

North Carolina Angus Association Holds 75th Annual Meeting

By: Sharon Rogers, NCAA Executive Secretary

The 2020 North Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting was held February 8, 2020 at the Forsyth County Agriculture Building in Winston-Salem, NC. The NCAA celebrated the huge accomplishment of reaching its 75th Anniversary at this meeting. It was a great day to learn about new innovations in the Angus and cattle industry, conduct association business, rekindle old friendships and make new ones.

The day began with attendees visiting our many tradeshow vendors to learn more about new industry trends and applications. A special thank you to our Allied Industry Partners: **ABS Global, Cargill Feed & Nutrition, Farm Credit Associations of NC, Merck Animal Health, Premier Select Sires, Sink Farm Equipment, Sunset Feeds and Zoetis** for their continued support of the association throughout the year. Also thank you to the Annual Meeting sponsors: Bartlett Milling Co., Genex, LTD Farm & Garden, Mt. Airy Equipment Co., Mt. Airy Southern States, NC Cattlemen's Association, ST Genetics and Winston Tractor Co. for making the day possible. Other highlights of the event included an educational session, updates on association, auxiliary and junior business and the annual award presentations to members for their outstanding work throughout the year.

The afternoon seminar was presented by Dr. Nathan Long, Associate Professor Animal & Veterinary Sciences Department with Clemson University. His presentation *"You Are What Your Mother Eats, Does This Apply to Your Cows?"* focused on fetal programming during gestation and how poor management can lead to negative fetal programming. Negative fetal programming can then lead to poor performance though out the life of the animal in both maternal and terminal animals. Dr. Long's presentation generated many questions from the membership on how to prevent these challenges within their own herds. At the conclusion of the educational program, our event sponsors held their "meet and greet" session giving them an opportunity to discuss their products and services with the members.



Next on the agenda was the Annual Business Meeting of the NC Angus Association. Each association committee shared their annual report of activities for 2019 with the membership. The retiring NCAA board members were recognized and thanked for their three years of service to the association: Howard Gentry, Derek Goddard, Tim Goforth, Richard Kirkman and Roy Swisher. New board members were nominated and elected to serve the association for the next three years. New boards members are: John Brewer, Derek Goddard, Brooke Harward, Zach Moffitt and Jeff Wood. Following the membership meeting the board of directors meet to elect officer. The 2020 NCAA officers are Eugene Shuffler – President, Mike Moss - Vice President and Kim Starnes - Treasurer.





The evening banquet brought out even more members to enjoy dinner and fellowship. The association celebrated reaching the milestone of 75 years at the banquet. President Shuffler introduced the newly updated NC Angus history book to members and thanked Suzanne Brewer and her committee for all their hard work in compiling the recent history. Also the NC Angus Auxiliary provided lovely decorations and an anniversary cake to help with the celebration. Thank you to the Auxiliary for helping to make



the evening extra special. This year the annual auction was the first event of the evening. Thanks to Stanley Smith and all of the dedicated NCAA members who participated in the auction. The preferred spots on the NCAA Website, the ad spaces for association sales and the select pages in the *NC Angus News* magazine were sold. The juniors auctioned homemade cakes and the Auxiliary auctioned a weekend getaway at the Lane Angus Farm guest house. A special thank you to everyone who bid and purchased all the items to benefit the associations.

Several awards were presented to members during the banquet. Shuffler Farms of Union Grove received the Ira Gentry Memorial trophy for consigning the high selling lot in the 2019 Spring Fever Sale. In addition, several farms were recognized as the “judge’s choice” for having the top consignments in the 2019 Spring Fever Sale. Judge’s choice winners included Shuffler Farms for the cow/calf pair, Scarlett Farms for the open heifer and Second Creek Angus for the top bred heifer.

The 2019 NC Angus Hall of Fame Award was presented to Ray & Suzanne Brewer of Brewer Farms in Lexington, NC. Ray & Suzanne are very deserving recipients of the award. Both have devoted countless hours to the success of the NC Angus Association over the years. Suzanne during her tenure as secretary for the NCAA and Ray supporting her. Ray was also instrumental in many committees and could always be depended on to support the NC Junior Angus Association in any way they needed. Longtime friend Roy Swisher presented the award and spoke of the Brewer’s beginnings in the cattle business and their time with the association.



Many NC Junior Angus members were recognized for their outstanding achievements as well. The DeEtta Wood Leadership Award was present to Lynae Bowman for her participation in various Angus activities during 2019. The NC Angus Auxiliary also presented their Merit Awards to several NC Junior.

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