more details on the field day and for the Down East Sale consignment information. I look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events.

Sharon Rogers NCAA Executive Secretary

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President's Message

John Smith, NCAA President

Hello to all NC Angus Association members. I hope the weather has been good in your location of the state. It is time to harvest hay in my area.

The Spring Fever Sale was a great success and I want to thank the committee on a job well done. The consignors did an excellent job with the cattle and we really appreciate the buyers for supporting our sale. To start the sale, the DeEtta Wood Scholarship Heifer donated by Wood Angus was purchased by a group of DeEtta's

friends, family and many Angus breeders for \$13,600 and was then donated back to be sold again. Mr. B. L. Grady purchased the bred heifer for \$8,000 bringing the total proceeds to \$21,600 to start the scholarship.

Our next NCAA sponsored sale will be the Down East Sale to be held in Clinton, NC, on November 7, 2015. We need all breeders to get their consignments ready and send in their consignment forms to the NCAA office. You can download the consignment forms from our website www.ncangus.org.

We are looking forward to our fall tour and field day on September 11 and 12 in Lenoir, NC. John Cassavaugh is working hard to put together a fun and educational program. Watch the website for more details.

Lastly I'd like to mention our new North Carolina Angus News quarterly magazine. I have heard many good comments and if we all support the publication it will only get better.

Happy Haying



North Carolina Angus Association Membership Form

North Carolina Angus Association Inc.

\$50 Regular Membership (All Paying Members -Purebred and/or Commercial)

Farm Name

City

State Zip

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Name

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Return form along with \$50 membership dues to: NC Angus Association Sharon Rogers, 945 Woodsdale Rd, Roxboro, NC 27574

2015 Schedule of Events

JULY 13 - 18, 2015...... National Junior Angus Show Tulsa. OK

JULY 15-18, 2015...... NCBA Summer Conference Denver, CO

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2015 NCAA Field Day and Tour Lenoir, NC

SEPTEMBER 13 - 20, 2015 ... NC Mountain State Fair *Fletcher, NC*

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*

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David Gazda Chosen as the 2015 NC Angus Association Hall of Fame Inductee

By: Howard Gentry, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman

The NC Angus Hall of Fame has a long, storied history of recognizing advocates for the Angus breed in our state. It was established in the early 1990s to honor individuals who, over a period of 25 years or more, have gone beyond the call of duty to serve the North Carolina Angus Association, the Angus breed and its breeders.

The North Carolina Angus Hall of Fame committee selected Mr. David Gazda of the American Angus Association to receive the 2015 Hall of Fame Award recognition.

Over the past 26 years David has touched the lives of many Angus breeders in his service as regional manager with the American Angus Association. North Carolina was blessed to have him work with our members for several years as our regional manager. David has always been honest, informative and had the best interest of the NC Angus breeder in mind. He spent long hours supporting our programs and helping cattle operations both large and small achieve success. Our members have always found David pleasant and available to assist with questions, issues and problems. His dedication, honesty and work ethic have been an inspiration to us all. David's love of people and Angus cattle is reflected as he travels across the states assisting breeders and promoting our breed.

During the past 26 years we have seen many changes in the breed and the requirements to be a successful purebred breeder. With all the advancements in technology, David has been there to educate and motivate us to accept and move forward with new programs and ideas. No breed of purebred cattle can be successful without acceptance of the commercial cattle breeders and over the years David has dedicated much of his time in promoting Angus to these commercial herds.

During David's tenure as regional manager, the North Carolina Junior Angus Association has hosted three Eastern Regional Junior Angus Shows. These shows were held in 1994, 2004 and co-hosted with South Carolina in 2014. He was always there to assist the juniors in organizing, planning, and raising funds to make sure the events were a great success. David was a go-to person who the juniors and their parents could count on for support and advice. Many of the juniors he mentored over the years have gone on to become very successful adults and continued to be active Angus breeders involved in the NC Angus Association.

we sincerely thank him for his dedication to us all.

Many of our activities were held on Saturdays and David was always faithful in supporting these events. He was there from the beginning till the end and could always be counted on to help out in any way possible. Many weekends, David would leave our events and still have a long drive back to his home in Athens, Georgia. He and his family have made great sacrifices over the years. We would like to thank his wife Carolyn and daughters Katie and Taylor for sharing David with us.

We as Angus breeders have enjoyed much success as a result of David's hard work and

Dear North Carolina Angus Association Members:

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank you for my recent induction into the North Carolina Angus Association Hall of Fame. It is hard to believe that twenty-seven years have passed since joining the staff of the American Angus Association as Regional Manager here in the Southeast.

Some of the very first events I attended as Regional Manager were in the state of North Carolina and I still remember them as if they occurred yesterday. What I remember most of those first trips to your state is the warm reception I received by the Angus breeders and families, many of whom would become lifelong friends. As time passed and my job responsibilities and family obligations grew, trips to North Carolina became less frequent, yet I always felt welcomed and continued to have the support of the membership.

Last year, with realignment and consolidation of territories by the American Angus Association, North Carolina became the responsibility of your current Regional Manager, Chris Jeffcoat. North Carolina Angus breeders are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and capable young man that not only has a strong passion for the breed but more importantly a passion for the members he serves. I am confident that your membership will extend to Chris that same welcome and support as you did for me for twenty-six years.

In closing, thank you for the recognition, and for the opportunity to have served you. I am truly humbled, and it has been an honor.

God bless, David Gazda Summer 2015



Howard Gentry presents the 2015 NC Angus Hall of Fame Award to Mr. David Gazda, American Angus Association, for his many years of dedicated support and service to NC Angus breeders.

John Smith of Panther Creek Farms Serving as M Angus Association President

Submitted by: Donna Outlaw, NCAA Publicity Committee



The Smith family: Bobbie, Alexis, John, Erica, Jeremy and Cameron Jane

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 27 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 many livestock 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 EPDs 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 EPDs of BW .6, WW 59, YW 105 and Milk 31. The newest edition is EBS 6025-407, a Boyd Forward son with EPDs 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 of Director, as Vice-President and now the current President of the Association. John looks forward to working with all North Carolina Angus Association members in the coming year.



John with some of his many hunting trophies.



Chimney Top Upward Z28, a Sitz Upward Son, whose EPDs are BW 2.1, WW 64, YW 117 and Milk 31



Chimney Top CC & 7 A19, a son of CC & 7 with EPDs of BW .6, WW 59, YW 105 and Milk 31



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Practical Fly Control

by Matt Poore Department of Animal Science, NCSU

I have had many questions the last couple of months about fly control. Flies are a natural part of a cattle production system, and we all need to learn to do a better job of controlling them. One of the problem with fly control, is that no matter how hard you try you can never really completely get rid of flies on your cows (at least not for long!). Many of the questions I get are from producers that aggressively try to control flies, but despite their effort still seem to have a lot of flies on the average day.

This is a difficult topic that can't be completely explained in a short article, but I will try to cover some of the basics of practical fly control. The thing to keep in mind is that it is getting harder and harder to register new insecticides, and the answer to our fly control problem is probably not the discovery of a new super chemical. Improvements in the insecticides available may help, but you still need to learn how to use the tools in an integrated fly control program.

Know your flies

The first thing you have to know is what kind of flies you have. The most important fly pest across the whole state is the horn fly. This is the small fly that collects in groups around the shoulders, legs, belly and/or the poll of the animal and feeds on blood. Horn flies spend most of their time on the cattle which makes them one of the easiest flies to control. Horn flies will emerge in early spring and stay active through the first frosts in fall. They lay their eggs in cow manure.

The next most important fly is the face fly. Face flies are a medium sized fly about the size of a housefly. They gather around the head of the animal, especially around the eyes and muzzle. They feed primarily on the secretions from the nose, mouth and eyes of the animal. Face flies appear about mid-spring and they stay active all year. Face flies are a problem primarily in the Piedmont and Mountains and are rarely found in the Coastal Plain. They don't stay on the animal all the time, so they are difficult to control. Also, because they feed on secretions from the eye and tend to go from animal to animal they can be an important mechanism in the spread of pinkeye.

The next important flies are the housefly and stable fly. They are similar in size to face flies, but rather than feeding on animal secretions or blood, they feed and breed on rotting organic materials. They are rarely a problem in open pastures, but around barns and feeding areas they can be pests. Houseflies really don't cause many problems for the cattle, but stable flies bite them on the legs and really bother them, causing them to huddle up and even run when they are being bitten. If you have ever been bitten by flies around your barn those were likely stable flies. The good news about houseflies and stable flies is that you can greatly control their numbers by cleaning up feeding areas, keeping barns clean and dry, and using simple premise treatments and traps.

Finally, the other biting flies, deerflies and horseflies, can be a problem if populations are large. Like face flies they don't stay on the animal long so they are difficult to control. Also, they eat a lot of blood each meal (especially the giant horseflies) and move from animal to animal so they have been implicated in the spread of diseases like anaplasmosis.

Controlling flies

The first and most important point in fly control is to have the animals as healthy and as well fed as possible. This can't be overemphasized because having a good mineral program, good body condition and a healthy immune system can help ward off many problems that might be aggravated by flies.

Second, remember that it is impossible to have 100% control of flies. One farmer recently told me he was throwing everything possible into fly control this year because his spouse just couldn't stand to have one single fly on a cow. The zero tolerance approach sounds nice, but un-

fortunately it seems sometimes the harder you try the worst the flies get, or at least they don't get that much better. This is because the flies can build resistance to the insecticides we are trying to use on them. I learned about this the hard way the first year insecticide fly tags came out. We had always used a backrubber and periodic spray system and had marginally good control. In other words we had flies but not too bad. We put the pyrethrin fly tags in that first year and got nearly 100% control; it was a miracle! The second year they worked well until the middle of the season and then the flies came back pretty strong. The third year they didn't work at all and we ended up with the worst fly year ever.

Because of that early experience I am not a big fan of tags because even with different chemical compounds that can be rotated, you still are setting up the situation where resistance can easily develop. This is because the insecticide is in the system at a relatively low level for a long time, selecting for flies that are naturally resistant to it.

Fly tags are a very important tool that many cattlemen successfully use, so I certainly don't discourage their use, but there are many other things you can do that will help with fly control and your program should be a combination of practices that fit the situation on your farm.

I like to use the principles of IPM (Integrated Pest Management) in thinking about a fly control program. You need to be able to identify the pest, understand when an economically important population is reached, and then use one or more controls when the time is right.

Think of all the fly control practices as tools that you can choose from as you develop your own program. The economic threshold for horn flies is about 200 per cow. For other flies there is less data, so it is up to you to decide how many flies you can stand before you start control. Personally I think about 200 horn flies, 20 face flies, or 2 horseflies per cow are reasonable thresholds, and the goal should be to do all the small things to keep populations under those numbers, and then when they get that high do something to knock them down.

Tools for fly control

Habitat control. A first basic principle is to do everything you can to reduce the habitat for flies to reproduce. Using rotational grazing to better distribute manure out in the sun where it can be recycled into pasture with the help of dung beetles will help break down and dry out those nice big cow pies that are the ideal environment for horn flies and face flies. Also, keeping a clean and dry barn, and cleaning up left over hay in round bale rings, spilled feed, etc. will greatly reduce housefly and stable fly populations.

Feed through growth regulators. There are several insect growth regulators (IGR) that impact larval development in cattle manure. These are fed to the animal (or administered as a bolus) and once in the manure they control growth of fly larvae. Altosid® (methoprene), ClariFly® (diflubenzuron), and Rabon® (tetrachlorvinphos) are the available IGR administered through feed. Another product available in this type is the Vigilante Bolus (diflubenzuron) which is given to the animal one time and lasts about 150 days. Altosid is effective only on horn flies, and the others are generally effective against horn flies, face flies, house flies, and stable flies. It is unclear the impact these IGRs have on the environment. They are considered fairly benign in the environment, but may have some collateral impact on beneficial insects. The key with these products is all animals need to eat a certain amount every day and they need to start eating it well ahead of the start of the fly season. Also, neighboring producers that don't use this approach will raise flies that can migrate to your farm, so rarely will the use of an IGR completely eliminate the need for other control practices. We have had the best results with this approach when a group of neighbors gets together to use it, and they monitor mineral intake carefully to make sure the cows are eating it. The bolus product has less of this variation in intake problem, but make sure you put them in all the animals including the bulls, calves, etc. The introduction of ClariFly gives producers with face fly and horn fly problems a new tool to use.

Dust bags and Backrubbers. If it is convenient for a producer to place a dust bag or backrubber where cattle must go through it daily to get to water or minerals then they can provide you with good control. Most of the different classes of insecticides are labeled for use with a backrubber, and diesel fuel is an excellent carrier. The thing I don't like about backrubbers is getting diesel (and insecticide) on me when recharging them. When I do use a backrubber, I use a laundry detergent bottle with a spout to pour the solution on the backrubber to limit the amount I get on myself. The key to making them work is to rotate the type of chemical used, to charge them regularly, and then place them such that the cows have to contact them. These mechanical devices to administer insecticide are especially helpful for face flies if they are hung around the entrance to the mineral feeder.

Sprays and pour-ons. Sprays and pour-on insecticides can be an important tools because they allow you to get a high concentration of insecticide on all the animals and this can kill a large percentage of the adult flies. Sprays are most effective if they are applied at the labeled rate where cattle are gathered in a pen allowing the producer to treat every animal. Sometimes sprays are used in the field with feed or a fresh strip of grass as a bait. This might work on very tame animals, but if there are animals that stand off and will not allow you to spray them it will not be very effective. Pour-ons are another tool that can be applied at chuteside when processing cattle and should be considered. In general, I would recommend spraying or using a pour-on insecticide anytime you have the cattle gathered for processing if the fly populations are approaching the economic threshold.

Fly tags. Fly tags gradually release insecticide onto the animal, and if the flies are sensitive to the insecticide they can be very effective. However, because of their slow pay out they also create an environment for resistance to develop. It is important when you use fly tags that you wait as late as possible to put them in. We have a long fly season and most tags will not work the whole season, so using sprays or backrubbers in spring and then going to a tag with a different chemical for the summer is a good program. It is also critical to remove the tags once the fly population starts to come back. Leaving them in will just create more resistant flies, and it is very common to see cattle in winter that still have last year's fly tags in. There are several classes of insecticide now available including pyrethrins, organophosphates, and avermectins. Rotating classes and following label directions for the number of tags (usually two!) to be applied are critical to getting the most out of fly tags.

Avermectin pour-ons. The avermectin pourons including Ivomec, Eprinex, Dectomax, and generic ivermectins all give several weeks of horn fly control. Cydectin will give less, but still will provide some horn fly control. Because of the cost of generic pour-on ivermectin, it is tempting to use that for fly control. The problem with that is that these compounds are important dewormers, and should be reserved for that purpose! Frequent use of these dewormers to get fly control will result in selection of worm populations resistant to them. However, it does make sense to use an avermectin pour-on at a strategic time to get effective worm control (mid-summer) when it also can help knock down the fly population. The key to getting some help with flies from your midsummer deworming is to get it on all the cattle on the farm over a short period of time.

Flytraps. Another completely different approach is to trap the flies. We have worked with a variety of walk through traps designed to control horn flies at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems in Goldsboro, all the way from a simple wood and wire "Bruce" trap to a solar powered trap equipped with fly zappers. It is important for animals to pass through these traps frequently, so setting them up where animals go to water is your best bet. Our experience is that the simpler traps probably do have potential for smaller producers and may be a tool you should try. You can also get traps for horseflies and stable/house flies. These can be as simple as fly paper, or can be more elaborate in the

case of the horsefly traps.

Parasitic wasps. Parasitic wasps lay their eggs on fly larvae and can do a very good job if released throughout the fly season. They only help with house and stable flies, but when you have a concentration of animals at a location where house and stable flies may be an issue they are not a bad idea, and might be something to try in combination with other premise controls.

Chickens. There is some interesting work going on using chickens in combination with cattle because they will scratch through cow pies, breaking them up and scattering them out. It is also effective to have a few yard birds around your barn where they will eat a lot of fly larvae.

Pheromone baits. Pheromone baits are a granular material that attracts flies and contains an insecticide. They are useful around barns, and can be used in combination with improved sanitation, premise sprays, and traps to control nuisance flies around your farm.

Integrated fly control programs.

Wow...it is clear that there are a lot of tools and very many ways you could combine them to keep your fly populations in check. It is not possible for me to lay out a program that would work for all or even most producers so it is important that you learn to identify and count your flies, and then work with an advisor to develop the best strategy for you. Keep in mind that your goal should not be to have no flies, but to have a population you can live with.

What I can tell you is what we do at home. I think the most important thing we do is to practice rotational grazing so the manure is well distributed with a lot of it out on pasture in the sun. This also helps maintain a healthy population of dung beetles, as well as turkeys, crows, and other critters that help spread out and break up the manure piles. Cattle also move all around the farm, so that they may be far away by the time flies hatch which undoubtedly helps some.

We fall calve, so significant cattle working times for us in fly season are 1) vaccination of calves in March, 2) weaning of calves in late April, 3) palpation in late May, and 4) mid-summer deworming in July. We start the year by cleaning up after winter feeding, especially up near the house and barns. We also put out pheromone bait up around the barn, and use some premise spray as necessary. When we work cows and calves in March we will generally put on lice dust to knock down the lice population that usually is showing up by that point. There usually are very few flies at that time.

We will spray the cows for flies in late April/early May when we wean if horn fly populations are at threshold which is usually the case. This was an unusual year, and we actually had very few flies at weaning so we didn't spray. We will again spray the cows when we have them up for palpation in late May (again if the horn fly population is above threshold as it usually is), and also the face flies will normally be out by then. If populations start to creep up in June we will deploy backrubbers or perhaps do a bait-and-spray application. We also might put face rubbers on the mineral feeder if face fly populations get up before our July gathering.

The next time we will handle the cows will be in early July when we sort off bred cows we will sell. We generally spray the cows with a different chemical than we used in the earlier spraying and then apply a pour-on avermectin product. This is done to every animal on the farm including all the bulls, cows, yearlings, and weaned calves. We make every effort to do every animal within one weeks' time. We have been doing this now for about 5 years, and generally we will not have horn fly populations back to threshold until late August or early September when we will gather the cows and spray them when we move them into our calving area.

I think this program works well for us because we use rotational grazing, and have very gentle cows that are easy to gather, handle and spray. The key is to scout the populations and be flexible with your application. We deviate from the basic program I described above if we get a sudden hatch of horseflies, or if things get out of control with one of the other species. Again, you need to determine the best program for your operation and your local livestock extension agent would be happy to help you think through a control program for your farm.



North Carolina Angus Auxiliary - Summer Outing Historic Latta Plantation Tour 5225 Sample Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078

Date: Friday - July 31, 2015
Time: Tour to begin at 11am with lunch to follow
Please RSVP to Jaime Watson, sjwatson.angus@gmail.com by July 24.

A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP

By Callie B Carson

Whether you're a longtime North Carolina Angus breeder, or a beginning enthusiast, most Angus folks know Julie Scarlett Robertson. For decades, the Scarlett name has been synonymous with NC Angus, and even though Julie has traded her maiden name for Robertson, she's still heavily involved in various capacities with Angus.

From her time as a junior exhibitor to her service on the National Junior Angus Association Board, Julie is a natural leader. Those that know her might describe her as an old soul, quick to smile and one of the first to help someone in need. A devout Christian, Julie is the kind of person you want in your corner, and the NC Angus Auxiliary (NCAAx) is proud to have her leading the organization as President.

After aging out of the junior associations, Julie still wanted to be involved. It was an easy transition to join the NCAAx. "I've been involved with the Auxiliary from its inception. It was a pretty natural transition. Mrs. Jane [Ebert] was so involved at the national level with Auxiliary, and my mother and family supported her 100%, so I already knew what the Auxiliary was about," says Julie. "I still believe in the junior associations, it's such a great program. Plus, I wanted a social aspect once I aged out. I was looking for a group that could be a support for me and my family."

Julie says she found just that in the NCAAx. She describes the Auxiliary as the 3 F's: Fun, Fellowship and Focusing on the next generation. For her, the group is made up of women she grew up with, "it's a second family, a family of friends. It's a way for me to be more involved and express myself outside of a wife and mom. These are relationships that will last a lifetime."

The NCAAx is very active in supporting the NCJAA, not just graduating seniors, but all juniors who are showing or active members. One of Julie's personal goals is to offer a scholarship to the most active juniors over the course of the year, similar to the Crystal Award at the National Junior Angus Show.

Within the state, Julie says the Auxiliary is very active, sponsoring the NCAA Annual Meeting Silent Auction for many years. The funds raised from the auctions have been used for scholarships, and to support members and juniors in leadership roles at the national level such as Miss American Angus or the American Angus Auxiliary.

"We're so pleased to have had Cortney Holshouser serve in her roles with the AAAx, and Christy Perdue operating the Angus Sale Barn. The Auxiliary supports them in any



Julie Scarlett Robertson and family

way we can," says Julie. "The Auxiliary has also sponsored Queens' receptions at the 2014 Eastern Regional Junior Angus show, and the 2015 Atlantic National."

To Julie, the decision to join the Auxiliary was an easy one, and she encourages all women involved with the NCAA to think about joining the Auxiliary. Julie describes the Auxiliary as women with agriculture backgrounds, and an outlet for sharing life's ups and downs. It's a relaxed group who has the opportunity to live life together, and a circle of support for when life does happen.

"What's nice about the Auxiliary is there are a variety of ladies. Those who have big ideas, those who are artsy, planners and doers," laughs Julie. "There are mature ladies that we can bounce ideas off of, and younger ladies who can be the runners."

For those worried about another commitment, Julie says that joining the Auxiliary is not life altering. Most meetings are planned around NCAA events such as the Annual Meeting, Spring Fever Sale and Field Day. Julie would love to see all who can attend at any meeting. The next event coming up is the Summer Outing scheduled for Friday, July 31 at Historic Latta Plantation in Huntersville, NC.

In addition to serving as the NCAAx President, Julie is wife to Eddie Robertson and mother to their daughter, Sage (7), and son Hutch (4). She and Eddie operate a mostly cow/calf operation on their farm on the outskirts of Burlington, NC, and also assist Julie's parents with their cattle operation in southern Alamance. Julie is a Registered Dietitian, contracting with several long-term care facilities offering dietary counseling and making recommendations on nutrition and dietary supplements.

You can download a membership form for the auxiliary on the NC Angus website or you can contact Christy Perdue, NC Secretary at 919-606-4907 (cell) if you would like to join.

Royalty Reception

By: Cortney Holshouser

The North Carolina Angus Auxiliary recently had the honor of hosting the Atlantic National Angus Show Royalty Reception May 22 in Timonium, MD. The reception is a tradition that takes place during the Atlantic National Angus ROV Show every Memorial Day weekend. The reception brings Angus Queens, Princesses, Sweethearts, and Ebonettes from several states together to honor them as representatives of their state Angus associations.

This year, 17 girls from 9 states were present at the reception which featured a Burlap and Lace theme. The girls and their chaperones enjoyed Southern refreshments, and were able to take home a burlap jewelry bag and pearl bracelet set as their gift.

The highlight of the program was special guest, 2015 Miss American Angus Maddi Butler. Maddi spoke to the girls about her travels for the year as Miss American Angus, what her title has meant to her, the process of becoming Miss American Angus and how important it is to advocate for the Angus and Beef Industry while in her position.



The girls participated in games such as the Angus Royalty Name Game, On the Road with Miss American Angus, and Know Your Queens. These games served as a way to get to know each other better, and highlight the Miss American Angus program's history. The girls also enjoyed getting their pictures taken with Maddi!

Mary Elaine Wood and Ava Wood, North Carolina Angus Sweethearts, served as special hosts and Masters of Ceremony.

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W Wood Angus

It is with humbled hearts that the Wood family expresses our gratitude for the encouragement and support received by DeEtta during the seventeen months of her sickness and by our family through the sadness since her recent death on April 7, 2015.

We are honored that our friends in the North Carolina Angus community have come together to memorialize DeEtta with the establishment of the DeEtta Wood Scholarship. This fund was established at the NC Angus Spring Fever Sale on May 2, 2015 in Reidsville, NC, and contributions have totaled more than \$20,000. We would like to recognize and thank B.L. Grady of Bear Swamp Angus from Faison, NC, for the purchase of the donation heifer, Wood Georgina 3203.

Through her involvement in the NC Angus Auxiliary and the NC Junior Angus Association, DeEtta shared a passion with so many others for building relationships and encouraging young people in the Angus community. This scholarship is certainly a wonderful tribute to her memory and her family's hope is that these funds will benefit young Angus enthusiasts for many years to come.

The Wood Angus teem at the 2013 NC State Fair

The Wood Angus team at the 2013 NC State Fair, photographed with Grand Champion Bull of the 2013 NC State Fair, Wood Capone 2300. This photograph was taken just eighteen days before DeEtta Wood's diagnosis with metastatic lung cancer. From left to right:

John Barnes, Justin Wood, Emily Barnes, DeEtta Wood, Jeff Wood, Elaine Wood, Russell Wood, judge Scott Shaake and Jeremy Feller.

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The 32nd North Carolina Angus Spring Fever Sale was a great event. The Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville, NC has served as the location for the sale for many years and what a great place to see all the cattle. Saturday, May 2 proved to be an outstanding day to be in the Angus business. Forty five lots were sold for a sales gross of \$194,185. The sale committee of Mark Wilburn, Brent Scarlett and Daniel Wall did an exceptional job of getting all the consignors and cattle ready for the day's event.

People began to arrive bright and early to view the cattle and to visit with their fellow Angus cattle enthusiasts from all across the state. A special thank you to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association who prepared a super lunch for all the sale attendees and to the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary for providing flowers for decorating the sale ring.

As many of you know the NC Angus family recently lost a wonderful member in Mrs. DeEtta Wood. To honor DeEtta's memory and her commitment to the Angus breed and especially the Angus juniors a special event was held at this year's sale. The Wood family donated a beautiful bred heifer Wood Georgina 3203 to be auctioned at the sale. The proceeds from the sale of this female will be used to fund the newly established NC Junior Angus scholarship in memory of DeEtta. The heifer was first purchased by the "Friends of DeEtta Wood" for \$13,600 and she was then resold to B.L. Grady of Bear Swamp Angus for \$8,000. In addition a DeEtta Wood cookbook sold for \$350 and 10 units of AAR Ten X 7008 SA semen, donated by Accelerated Genetics, sold for \$600. A combined \$22,500 was raised for the DeEtta Wood Scholarship. A special thank you to Mr. Brandon Marshall for his efforts in organizing the fundraising and to all of DeEtta's family and friends for their generous contributions.

Outstanding females were sold as open heifers, bred heifers, fall and spring pairs and embryo packages in this year's sale. Six heifers were selected to wear the Elite heifer tag meaning they met the strict EPD and performance requirements set forth by the NC Angus Association. The top selling open heifer was Lot 7, GA Lady Jaye Outcross B22E consigned by Goforth Angus of East Bend and sold to Chase Angus for \$4,200. She was an outstanding spring born heifer sired by SMR 585B Outcross 0507. Other top selling open heifers were consigned by Browns Farm Ridge and Shade Tree Angus.

The high performing group of bred heifers was led by the high-selling Lot 16 Wood Envious Blackbird 3216 consigned by Wood Angus Farm of Willow Spring. This fall born S A V Bismarck 5682 daughter was confirmed safe to Whitestone Patriot A050 and sold to Evening Star Ranch of Lenoir for \$6,600. Lot 12 URF Rita 1307 a Connealy Final Product female bred to RB Tour of Duty 177, consigned by Uwharrie Ridge Farms sold for \$4,250 to Mattie Harward of the Harward Sisters in Richfield. Double Creek Farms of Brown Summit purchased Lot 15 Yon Witch B343 for \$4,200. Lot 15 was a Yon Final Answer W494 bred to Deer Valley All In consigned by Silver Springs Angus, Norwood.

The Upper Piedmont Research Station consigned the high-selling fall pair. Lot 38 UPRS Blackwatch Y022 sold to Silver Springs Angus for \$4,000. Lot 38 was a B/R New Design daughter bred back to Deer Valley Convenience that sold with her fall heifer calf, Lot 38A, by HPCA Intensity. The high performing, stylish heifer calf sold for \$4,100 to Chase Angus of Sanford. Scarlett Farms of Snow Camp consigned Lot 28 Scarletts Juanada May 2W15 sired by S A V Net Worth 4200 along with her fall heifer calf, Lot 28A, by EXAR Upshot 0562B. The Lot 28 female was bred to RB Tour of Duty 177 and sold to Greg Gallimore, Asheboro and her calf, Lot 28A, sold to Bear Swamp Angus of Faison for \$3,300. Long time consignor to the NC Angus Spring Fever Sale, Oakview Farms' Lot 26 fall pair sold for \$6,800. The Lot 26 was purchased by Carol Shuffler of Shuffler Farms, Union Grove and her KCF Bennett Absolute heifer calf went to Gordon Brothers Farm in Kings Mountain for \$2,900.

Wood Angus Farm consigned the top selling spring pair. Lot 42 S A V Erica 9975 a S A V Net Worth 4200 daughter sold with her February heifer calf sired by S A V International 2020 to Linthicum Ranch, Welch, Oklahoma for \$6,000.

Lot 48, the high-selling lot of the day, was consigned by Goforth Angus. An exciting consignment to the sale, RB-GFC Lady Upshot 890-3144, offered the choice of a confirmed heifer pregnancy by RB Tour of Duty 177, Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36 or Werner War Party 2417. This exceptional offering was purchased by Gaffney Angus of Barneveld, Wisconsin, for \$10,000. Other outstanding embryo packages were sold by Silver Springs Angus, Norwood and C-Cross Cattle Company, Asheboro.

Pasquotank Farms of Elizabeth City offered its entire Angus semen inventory for auction at the sale. Exciting sires such as N Bar Emulation EXT, OCC Emblazon, S A V Traveler 004 and Sitz Alliance 6595 were part of the offering. Fifteen different bulls sold for a total of \$3,235 to various buyers across the southeast. Ike Jackson and his family will be donating ten percent of the proceeds from the semen sales back to the NC Junior Angus Association.

Volume buyers were Bear Swamp Angus - 5 lots for \$19,000; Shuffler Farms 4 lots for \$13,500; Chase Angus 3 lots for \$11,700; Black Run Creek Angus 3 lots for \$11,400 and Silver Springs Angus 3 lots for \$11,040; Evening Star Ranch 2 lots for \$10,000 and Gaffney Angus 1 lot for \$10,000. Thank you to these and all the buyers for supporting the sale.

Thanks also to Donna Outlaw, Linda Hicks, Teresa Swisher, Suzanne Brewer, Chris Jeffcoat and Neil Bowman for helping to work the sale. A special thank you to Joe French and his crew at the Research Station for all the work they do to get everything ready before, during and after the event.

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Two common questions, though, that I typically receive are: "which test should I use...HD50K or GGPHD" and "when is the price going to go down?" Regarding high density (HD) testing, both HD50K and GGPHD will impact the EPDs by the same magnitude and the price is the same, so it's your choice as to which test you use.

However, I do have some exciting news to announce regarding additional tests and the price. AGI has begun offering low-density (LD) genomic tests and at a lower price. GeneSeek's product is the GGP-LD and the Zoetis product is called i50K. At the time of writing this article, on June 1st, I can't announce the price, but I can say that it will be lower cost and affordable for small breeders to test deep into your herd and/or all your replacement heifers!

For most animals, LD testing will fit your needs because, with a process called imputation, LD tests achieve nearly the same level of accuracy as the HD tests (HD50K and GGPHD). Actually, there is a 98% concordance between LD markers and HD markers when they're evaluated. For example, if an animal were tested with both HD and LD tests, we would predict 98% of the same markers on LD as were actually read on HD. Also, the correlation between molecular breeding values (MBVs) from an LD test and MBVs from an HD test is .992, which is a nearly perfect relationship.

Finally, with the current method AGI uses to incorporate genomic test results into EPDs, there will be basically no difference in the reported EPD accuracy for LD and HD tested animals. Essentially, LD imputation in Angus cattle has a high level of accuracy because of the high amount of HD testing that has been done in recent years.

Both of the HD tests will still be available for purchase, but LD testing provides additional options for you to choose from. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Chris Jeffcoat, Regional Manager, American Angus Association



North Carolina Junior Angus Association

NC ANGUS JUNIOR NEWS

2015 North Carolina Junior Angus Association State Show

The 2015 North Carolina Junior Angus Association State Show was a huge success. Lots of Angus juniors and their families came together at the Guilford County Agriculture Center for a fun filled day of showing and fellowship.

The juniors would also like to thank all the generous sponsors of the show.

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Reserve Champion Bull - Steeple Creek TT&7, shown by Thomas Smith



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Reserve Champion Cow/Calf pair -Wood Blackbird 2265 with calf Wood Blackbird 465, shown by Jonathan Presnell



Grand Champion Owned Heifer - RX Georgina 673, shown by Bailey Durham



Reserve Champion Owned Heifer - STF Good Product 302, shown by Thomas Smith



Grand Champion Steer - SCC Tank 438, shown by Thomas Smith



Reserve Champion Steer - SCC-Pugh Classic 441, shown by Cara Smith



Showmanship

Front row: Reserve Novice Showman - Moriah Delozier, Reserve Junior Showman - Marcie Harward, Reserve Intermediate Showman - Thomas Smith and Reserve Senior Showman - LeAnn Harward Second row: Champion Novice Showman - Isaac Stoker, Champion Junior Showman - Mattie Harward, Champion, Intermediate Showman - Cara Smith, Champion Senior Showman - Catherine Harward, Judge - Brad Johnson, Instructor, Animal Science at Morehead State University - Morehead, Kentucky

North Carolina Junior Angus Association Response of the Carolina Junior Angus Association Response of the Carolina Junior Angus Association

Justin Wood, Willow Spring,
representing the North Carolina Junior Angus Association was
among several Angus youth at the 2015 National Junior Angus
Association's Raising the Bar Officer Training, in Champaign-Urbana,
Ill. Thirty-two officers and advisors from twelve state junior Angus
associations participated in the course, geared toward building
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Sweet Tamarind Chili Bayette

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- 3 pounds Certified Angus Beef® sirloin flap, skirt or 2 flank steaks
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- 2 tablespoons molasses
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- 8 canned serrano peppers, thinly sliced into rounds
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- 2 teaspoons ground cumin



Plan ahead. These steaks are best when given the time to marinate overnight. Tamarind concentrate is popular in Thai cuisine. You'll find it in a good Asian market or online.

Instructions

- In a small mixing bowl, combine tamarind, molasses, Worcestershire, peppers, coriander and cumin to make a marinade. Divide in half; reserve one part in refrigerator.
- Cut raw steaks with the grain in 3 to 4-inch wide pieces. Place steaks and remaining marinade in a zipper-locking plastic bag, removing air and uniformly coating steaks. Refrigerate at least 6 hours; overnight preferred.
- Preheat grill to high. Pat steaks dry and sear on each side to develop a good char (2-3 minutes per side). Baste with reserved marinade. Transfer to cooler side of grill to finish to medium rare or your desired doneness
- 4. Rest on a cutting board five minutes before slicing thinly against the grain to serve.

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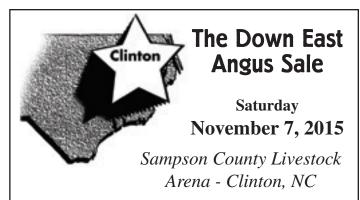


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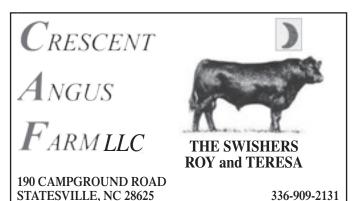
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By Brandon Marshall

The NC Angus family was saddened at the recent loss of our member and great friend Mrs. DeEtta Wood. She fought her cancer as she lived the rest of her life ~ surrounded by her family and many friends, endowed with quiet grace and an inner light, and full of gratitude for the graciousness of God. DeEtta touched many lives. One of her special attributes was the ability to soak up life fully, finding the joy in new people, new places, and new experiences while remaining grounded in the faith, family, and values that were her core.

DeEtta excelled in each phase of her life, in her career, her work in the Wood family farm business and especially her true calling as a wife to Jeff and a mother to Justin, Mary Elaine and Ava. DeEtta left her mark as an uncommonly bright, dedicated, and gracious woman. Through her and her family's passion as purebred Angus cattle producers and enthusiasts, she was a past president of the NC Angus Auxiliary and a former advisor of the NC Junior Angus Association.

In an effort to continue DeEtta's strong commitment to Angus youth, a memorial fund to support NC Junior Angus member activities and scholarships has being established. To begin to build the fund, Wood Angus donated a beautiful bred heifer which was auctioned at the recent NC Angus Spring Fever Sale. Many friends, family and local businesses helped contribute to "Friends of DeEtta" to purchase the heifer. Then the heifer was auctioned again and purchased by Mr. B.L. Grady of Bear Swamp Angus in Faison, NC. Thank you to everyone for all your generous donations.

If you would like to contribute to the future of NC Angus Juniors please consider honoring DeEtta with your donation to her memorial fund. Checks may be made out to the NC Angus Association and please include the "DeEtta Wood Fund" in the memo line.

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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

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

In 1997 the president of the North Carolina Angus Association wrote "the N.C. Angus Association is a service organization whose purpose is to serve the needs of its members." He said that our society has "evolved into a service economy" and "as Angus breeders, we are in much the same situation as car dealers. Each of us has models with different options that we prefer and promote, but in reality, we all have the same basic product to sell. Although each of us fervently believes that our product will do the job better than our competitors, in truth, both will do the job and the difference between success and failure will be linked to service."

Dr. Phil Goodson, Springfield Angus in Louisburg, wrote those words. He was dead right then and in the competitive world of 2015, his words still hold true. In fact to persist in profitable cattle business today, breeders must study and breed cattle who will increase the value of his customers' herds, but just as important, he must pay close attention to providing good service.

Over the years, especially when I was working for the NCAA, "situations" came to my attention having to do with "service" provided, or not provided, by individual Angus breeders, including Goose River Farm. For instance it happened that one year at load-out after a BCIP Bull Sale I watched a Goose River Farm bull loaded onto his new owner's trailer. He marched onto the trailer on four sound legs and feet, ready to go to his new home and get busy. Next day a call from the new owner told me that the bull's foot was injured before he was loaded. After conversation and consultation and advice from Dr. Roger McCraw who was head of the BCIP at that time, I realized I had to bite the bullet. The buyer would call a veterinarian and I would pay for the visit and treatment. Sometimes in the interest of customer relations, we have to take a hit even if we know things are not quite as they are presented.

Another "situation" happened when a breeder purchased a bull from a large, well-known farm, where the bull had just been tested for breeding soundness. He took the bull home and put him in the pasture with a donkey jack who was not happy with his new pasture partner. The next morning the bull was gone and black hair on the barbed wire on the top of the woven wire fence showed where he had jumped. The bull didn't go far and a few weeks later was put with the cow herd. After 21 days, the owner realized that although the bull was observed servicing the cows, the same cows were coming back in heat twenty-one days later. The new owner made a call to the bull's breeder in which he related the whole and true story of the bull's jumping the fence, quite possibly injuring his "equipment" in the process. The immediate response from the breeder: "Bring the bull back and I'll have a bull of equal quality ready for you." Now that is service.

A bizarre "situation" happened to a Charolais breeder who had purchased an Angus bull to raise some smoky calves. The bull had been fertility tested and was "ready to go." However when he was put with the cows, he ignored them, even when they were riding each other and obviously in heat. A call to the breeder elicited amazement and disbelief. I don't remember the circumstances exactly but I remember that several visits and irate phone calls



back and forth ensued before the situation was resolved to the buyer's liking. Maybe that bull didn't like Charolais cows!

These cases are sometimes hard to accept, but in the interest of longevity of our businesses, we have to do whatever is the customer's vision of "the right thing" or go above and beyond to leave feelings of trust and good service. Dr. Goodson's words still ring true and he has always practiced what he preaches.

Sometimes good service means making oneself available to spend considerable time with a potential buyer to find out about his herd and help him choose a bull that will enhance and improve his cattle. Sometimes good service means visiting new or even long-time breeders to observe their cattle and better provide what genetics they need. Sometimes an hour or so teaching a new commercial breeder what EPDs mean and how to use them to choose bulls provides a very great long-lasting service.

I am not by nature a talker, but I have loved walking among my cattle, "talking cows" and doing what comes naturally for me, teaching. Sometimes I am talking to a fellow producer, in which case there is two-way teaching and learning; often I have talked to people who have a yearning to raise cattle but don't know much of anything

about how to start. Helping them to see the process of preparing their farm for cattle first, then beginning to put together a herd, is a service I have enjoyed providing.

For me, looking back and then looking around today and seeing some of the herds that have developed and the friends made from those walks and conversations is one of the joys of my life.



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Breeding Heifers

Chimney Top C C & 7 A19 +45.59 CW Birth Date: 3-15-2013 Bull +17484012 Tattoo: A19 \$F +51 .25 +58.07 #+SAF Connection #+SVF Gdar 216 LTD MARB SydGen CC&7 +SAF Royal Queen 5084 \$G +.68 .36 #15330743 SydGen Forever Lady 4087 #SydGen 1407 Corona 2016 +43.08 +SAF Forever Lady 8292 RE \$QG #Bon View New Design 208 +TC Erica Eileen 2047 **#TC Total 410** +.81 .30 +33.53 Rita 8H17 of Rita 3I10 Total FAT 15964598 Rita 3110 of Rita 148 616 \$YG #Rito 616 of 4B20 6807 -.035 .34 Rita 148 of 5F18 Equator +9.55 YEPD CEM \$B .33 | +.6 .37 | +59 .30 | +105 .32 | +7 .18 | +31 .23 | -33.22 +126.77

Look for Panther Creek calves in upcoming sales; they are packing some great EPDs and will be in demand for replacement heifers and young herd sires.

Bulls, Heifers and Outstanding Show Heifers for Sale at all times.

Ebs 6025-407			
CW	+33.76		
BIRTO Date: 10-14-2013 Buil 1/8539/9 1attoo: 40/	\$F		
#Connealy Onward #Connealy Lead On +46 .14	+73.63		
Boyd Forword 6025 Altune of Conanga 6104 MARB	SG		
15347916 Sitz RLS Eisa Evergreen 30P #Sitz New Design 349M +.29 .20	+16.44		
#Sitz RLS Eisa Evergreen 39M	\$QG		
#Ironwood New Level Ironwood New Design 022 701 EBS Miss Wendy NL-757 Wardens Blackcap 6148 6309	+19.30		
#15725285 EBS Miss Wendy 377-359 #SA Neutron 377	\$YG		
#Ebs Miss Wendy 2004-9731 +.062 .17	-2.86		
CED BEPD WEPD YEPD CEM MILK \$EN	\$B		
+6 .28 +1.9 .38 +60 .29 +114 .28 +9 .15 +22 .20 -23.99	+98.09		

LIVESTOCK VETERINARY SERVICES

Livestock Veterinary Services offers complete veterinary care, products, and services to cattle producers in North Carolina. Focused on providing quality services and products to improve herd production and prevent health related issues, our goal is to help our customers become more progressive and profitable each year.

With three veterinarians on staff, we are available year-round to meet the needs of our customers in a timely and courteous manner. If you are interested in visiting with one of our veterinarians regarding any of the services listed below, please contact the office for an appointment. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Reproductive

- •Bull Breeding Soundness Exams
- •Heifer Pre-breeding Exams
- •Cattle Palpation for Pregnancy
- •Blood Based Pregnancy Tests
- •Cattle Ultrasound for Pregnancy
- Artificial Insemination Services

Vaccine and Deworming Programs

- •Designed for Your Herd and Goals
- •Pre-conditioning programs
- •Reduce Disease Risk

Nutritional Analysis

- Forage Analysis
- •Supplemental Ration Development
- •Mineral Program Consultation

Replacement Heifer Programs

- •Specialized Vaccine Programs
- •Heifer Pre-breeding Exams

Regulatory Testing and Health Certificates

- •Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Anaplasma, Tritrichomonas Testing
- •Health Certificates for Shipment or Sale

Disease Investigations

- •Animal Necropsy
- •Diagnostic Testing

Herd Processing

- Castrations
- Implanting
- Vaccination and Deworming

Emergency Services

- •24-Hour Vet On Call
- •Difficult Calvings
- •Sick Animals

Product Sales

- •Prescription Medications
- •Vaccine, Dewormers, Implants

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