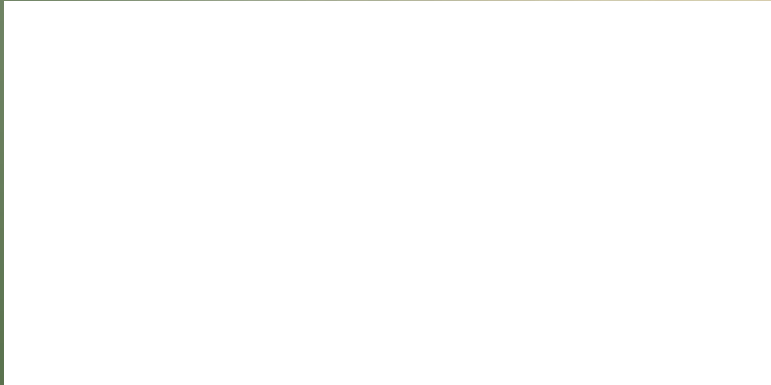


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From Sharon's Desk...

Happy New Year everyone. I hope each of you enjoyed a glorious holiday season with your family and friends. The past year was full of many Angus events, and 2016 looks to be just as busy.

As I write my article, we are finishing up the fall and winter sale season and I have enjoyed attending the many outstanding sales of our members. The NC Angus Association also hosted the Down East Sale, and I want to thank the consignors and buyers for their participation. Speaking of sales, you will find some consignment information for the 2016 Spring Fever Sale in this edition but visit our website for all the details, www.ncangus.org.

Our NCAA Annual Meeting is just around the corner. Be sure to take note of the new date for 2016. This year's meeting will be held **Saturday, February 13th** at the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. We hope the new date

will be more convenient for all our members to attend. We will once again be having an educational program along with an expanded trade show area. Watch your mailbox for a special mailing that will include the Annual Meeting registration, membership renewal and 2016 advertising opportunities. You can also find all these details on our website.

I would like to thank all the advertisers and contributors who helped to make the first year of the NC Angus News magazine a success. I look forward to growing the publication for years to come. Don't forget we will be auctioning the "preferred" ad pages at the Annual Meeting banquet. So come ready to secure your ad space for 2016!

Sharon Rogers
NCAA Executive Secretary

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President's Message

John Smith, NCAA President



Another year has passed and we are excited to welcome in 2016. The sale season is well underway, and from what I have seen, the sales have been pretty good. The Down East Sale Committee, chaired by Roy Outlaw, did a great job. The sale barn was full of potential buyers with many of them taking home some nice Angus cattle to add to their herds.

Much of our breeding season took place in the last few weeks, and I hope everyone had great success with their AI programs this year. There are so many great bulls to choose from, it is often a hard task to determine which genetics will take our herds in the most positive direction.

The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Angus Association is set for February 13, 2016. Make your plans now to attend. This is our annual event and every member should make an effort to attend. You will not be disappointed with the many opportunities to learn new innovations in the cattle industry from the educational program, our meeting sponsors and fellow breeders. As it has been said before, you will get no more out of the NCAA than you are willing to put into the organization.

The NCAA board and I would like to wish everyone a prosperous new year.

2016 Schedule of Events



January 2.....	Stanly Select Bull Sale Norwood, NC
January 9.....	NCBCIP Waynesville Bull Test Sale Waynesville, NC
January 9-24.....	110th National Western Stock Show Denver, CO
January 27-29.....	Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show San Diego, CA
February 13.....	NC Angus Association Annual Meeting Winston-Salem, NC
February 16-18.....	NC Forage and Grasslands Council Winter Conference Kenansville, Statesville & Canton
February 20.....	Yon Family Farms Bull Sale Ridge Spring, SC
February 25-27.....	NC Cattlemen's Conference & Trade Show Hickory, NC
March 5.....	Iredell Select Bull & Heifer Sale Turnersburg, NC
March 5.....	Wood Angus Sale Willow Spring, NC
April 23.....	Performance Legends Sale Union Grove, NC
May 14.....	Springfield Angus Sale Louisburg, NC
May 7.....	NC Angus Spring Fever Sale Reidsville, NC



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Angus Names Allen Moczygemba CEO

Texas native to lead the nation's largest beef breed organization

Allen Moczygemba, a native of San Antonio, Texas, is the new chief executive officer of the American Angus Association, effective Dec. 1, 2015.

Moczygemba will serve as the chief executive officer for the American Angus Association and for each of the Association's subsidiaries: Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC, Angus Genetics Inc. and the Angus Foundation.

He will also be responsible for implementing the Association's long-term strategic objectives and leading a team of more than 200 employees. The Association Board of Directors announced the decision today.

"This is a great day for the American Angus Association and the Angus breed," said Steve Olson, Association president. "Allen not only brings a fresh, strategic vision to our organization, but also a detail-oriented, hands-on approach to leadership that will ensure our resources are focused on continuing to grow demand for Angus genetics and the Certified Angus Beef brand."

Moczygemba possesses nearly three decades of experience in the cattle business, managing business units, overseeing brands and building strategic relationships across the beef industry.

He most recently served as vice president of marketing for Advanced Animal Diagnostics, a tech company developing on-farm animal-health diagnostic platforms.

While serving as beef segment marketing director for Zoetis Animal Health and Pfizer Animal Health, he developed partner-

ships with organizations such as the American Quarter Horse Association, CattleFax, National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

He managed Progressive Beef, a program of standard operating procedures for the fed cattle sector that includes an independent third-party audit. The program's standards align closely with major retailers, such as Performance Food Group.

Moczygemba also was senior vice president for Farm Journal Database Strategies and vice president for Farm Journal Livestock Group, where he was publisher of Beef Today and Dairy Today magazines.

"AAA enjoys a long and successful history in developing innovative ways to advance the Angus breed," Moczygemba said. "I am excited about helping to write the next chapter for the breed and blazing new trails of opportunity for our members."

Moczygemba received his degree in 1987 in agriculture communications from Southwest Texas State University. He and his wife, Venetta, have two sons, Lane and Ross.

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For more information about Angus cattle and the American Angus Association's programs and services, visit www.ANGUS.org.



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SMITH CREEK ANGUS: HARD WORKING PEOPLE AND CATTLE

Submitted by Linda Hicks, NCAA



Marty and Lynne are pictured with their blue heeler, Lucy, in front of a barn that they use as a working facility. Their lab, Maggie, stayed inside where it was warm and dry.

Warren County is located in north central North Carolina and is bordered on the north and northwest by two Virginia counties and on the northeast, east, south, and west by four North Carolina counties. It is an old county, having been formed in 1779 and named after Joseph Warren, a physician and general in the American Revolutionary War who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Norlina, one of the towns in Warren County is where Marty Rooker was born, raised and continues to live with his wife, Lynne, dogs Maggie and Lucy, horses Rosie and Daisy, and a herd of registered Angus cows. Smith Creek Angus Farm is located one-half mile from the Virginia state line. Smith Creek flows from the western boundary of the farm and empties into Lake Gaston a short distance downstream. A portion of the farm abuts the west side of Interstate Highway 85. The farm has gently rolling hills with small, spring-fed streams flowing through it.

Some of the farm has been owned by Marty's family for more than 150 years. At one time, the Rooker family owned 700 contiguous acres of farmland. Marty's grandfather was a blacksmith, as well as a farmer, who died when Marty's daddy was six years old. There were ten children; Marty's daddy was next to the youngest. Most of them went to college. Over the years, there have been at least three country stores on the farm. One of them was operated by Marty's grandmother until she was 79 years old.

Marty grew up on the family dairy farm along with his

older brother William, sister Alice, and younger brother Weldon. At one time during Marty's youth, there were a dozen dairies within a five-mile radius of his family's farm. Now there are no dairy farms in the entire county.

After graduating from high school, Marty got his undergraduate degree from East Carolina University and continued his education at Cumberland School of Law, a very old, small Baptist-affiliated school located on the Samford University campus in Birmingham, Alabama. Marty returned to Warren County in 1977 and began practicing law in Warrenton.

Lynne, who grew up in Winston-Salem, had no experience with cows or farming. She worked for Marty in his law practice prior to and after their marriage in 1981. When their youngest daughter was in elementary school, Lynne returned to school and became a registered nurse. She retired in April 2013 as the Supervisor of Granville-Vance Home Health Agency. Immediately after retiring, she returned to work on a part-time basis at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, NC, where she works with oncology patients.

Marty and Lynne have three daughters. The oldest, Allison, lives in Raleigh and is the Director of Development for the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine. She has a golden retriever, Oliver, and Lynne says he is her "baby." Rebecca and her husband Tim live in Charleston, SC, with their two-year-old daughter. She is an itinerant teacher specializing with children who have autism. Youngest daughter, Erin, and her husband Chris, live in Nags Head, NC. When she is not taking



Marty and Jeremy Paschall. In addition to being Marty's AI technician, Jeremy has his own herd, which he purchased from Marty's younger brother Weldon.

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This group of first-calf and virgin heifers were scheduled to be bred the third week in January.

care of their nine- and five-year-old sons, she works as a massage therapist and as a waitress/bartender at a restaurant in Nags Head.

In the early 1990's, Marty's family went out of the dairy business. With the pastures freed up, Marty was finally able to realize his dream of raising Angus cattle. Initially, he and Lynne had 27 commercial bred heifers. The first year was a disaster with calving problems. Within a year they decided to go strictly with registered Angus.

A large portion of the herd at Smith Creek Angus is based upon cows Marty and Lynne purchased from Wehrmann Angus, New Market, VA, and flushed. They initially acquired seven cows from Wehrmann Angus and flushed them for three or four years. One of these cows was the last daughter of the great Rita 5H11 of 1B14 Rito 9J9 cow that was owned by Wehrmann Angus. Marty said Dr. Mark Camacho, of Raleigh, did an excellent job of flushing the donor cows and implanting embryos in the "recips" that Marty and Lynne had set up.

The first two bulls Marty and Lynne purchased were from Dr. Phil Goodson of Springfield Angus, Louisburg, NC. After two or three years in the business, Marty and Lynne began AI breeding everything and then exposing them to bulls. They now synchronize the cows for AI breeding. Typically they breed approximately 50 cows over a three-day period in mid-December and another 50 cows over a three-day period in mid-January. Jeremy Paschall, whose family also previously operated a dairy farm approximately three miles from Marty and Lynne, does their AI breeding. Calving season is primarily from mid-September to Christmas.

Marty and Lynne attempt to pick what they think are the top AI sires available. They might use ten AI sires in one breeding season. Prior to the start of breeding,

Marty matches each cow/heifer with the AI sire to which she will be bred. He uses sires from all three major studs - ABS Global, Select Sires, and Genex. They use both proven sires as well as some up and coming sires that show great potential. This year they are using Connealy Consensus 7229, Rito 9M25, Werner War Party 2417, and WHS Limelight 64V. All of these are proven sires with high accuracy. They also are using KCF Bennett Absolute, a calving-ease bull with a Yearling Weight EPD of +122 and Docility of +25. The young sires they are using include SAV Angus Valley 1867. He's +15 on CED and +25 on Docility. Another young sire is VAR Reserve, a moderate framed bull with plenty of rib and muscle, CED of +12, and Docility of +29. KCF Bennett Fortress, a Connealy Consensus son with CED of +13 and Docility of +22 is also being used this year.

Marty and Lynne vaccinate their calves with one injection given before weaning and a second injection given after weaning. The calves are also tested for BVD at weaning. Lynne's background in nursing is a real bonus when it comes to vaccinating the calves as well as giving injections to the cows when they are synchronizing them for breeding. Their veterinarian typically pregnancy checks the herd around Labor Day and also vaccinates the herd as well as checking for TB and brucellosis. The herd is accredited and certified TB and brucellosis free.

When Marty went into the Angus business, he said he expected it to be a "hands on" endeavor. Although their herd has grown to 100 brood cows, Marty and Lynne still have no full-time employees. This year they sent their bulls to George Winn at G & E Farms in Gretna, Virginia, to feed on test. The bulls gained well and look good. The females, however, are solely Marty and Lynne's responsibility. They do have a local man who assists them with odd jobs on weekends occasionally.



Rosie and Daisy, Lynne's horses, were very interested in what was going on in the pasture. Lynne gave them some treats so they wouldn't feel like they were being left out.



These three ladies posed without even being asked.

Several years ago, after Marty's older brother passed away, he and his remaining siblings divided the farm. Marty and Lynne now have 250 acres adjacent to their home. With the exception of 20 acres that is used for hay, the remaining land is in permanent pasture. The pastures are predominately Kentucky 31 fescue with clover and other native grasses. They try to keep a good stand of clover to help dilute the fescue toxicity.

Marty and Lynne also plant a 20-acre plot and a 23-acre plot in pearl millet in mid-May to utilize for summer grazing in July, August, and September. Each of these plots is divided into two sections, and the cows are rotated back and forth.

Marty and Lynne have about 115 acres of rented hay land. They typically plant oats and rye grass for spring hay and brown top millet for fall hay. During the winter, hay is fed in hay rings located on "feed pads." The pads are made by cutting down to the clay surface, and then putting layers of felt and gravel on top. The following summer the manure that accumulates around the hay rings is spread over the pastures. They do not do any intensive grazing; however, larger pastures are divided into smaller 15 to 30 acre pastures, and the cows are rotated back and forth from pasture to pasture to avoid over grazing. The cows are fed a mixture of whole cottonseed and a 16% protein pelleted feed from December through February. This helps with rebreeding and conception rate. All animals are given access to free-choice loose hi-mag minerals year round plus they use hi-mag mineral with fly control in the spring and summer.

One of their four-pronged working facilities is adjacent to a barn that is close to their house. By using a series of gates and fences they are able to separate and sort cattle and then turn them into different sections of their pastures.

Ninety percent of the fences on Smith Creek Angus

are electrified high tensile, mostly five-strand with three hot and two cold alternating. There are some that are four strand, also alternating between hot and cold. Marty says cows get a bigger shock if they hit a hot and a cold strand at the same time than they do if they hit two hot strands. The remaining ten percent are barbed wire.

For many years, Marty and Lynne have consigned bulls to the bull test at Butner. Each year they consign three bulls. Typically, they are from three different sires. The test allows Marty and Lynne to compare their bulls with those from other breeders. They have had the top indexing bull in 2004, 2005, 2011, and 2012. They've also had the highest selling bull several times.

After they had been in the Angus business for a few years, D.S. Moss dispersed his herd and Roger Lane, who had "partnered" with Mr. Moss in an annual bull sale, invited Marty and Lynne to join him in the continuation of the "Partners Sale." The following year J.F. Lancaster joined as a partner. Upon J.F.'s retirement, his son Jeff became a partner. The sale is the oldest, continuous Angus sale in North Carolina and it takes place on the first Saturday in December each year.

Marty and Lynne have been on several trips with fellow Angus producers from North Carolina as well as trips with other members of the American Angus Association. They enjoy Angus cattle, and they said "And, of course, we thoroughly enjoy Angus cattle people."

If you want to meet some really down to earth, hard-working people and see an excellent herd of hard-working Angus cattle, be sure to get in touch with Marty and Lynne Rooker.

Smith Creek Angus Farm is located at 703 Rooker Dairy Road, Norlina, NC - three miles north of I-85 exit 229. Marty's cell phone number is (252) 213-1553.



Over the years Marty and Lynne have bottle fed several calves, all of which have been heifers. One of them is 13-year-old Olivia, who is now a Pathfinder Cow. She just had a heifer calf in November.

North Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting & Trade Show February 13, 2016

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Angus Association will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 (NEW DATE!) at the Forsyth County Agriculture Building located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The day's events will kick off with an educational program followed by a special session for meeting our trade show sponsors. During this session our attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the latest innovations and technologies being offered by our allied industry partners. Chris Jeffcoat, American Angus Association Regional Manager, will also be on hand to discuss the current news from American Angus.

The North Carolina Angus Association, North Carolina Angus Auxiliary

and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association will hold their annual meetings later in the afternoon. During the NCAA general business meeting, we will discuss the progress of the Association during the past year as well as future plans. Also, the Junior Angus and the Angus Auxiliary will give their reports of activities over the past year.

The Annual Banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Banquet will feature a Certified Angus Beef® dinner. Prior to dinner, the 2016 NC Angus Hall of Fame induction will be held. Following dinner will be the recognition of the 2015 NCJAA Boosters, special recognitions and the auction of the 2016 preferred advertising pages on our website and in the NC Angus News.

The February 1st pre-registration fee for the 2016 Annual Meeting will be \$12 each for members and guests. After February 1st and at the door the charge will be \$20 per person. We will offer a "10 & under meal" for \$5 pre-registration and \$10 after February 1st and at the door. There will be a \$5 charge for attending the afternoon seminar only. Watch your mailbox for a special mailing that will include the Annual Meeting registration, membership renewal and 2016 advertising opportunities. You may also visit our website, www.ncangus.org, to find more details and to download the registration form.

American Angus Regional Manager Update

Dear Angus Breeder,

Winter is upon us, and here's hoping we don't have the record cold temperatures that we had last year. For those who know me well, you know that I got a little spoiled by the milder winters of Kentucky and North Carolina when I lived there!

I'm glad many of you were able to attend the National Angus Convention & Trade Show in Overland Park, Kansas. More than 2,100 people attended the great event, which included ranch tours, a genomics symposium, educational programs, trade show and entertainment. The Angus Media team provided in-depth coverage of the Angus Convention, and you can watch highlights on The Angus Report, read summaries in the Newsroom at www.angusconvention.com and look for articles in upcoming issues of the Angus Journal. If you couldn't attend this year, we will look forward to seeing you at next year's convention in Indianapolis, IN. Save the date for November 5-7, 2016.

I'd also like to take a minute to introduce Allen Moczygemba, the new chief executive officer of the American Angus Association, effective December 1. He is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and will serve as the chief executive officer for the American Angus Association and for each of the Association's subsidiaries: Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC, Angus Genetics Inc. and the Angus Foundation. Moczygemba possesses nearly three decades of experience in the cattle business, managing business units, overseeing brands and building strategic relationships across the beef industry. He most recently served as vice president of marketing for Advanced Animal Diagnostics, a tech company developing on-farm animal-health diagnostic platforms. You can read more about him and his experiences in the news release in this magazine.

For this issue, I would like to encourage you to learn more about the Association's MaternalPlus program by visiting the MaternalPlus page on the American Angus website. The page now includes tutorial videos and articles. MaternalPlus is a voluntary, inventory-based whole herd reporting system designed to capture additional reproductive trait data and, ultimately, expand reproductive and lifetime productivity tools. Although, MaternalPlus is voluntary, I would like to encourage everyone to be a leader within the Angus breed by enrolling your herd. The collection of heifer breeding records and cow culling data will assist Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) in the development of these selection tools for the breed. By enrolling in MaternalPlus, you will also receive additional information at weaning processing time, including calving ease, birth weight and weaning weight EPDs for all calves out of inventoried cows. In addition, MaternalPlus provides you with individual herd analysis for you to determine your herd direction and allow you to make effective selection decisions. Also, by using the cow disposal codes within MaternalPlus, you will be provided statistics on your culling decisions. If you need assistance or would like to discuss MaternalPlus, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Additionally, the staff at the American Angus Association is more than happy to assist you with getting enrolled.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks at sales and events. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about Association programs or need assistance during sales.

Sincerely,
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Dixie Classic Fair

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Open Show



Grand Champion Heifer - BCC Georgette C123, sired by Duff Hobart 8302. Owned by Jay Cassavaugh, shown by Anna English.



Reserve Grand Champion Heifer - Musgrave Lucy 5253, sired by PVF Insight. Shown & Owned by Mattie & Marcie Harward.



Grand Champion Bull - EBS SC1085-5111, sired by Springfield Complete 1085. Owned by EBS Farms, shown by the Harward Sisters.



Reserve Champion Bull - STF 7001 Good Boy 406, sired by Famous 7001. Owned by Mountain Creek Angus, shown by Anna English.

Junior Show



Grand Champion Heifer - Cherry Knoll Ark Pride 1422, sired by Connealy Final Product. Owned & Shown by Mattie Harward.



Reserve Champion Heifer - Gambles Georgina 3104, sired by BC Lookout. Owned & Shown by Elizabeth Cole.

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Junior Show



Grand Champion Heifer - SCC CF Phyllis 447, sired by Dameron First Class. Owned & Shown by Austin Teeter.



Reserve Champion Heifer - PVF Blackbird 4182, sired by PVF Insight. Owned & Shown by Marcy Price.

Open Show



Grand Champion Heifer (Reserve Supreme Heifer) - SCC CF Phyllis 447, sired by Dameron First Class. Owned & Shown by Austin Teeter.



Reserve Champion Heifer - Wood Envious Blackbird 3201, sired by SAV Bismarck. Bred, Owned & Shown by Wood Angus.



Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair (Supreme Cow/Calf Pair) - WCC Forever Lady X90, sired by CJ Prestige. Owned & Shown by Karl & Cortney Holshouser.



Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair (Reserve Supreme Cow/Calf Pair) - WA Emblynette 136, sired by SAV 004 Density. Owned & Shown by Justin Wood & Wood Angus.



Grand Champion Bull (Reserve Supreme Bull) - KBCX Musketeer, sired by BC Lookout. Bred, Owned & Shown by Wyatt Kendall.



Reserve Champion Bull - Wood Bowtie 500, sired by EXAR Blue Chip. Bred, Owned & Shown by Justin Wood & Wood Angus.

AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THE TEN NORTH CAROLINA BREEDERS WHO REGISTERED THE MOST ANGUS

The 10 producers who registered the most Angus beef cattle in the state of North Carolina recorded a total of 983 Angus with the American Angus Association® during fiscal year 2015, which ended September 30, according to Richard Wilson, Association interim chief executive officer.

The 10 top recorders in North Carolina are: **Springfield Angus Farm**, Louisburg; **Upper Piedmont Research Station**, Reidsville; **J Roger Lane**, Gates; **E. Bruce Shankle II**, Polkton; **The Biltmore Company**, Asheville; **Wood Angus Farm LLC**, Willow Spring; **Smith Creek Angus Farm**, Norlina; **Panther Creek Farms**, Pink Hill; **Gragg Farms**, Boone; and **Blue Q Ranch**, Troy.

Angus breeders across the nation in 2015 registered 320,362 head of Angus cattle. "Our growth this fiscal year continues to demonstrate strong demand for Angus genetics and solidifies our long-held position as a leader in the beef cattle industry," Wilson says. "These results underscore our members' commitment to providing genetic solutions to the beef cattle industry."



North Carolina Junior Angus Association

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The William Sanders Scholarship and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association are pleased to support youth and education. We will once again be offering this annual scholarship to a qualified NC Junior Angus Association member. You may find the 2016 application on our website at www.ncangus.org or contact the NCAA office for more details 336-599-8750. The application deadline is April 15, 2016.



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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.



Hannah

Jennifer called yesterday. We had not talked in 15 years. Some will remember Jennifer as the beautiful young girl with the long and unmanageable brown hair who showed some of our heifers in junior shows around the state in the late 1980's. She and her husband have just purchased land and a few Angus calves in Missouri and she, a professional photographer, has used her talents and knowledge to photograph cattle for sales. The love of cattle never leaves most people.

We didn't know the term back then, but Jennifer was truly a "cow whisperer." She was the most patient, quietest and gentlest person when she was handling animals. We never helped her. She had a halter on her heifers and was leading them in days. Truly, I have never seen another person who could do that.

She won some shows with her heifers, just local, regional, and some fairs a few times. Goose River Farm wasn't really "into" showing cattle but we had fun encouraging Jennifer.

One of the heifers she showed was Moss Miss Trio, calved October 16, 1988. She was a Perryville Esso Extra 17M heifer with a story behind her.

A phone ringing at 2 AM is not a pleasant sound but as I picked it up, D.S. Moss was already talking. "Bette, we just had a calf born to one of our best cows. This might be the best calf we've ever had. Had to pull it, the dam is down. Cow doesn't look good. If you will take the calf and raise her, Tom and I will share ownership with you."

"All right," I said groggily. "Can I come get her tomorrow morning?"

"No...we're about half way up there now!" he said. (He must have been pretty sure of my cooperation! The D.S. Moss Farm is about 2 hours away!)

So Trio was raised here on a bottle, grew to be a big heifer and Jennifer showed her a while. She didn't become "the best calf" that D.S. had ever had, but I came to under-

stand that expression...."may be." I have heard Tom Burke use it hundreds of times as cattle go through the ring. "This may be the best heifer in the sale." "This cow may be the one that will make your herd known." "Look at that bull! He may be the best bull calf we've ever sold!"

Our granddaughter, Hannah, showed another Goose River Farm heifer. I realize now what those experiences meant to these two young girls. So many life lessons learned, some of which I feel sure helped to keep Jennifer moving forward as she essentially taught herself after eighth grade, began to study at a community college at age 16, continued in a well-known out of state college to her bachelor's degree, and just finished her MBA. All of this while dealing with an early marriage, the death of her young husband, and raising a son alone.

And Hannah, our granddaughter, and her husband, our wonderful Todd, and their 5-year-old son, three months ago brought home their African son, age 3, to add to our family. Perseverance, bravery, love, and patience were all a part of that story which I will tell when Hannah allows it. Our new great-grandson, whose arrival in the U.S. had been anticipated for more than two years of red tape, discouragement from the country he came from, false hopes, and disappointments, was a very vital and joyful part of our Thanksgiving celebration this year.

So it makes me realize what an important role the N.C. Junior Angus Association plays. The mere numbers of Juniors listed in their 2015 roster is very impressive. It is my considered opinion that not much that we do matters anywhere nearly as much as helping to encourage, teach, love, and develop the next generation.

And so, I say thank you so very much to the dedicated and knowledgeable N.C. Junior Angus Association Advisors, Steven and Jaime Watson, Brenda and Russell Vinson, and Tim and Andrea Goforth for all the hours you spend and the travel you do to help our fine N. C. Junior Angus Association youngsters grow and excel.



Shiloh and Josiah

The Down East Angus Sale

Sale Summary

The 2015 North Carolina Angus Association's Down East Sale was held on Saturday, November 7th at the Sampson County Livestock Arena in Clinton, NC. A special thank you goes to Roy Outlaw and his committee for bringing together a great group of consignors and cattle.

The weather was more like summer than fall in Clinton on November 7th and the warmer temperatures helped to enhance the crowd at the sale. Cattle producers from all across North Carolina and some surrounding states gathered for the event. Auctioneer E.B. Harris opened the sale with a heartfelt tribute to all the men and women in the audience who have served our country and battled for our freedoms. Then it was time to begin the sale.

The sale kicked off with the cow-calf pairs. The top-selling pair was Lot 3 and 3A, Simpsons Emblazon S092 selling with her October bull calf sired by Deer Valley All In. Simpsons Emblazon S092 was a WAF Emblazon 11 daughter consigned by Simpsons Angus Farm, Lucama, NC. Lot 3 and 3A sold to Dismal Farms of Benson for \$3,000. Craven Angus Farm and Wood Angus also consigned high-selling pairs.

Roy Outlaw of Outlaw Angus, Seven Springs consigned the high-selling bred heifer. Lot 46 PCF Objective Lassie 301 sold to Edwards Land & Cattle Company of Beulaville, NC for \$3,150. She was an SS Objective T510 OT26 daughter out of a Connealy Impression dam. Craven Angus Farm, Seagrove, NC consigned Lot 5 and Lot 6, Pasquotank Emblazon 824 sired bred heifers both selling for \$2,600. Lot 5 and Lot 6 were bred to Springfield Confidence 2043 and sold to Barbour Farms of Willow Spring, NC. Bred heifers averaged \$2,783.33.

Several outstanding open heifers helped to make up the sale offering. Top-selling open heifer was Lot 29 ESR Emma 470, a September born female sired by the breed-leading bull for registrations AAR Ten X 7008, sold to Cochrane Angus Farm for \$2,600. Tommy McGee of Evening Star Ranch in Lenoir, NC consigned Lot 29 along with Lots 30X and Lot 31, two additional high-selling open heifers. Lot 30X, an SAV Iron Mountain 8066 daughter, sold to Propst Farms of Concord for \$2,300 and Lot 31, a SydGen CC&7 sired heifer, sold to Cochrane Angus Farm for \$2,300. H&D Angus of Snow Camp, NC consigned Lot 21, a Connealy In Sure 8524 daughter out of a Bon View New Design 878 dam, which also sold to Propst Farms for \$2,100. Two January born females consigned by Silver Spring Angus and Evening Star Ranch each went for \$2,100 selling to Foggy Creek Farms of Vale, NC. Silver Spring Angus Lot 32 BluQ Forever Lady 1783 was an AAR Ten X 7008 and Lot 33 ESR Burgess 5204 a Yon Belton A153 heifer. Thirty open heifers sold for an average of \$1,677.59.

H&D Angus consigned the top-selling group of bulls with Lots 40, 42 and 43 each selling for \$2,050. Lot 40, a WAF Birthstone 104 son, sold to Roger Worley of Clarendon, NC. Lots 42 and 43 both H&D 8509 sons sold to Andy Lassiter of Four Oaks, NC. A total of eight bulls sold averaging \$2,156.25.

Angus influenced lots were also a part of the sale. An Angus influenced cow-calf pair consigned by Outlaw Angus sold for \$2,400 to Austin Brown of Chinquapin, NC. Three bred females consigned by Dr. Randy Jones, Wheat Swamp Angus, Kinston sold for \$2,300 each and all went to Britt Farms, Albertson, NC. Four Angus influenced females sold for \$9,300 averaging \$2,325.

Volume buyers for the sale included Starkey Mills of Trenton, Propst Farms of Concord and Edwards Land & Cattle Company of Beulaville. Total sale gross was \$94,650. Thank you to the consignors and all the buyers for making this another successful sale.

A special thank you to Dr. Richard Kirkman for the sale color comments, to Neil Bowman and Darryl Howard for serving as ring men and to Suzanne Brewer and Donna Outlaw for their assistance in clerking the sale. Also thanks to the hard work of the North Carolina Junior Angus for providing a great lunch.

Mark your calendars now for 2016 to be "Down East" on Saturday, November 5th at the Sampson County Livestock Arena, Clinton, NC.

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**CONSIGNMENT
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FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

Beer & Brown Sugar Marinated Roast

Ingredients

- 1 (3-pound) Certified Angus Beef® ball tip (bottom sirloin) roast
- 1 cup dark beer
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder



Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients. Place roast in a large plastic zippered bag and pour marinade over roast. Close bag and marinate in refrigerator 12 to 14 hours.
2. Remove roast from refrigerator and pat dry with paper towels. Discard marinade and preheat oven to 450°F. Season roast with an additional 2 teaspoons kosher salt and 1 teaspoon black pepper, if desired, and place in a shallow roasting pan fitted with rack. Roast 15 minutes in preheated oven, then reduce heat to 325°F. Cook approximately 1 hour to reach medium (135-140°F) doneness.
3. Remove roast from oven, tent loosely with foil and rest 10 minutes before carving.

Serves 6

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Pictured is the beautiful barn quilt designed by the Quilt Square Girls for Suzanne Brewer. The barn quilt was Suzanne's retirement gift from the NC Angus Association for her many years of dedicated service.

Lifetime Angus Platinum Benefactor Award



The North Carolina Angus Association received the Lifetime Angus Platinum Benefactor Award for financial support reaching \$25,000 during the Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event held in conjunction with the 2015 National Angus Convention & Trade Show, Nov. 2 in Overland Park, Kan. Pictured, from left, are: Charlie Boyd II, Angus Foundation chairman; Jeff Wood and Russell Wood, North Carolina Angus Association representatives; Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president; and Evan Woodbury, National Junior Angus Board Foundation director.



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B/R-Destination-928-630

							CW
							+43
							MARB
							+.79
							RE
							+.23
							FAT
							-0.69
							\$W
							+53.50
							\$F
							+68.46
							\$G
							+43.82
CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN	\$B
+7	+1.0	+59	+106	+13	+19	-6.89	+150.80

WR-Journey-1X74

							CW
							+65
							MARB
							+.89
							RE
							+1.30
							FAT
							+.024
							\$W
							+100.35
							\$F
							+128.03
							\$G
							+46.31
CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN	\$B
+13	-1.6	+82	+137	+14	+32	-38.32	+216.19

Quaker-Hill-Rampage-0A36

							CW
							+80
							MARB
							+.53
							RE
							+1.48
							FAT
							-.042
							\$W
							+90.56
							\$F
							+155.78
							\$G
							+41.42
CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN	\$B
+11	+.8	+95	+169	+14	+28	-55.80	+214.36

Rosewood-Apache-1084

							CW
							+24
							MARB
							+.24
							RE
							+.27
							FAT
							+.063
							\$W
							+55.30
							\$F
							+47.18
							\$G
							+14.09
CED	BEPD	WEPD	YEPD	CEM	MILK	\$EN	\$B
+6	+1.9	+55	+93	+8	+23	-6.34	+75.29

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