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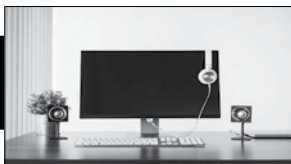
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From Cortney's Desk...

"The farmer has to be an optimist, or he wouldn't still be a farmer." Will Rogers

This summer was certainly a challenge for producers in our state. Drought, excessive rain, tropical storms, army worms, and other obstacles made it seem like the odds were against us at every turn. Farmers, though, are some of the toughest, most resilient people. We all have trudged on and made plans for next year's crops, calves, and pastures with optimism. I hope things are turning around and everyone is enjoying this Fall season so far and your calving is off to a great start.

Be sure to join us March 1st in Yadkinville for our Annual Meeting where we will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary! What an amazing history our Association has. I am grateful for every member that decides to join this group. There have been countless members throughout these 80 years that have dedicated their time and resources in leadership and volunteer roles for the betterment of this organization. Join us in Yadkinville to celebrate our rich history and to look toward the future with even more opportunities for our members!

Cortney Holshouser

North Carolina Angus Association Executive Secretary

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President's Message

To say this has been a tough summer for farmers in an understatement. Drought, hurricane, army worms, sustained high temperatures, it seems to be unrelenting. This fall, I encourage you to check on your fellow farmers. It doesn't take a second to call a neighbor or friend and check in when times are hard. We're in this together. The silver lining has been cattle and beef prices holding strong. The NC Angus Association board of directors and committees have been working to develop opportunities to maximize profits and potential for your Angus cattle. Look for the NC Angus Advantage program, and ways to increase value for your and your customer's Angus influence cattle.

Callie Carson



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October 4 - 13	Carolina Classic Fair, <i>Winston-Salem, NC</i>
October 12	Chessie Creek Farm Bull Sale, <i>Walterboro, SC</i>
October 12	NC Angus Association Fall Field Day, Roseboro, NC
October 17 - 27	NC State Fair Raleigh, <i>NC</i>
October 19	NC Junior Angus Association Meeting, <i>Raleigh, NC</i>
October 25 - 26	Yon Family Farms Maternal Roots Fall Female & Bull Sale, <i>Ridge Spring, SC</i>
November 2 - 4	National Angus Convention & Trade Show, <i>Fort Worth, TX</i>
November 2	Craven Angus Farm Bull & Female Sale, <i>Seagrove, NC</i>
November 7	American Angus Auxiliary Full Circle Online Auction, <i>Angus Live</i>
November 9	E.B. & Shane Harris 23rd Annual Influence Commercial Female & Bull Sale, <i>Oxford, NC</i>
November 16	Shelton Angus/Dogwood Farms Bull Sale, <i>Gretna, VA</i>
November 16	Southeast Bull Expo, <i>Asheboro, NC</i>
November 23	McMahan Angus & Hancock Angus Bull Sale, <i>Mocksville, NC</i>
December 6	Knoll Crest Farm Total Performance Bull Sale, <i>Red House, VA</i>
December 7	NCBCIP Waynesville Bull Test Sale, <i>Canton, NC</i>
December 7	Uwharrie Ridge Farms Production Sale, <i>Denton, NC</i>
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December 14	Brushy Mountain Genetics Bull & Female Sale, <i>Taylorsville, NC</i>
December 14	Springfield Angus Bull Sale, <i>Louisburg, NC</i>
December 20	NCBCIP Butner Bull Test Sale, <i>Oxford, NC</i>

Spring 2024 Schedule of Events

January 4	EBS Farms Select Sale, <i>Norwood, NC</i>
February 5 - 7	NCBA Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show, <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
February 15	Yon Family Farms Spring Bull & Female Sale, <i>Ridge Spring, SC</i>
February 21 - 22	NC Cattlemen's Association Annual Conference, <i>Hickory, NC</i>
February 22	Blue Ridge Brutes Bull & Commercial Female Sale, <i>Mt Airy, NC</i>
March 1	NC Angus Association Annual Meeting, Yadkinville, NC
March 1	Advertising deadline for the Spring NC Angus News
April 5	Green Hills Gelbvieh & Hope Cattle Services, <i>Spring Turn Out Sale, Oxford, NC</i>
April 12	Knoll Crest Farm Spring Bull & Female Sale, <i>Red House, VA</i>
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10%	20%	10%	10%	2%	2%	30%	20%		15%
HPG	CEM	MILK	CW	MARB	RE	FAT	\$M	\$B	\$C
15.4	7	40	84	1.17	0.63	0.064	88	201	349
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.37	.54	.46	.41	.47	.32	.25	.25	.25	.27
15%	20%	10%	10%			30%	15%	20%	
HPG	CEM	MILK	CW	MARB	RE	FAT	\$M	\$B	\$C
17.4	12	28	75	0.62	0.87	0.056	87	174	313
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40th Annual NORTH CAROLINA ANGUS ASSOCIATION SPRING FEVER SALE

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There was a big crowd on hand for the sale and bidding was in full swing



Sale manager Zach Moffitt and Colonel Will Thompson ready to get things started

The 40th Annual North Carolina Angus Spring Fever Sale was held April 27th at the Shuffler Farm Sale facility in Union Grove, NC. It was a beautiful morning for potential buyers to view the cattle and evaluate the 77 live and frozen lots sold. The sale was a huge success, grossing \$272,225 with an average of just over \$4,537 on the 60 live lots. The sale was managed by Zach Moffitt Cattle Marketing & Consulting of Concord, NC. The consignors, along with Zach, worked hard showcasing the females before and during the sale. The offering included Fall cow/calf pairs, Spring cow/calf pairs, bred cows, bred heifers, open heifers, NC Elite heifers and show heifer prospects, and embryos. Consignors for this year included Black Cedar Angus, Chapman Cattle Company, Cox & Collier, McCarter Family Farms, English Farms, Goddard Family Farms, Goforth Angus, Haws Farms, Hill Angus Farm, J2 Cattle Farm, Legacy at Pine Hill Farm, Lucas Farm, Mill Creek Cattle Company, Ruckus Hill Farms – Smith, RWN Ag Enterprises, S & H Poultry, S & J Farms, Scarlett Farms,

Shade Tree Farm, Shelton Angus Farm, Shuffler Farm, Simpsons Angus Farm, Triple LLL Angus, and Windy Hill Farms LLC. Several visitors came out on Friday afternoon to view the cattle and lots more arrived early on Saturday morning. Between the crowd and the internet viewers, the sale reached bidders and buyers all over the country. The sale arena was full as Colonel Will Thompson kicked off the auction at noon.

Thank you to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association for preparing a wonderful lunch of chili with all of the fixings and banana pudding. Two cakes, a layered caramel cake and a blackberry wine cake were auctioned for the Juniors ahead of the sale. Terry Brown of Concord graciously purchased the first cake and donated it back to be auctioned again. Nichole Carpenter and Carson Family Farm purchased the 2 cakes. The North Carolina Angus Auxiliary once again decorated the sale ring with beautiful flowers from Blake Farms. They were auctioned before the sale to raise money for the Auxiliary's projects. Thank you to Zach Moffitt, Rick Ankrum, and Kevin Byerly for purchasing these. We appreciate the working partnership we have with these two groups.



NCAA President Callie Carson welcomed everyone to the 40th Annual Spring Fever Sale and opened the day with a prayer

The high selling lot in the 2024 Spring Fever Sale was lot 2, WHS Growth Fund Burgess J2, consigned by Shelton Angus Farm of Gretna, VA. J2 is a first calf heifer sired by Deer Valley Growth Fund and a full sister to the Alta Genetics Roster member WHS Capital. She has a weaning ratio of 121 and a yearling ratio of 115. She ranks high for WW, YW, SC, CEM, Milk, Claw, Angle, HS, CW, \$W, and \$F. She is bred to calve in October to HPCA Veracious. J2 was selected by Eric Bray of Stars Peak Farm in Jonesville, NC for \$8,500. She came to town with a GB Fireball heifer on her side that will have improved carcass traits. The calf sold for \$6,000 to Mark Tucker of Chatham, VA.

The North Carolina Angus Elite Heifers were a sale feature once again. To qualify for the Elite Heifer status, the females must meet a stringent set of performance and breeding guidelines. The consignors continue to make the extra effort to have their top-quality heifers meet the standards and this year, ten of the bred heifer consignments were designated Elite. The Elite Heifers sold for an average of \$4,450. Lot 18, WHS Thedford Lass 3K was the high selling



The Spring pairs are always popular



This young cattleman studied the cattle hard

40th Annual NORTH CAROLINA ANGUS ASSOCIATION SPRING FEVER SALE

Continued



The Elite bred heifers are always a highlight of the sale

Once again there was a strong set of Fall bred cows with big stout calves. The top Fall pair was Lot 2 and 2A consigned by Shelton Angus Farm of Gretna, VA. Lot 2, WHS Growth Fund Burgess J2, was a daughter of Deer Valley Growth Fund with GAR Sure Fire on her maternal side. The cow was bred to HPCA Veracious for a Fall calf. She sold to Eric Bray of Jonesville, NC for \$8,500. Her September heifer calf, WHS Fireball Burgess 25L sired by GB Fireball672, sold to Mark Tucker for \$6,000. Another Fall pair standout was lot 6, Lucas Lady Know How M044S, consigned by Lucas Farm. The cow sold to Grant Miller for \$4,500. Rickie Johnston selected the fancy heifer calf at side for \$4,250. She is a daughter of Musgrave 316 Exclusive. The twelve Fall cow/calf pairs sold for an average of \$7,329.17. The Spring cow/calf pairs also sold well. The high selling Spring pair was EWA 086 of 8306 Phoenix consigned by McCarter Family Farms. She is a GAR Phoenix and sold with a heifer calf at side by E & B Wildcat. She sold to Andy Anders for \$6,250. The six Spring cow/calf pairs averaged \$5,000. Additionally, six bred cows averaged \$4,250.



The Spring Fever Sale committee and consignors work hard to make sure the cattle are in excellent shape for sale day



What a beautiful day to evaluate sale cattle

Elite Heifer at \$6,000. She was a Hoffman Thedford daughter bred to the popular KA Kindred consigned by Shelton Angus Farm. The 909 Ranch of Statesville, NC purchased Lot 18. Other NC Angus Elite Heifer consignors included: Chapman Cattle Company, Windy Hill Farms, Black Cedar Angus, and Scarlett Farms.

The high selling bred heifer in this year's sale was lot 21, Chapmans – BBA Black-cap 216, a Deer Valley Optimum 9246 daughter consigned by Chapman Cattle Company and Butcher Branch Land and Cattle. She is bred to Connealy Craftsman. She was selected by Brian Owens of Thomasville, NC for \$7,250. In total, nineteen bred heifers sold for \$88,750 to average \$4,671.05.



The NC Junior Angus members served a delicious lunch

The frozen lots also made a positive impact in the sale. Lot 59, 3 IVF embryos by BNWZ Validity 2491 and Biltmore Erica 14G, was the high selling embryo lot at \$2,250. The embryos sold to Goforth Angus. 18 embryos averaged \$579.17.

The top selling open heifer was HAF Rita GF CCR 593, consigned by Hill Angus Farm. She is a September 2023 heifer sired by Connealy Craftsman. She sold to 3J Angus in Shelby, NC for \$4,250. In total, eleven open heifers sold for an average of \$2,690.91.

Volume buyers were Andy Anders with AM – PM Farms of Fountain Inn, SC, Rick Ankrum with the 909 Ranch of Statesville, NC, Brian Owens of Thomasville, NC and Brian High of Taylorsville, NC. CCI.LIVE hosted the sale online. Cattle and embryos sold into North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, and Texas. Thank you to all the buyers who bid and purchased from the sale.

Again, this year we had a great sale day crew. Thanks to Joe Hampton, Neil Bowman, and Bryan Blinson for serving as ring men. A special thank you to Alicia Brenseke, Teresa Swisher, and Christy Perdue for helping to clerk the sale. Also thank you to the Spring Fever Sale Committee, especially Brent Scarlett and Michael Jensen, to Colonel Will Thompson, and Zach Moffitt for making the sale a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next spring for the 41st Annual Spring Fever Sale.



The ladies at the clerking table kept things running smoothly

41ST ANNUAL SPRING FEVER SALE

April 26, 2025

By: Zach Moffitt, Zach Moffitt Cattle Marketing & Consulting; Spring Fever Sale Manager



North Carolina Angus Association members, Fall is approaching fast and many of you will start calving soon if you have not already. Calving season creates so much excitement and I wish you all the best. The reward of hard work and a look into the future of the breeding program always bring great enthusiasm. We are also seeing high prices on feeder calves in the marketplace and some of us are finally getting rain. It is great to have some positive things happening.

Now is also time to begin thinking ahead for the 41st Annual Spring Fever Sale on April 26, 2025. Start evaluating those females that best represent your breeding programs now. We have had strong sales for the last four years sending cattle all

over the country. I do believe North Carolina has positive momentum which will bring more attention to the cattle and producers in our region.

Right now, things to be considering: reach out to the NCAA office for sale guidelines so you can be prepared to meet the requirements to participate, get your registrations and DNA completed and submitted to the American Angus Association early, consider attending the NC Angus Fall Field Day where there will be a potential consignor question and answer session, be ready for my cattle tour in December or January, and finally let Cortney know how many lots and what category they fit in as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with everyone and hope this is your best calf crop to date. Always feel free to stay in touch with me on the Spring Fever Sale and any other events.



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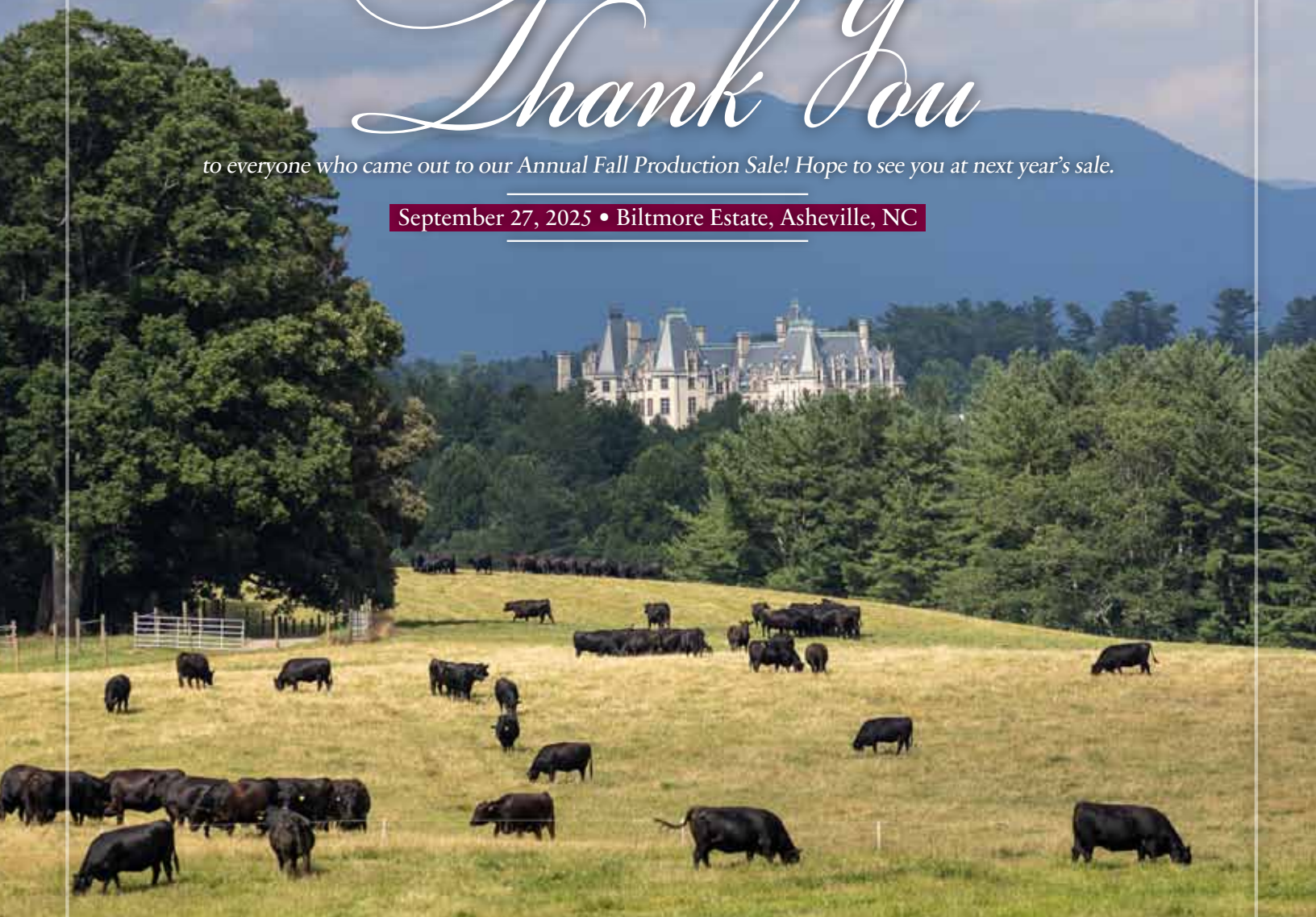
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For the research and development of the research expected progeny difference (EPD) for teat size and udder suspension, phenotypic records, alongside pedigrees and genotypes are incorporated in the single-step genetic evaluation model.

There were more than 148,000 records for each TEAT and UDDR scores collected from more than 87,000 individual cows included. The number of records is larger than the number of cows as a cow can have multiple records during her lifetime.

Overall, both teat and udder scores have an average of 6.6 and range from 1 to 9, representing the entire scoring scale.

For teat size and udder suspension, extremes on either end of the scales are undesirable. Large teats can prevent a calf from suckling and proper intakes of colostrum, and large/pendulous udders can cause problems like mastitis; on the other hand, very small teats can also result in a calf that can't properly nurse and very tight udders may be associated with low milk production, resulting in poor calf development.

MODELING AND GENETIC PARAMETERS ESTIMATION

To estimate heritabilities, genetic correlations and develop a research EPD, the first step is to identify the sources of non-genetic variation that affect a phenotype and develop the statistical model for the traits. For teat size and udder suspension, the contemporary group accounts for environmental and management differences, and the age of the cow is also considered for both traits.

Both teat size and udder suspension are moderately heritable traits (0.32 and 0.28, respectively). The traits have a genetic correlation of 0.77 which supports modeling them together in a multiple trait model.

RESEARCH EPD

The teat size and udder suspension research EPD are expressed in the units of teat and udder scores. These EPDs predict expected differences in teat size and udder suspension scores when comparing progeny of different individuals under similar mating and raised on the same conditions.

Teat Size EPD (TEAT) is expressed in units of teat size score, with a higher EPD indicating smaller teats. The teat size scores range from 9 (very small) to 1 (very large, balloon shaped). Longer, thicker teats inhibit calf suckling which could decrease the intake of colostrum and increase the risk of preweaning mortality.

Udder Suspension EPD (UDDR), expressed in units of udder suspension score with a higher EPD indicating tighter udder suspension. The udder suspension scores range from 9 (very tight) to 1 (very pendulous). Weak suspension (low scores) indicates lack of support to the ligament that ties the udder to the cow's body all allowing the udder to hang low subject the udder to increased injury or other issues.

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While overall smaller teats and tighter udders tend to result in less problems, breeders need to consider making breeding decisions to avoid extremes on either end of the scale. In this context, while higher EPDs would lead to smaller teats and tighter udders over generations, caution is needed not to push the herd towards an undesirable extreme.











The average EPD for both traits is around 0.52 ranging from -0.6 to 1.51. From largest to smallest there is a range of over two scores, which shows the variation in the population allowing breeders to make selection decisions that fit their breeding programs.

CONCLUSION

These two new research EPDs will even further expand the American Angus breeder's toolbox to improve maternal function. Continued data reporting is encouraged as these new EPDs develop and the database expands. The development of the teat and udder research EPDs includes phenotypic data alongside pedigrees and genotypes in the single-step model.

The teat size and udder suspension research EPDs were released August 22, 2024. More information on the development of these research EPDs can be found in the research report online at www.angus.org/ahir/research/teat-udder.

Figure 1. Scoring scale for teat size and udder suspension (intermediate scores, 2, 4, 6, 8) can also be used.

	UDDER SUSPENSION		TEAT SIZE	
1	Very Pendulous		Very Large & Misshapen	
3	Pendulous		Large	
5	Intermediate		Intermediate	
7	Tight		Small	
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Gaining a **DEEPER PERSPECTIVE** THROUGH THE BEEF LEADERS INSTITUTE

By: Callie Carson



Angus cattle have been a central part of my life for over 25 years. The friends and experiences offered in junior activities like LEAD, ERJAS, and NJAS are highlights of my youth, and lifetime friendships were established as a result with Angus enthusiasts within NC and across the nation. Aging out of the Junior program opened the door for leadership opportunities with the NCAA Board of Directors and the NC Angus Auxiliary, and interest in the American Angus Association's Beef Leaders Institute (BLI), but the timing wasn't right to participate. This year, the timing was right to apply, and (thankfully) be accepted to the program. June 9th - 14th, the 2024 BLI class visited 7 states in 4 days.

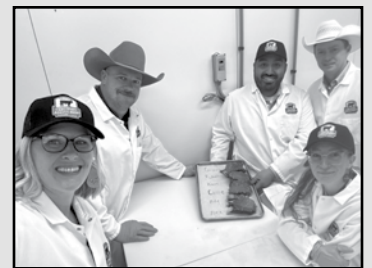
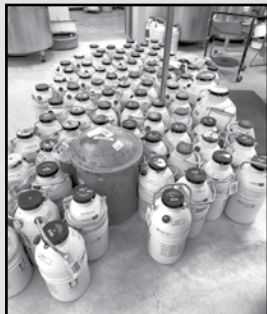
On the first day, the class met with American Angus Association staff at the AAA office including a history and tour of the office, meeting with all departments, and association goals. That evening we drove to the corner of South Dakota!

Day two, we had the opportunity to tour Tyson's beef processing plant in Sioux City, IA, one of the largest processors in the country. The plant has the capacity to process 5,000 head per day, 6 days per week. We were able to see how the plant grades the carcasses, increases in carcass quality, and CAB qualifications. From the processing plant, we drove to Weborg Feedyard in Pender, NE to talk about backgrounding process for cattle. To see the process from feedyard to processor in one day was fascinating! But the day wasn't over, we headed to Omaha to catch a flight to Detroit to prepare for Day 3.

Day three, we toured Buckhead of Ohio. Buckhead takes boxed beef primals and cuts them down into retail cuts including dry aging, private label packaging, and looking for new value-added products. Staff from CAB were on hand to talk about looking for new opportunities to increase the value of cuts while reducing waste including baseball steak cuts and filet medallions. From there, the classes headed to ST Genetics to see how they collect, sort, freeze, and store semen. ST generously offered a parade of 11 of their Angus bulls at stud - reach out if you'd like to see my notes on the bulls.

Days four and five were spent at the Certified Angus Beef headquarters in Wooster focusing on carcass quality, carcass value, marketing, and meat fabrication. This offered an opportunity for producers to get hands on and cut down primals into what would be considered a retail cut - and then cook that cut under the supervision of the CAB chefs.

BLI provided a unique opportunity to take a deep dive into the cattle industry from conception to the plate with Angus at the center of discussion. To spend a week with like-minded breeders and create a new network of breeders across the country is invaluable. As a breeder, I would encourage any NC members between the ages of 25-45 to apply and participate in BLI. Thank you to the Angus Foundation, Certified Angus Beef, and the American Angus Association for providing opportunities like BLI to members!





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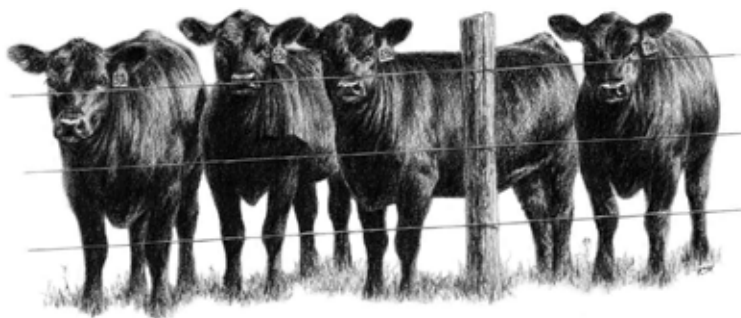
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STARNES FAMILY

Named 2023 Outstanding North Carolina Conservation Farm Family of the Year

By: Courtney Holshouser, North Carolina Angus Association Executive Secretary



The Starnes family receives the 2023 Outstanding North Carolina Conservation Farm Family of the Year Award from Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler

On May 9th, hundreds gathered in Salisbury, NC to celebrate the accomplishments of a very dedicated family. Kim and Connie Starnes and Jason and Robin Starnes operate 4S Farms in Salisbury where they farm 800 acres and raise Angus cattle, poultry, wheat, corn, soybeans, and hay.

The Starnes family is dedicated in every aspect of their lives, so it may not have come as a surprise to anyone that they were awarded the 2023 North Carolina Outstanding Conservation Farm Family of the Year. This program recognizes farmers/farm families who have achieved a high level of natural resource stewardship by applying and maintaining innovative and cost-effective conservation practices, are actively involved in conservation education, and have demonstrated strong community involvement. The Starnes family exemplifies exactly what this award means.

There were representatives from all areas of the Starnes' lives there to support them as they received recognition for this accomplishment. Their pastor, former and current employees, family, neighbors, friends made through organizations, and agriculture industry leaders were all in attendance to celebrate.

Special guests included program emcee Bruce Miller with Rowan County Soil and Water Conservation, Rowan County Commissioner Greg Edds, Vance Dalton – CEO of Ag South Farm Credit, Jimmy Gentry - President of the NC Grange, Bryan Evans and Billy Kirkpatrick with the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation District, and North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler.

In his address, Commissioner Troxler commended the Starnes family for implementing conservation practices on their farm. Troxler says that North Carolina agriculture is a \$3.2 billion industry, and it is more important now than ever that farmers work to preserve farmland. According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, North Carolina ranks 15th nationally in the amount of farmland lost from 2017 to 2022, with a decrease of 302,386 acres.

Troxler also noted that to earn this prestigious award, Kim and the Starnes family didn't just clean up the farm for one day. It is a mindset that is instilled in everyone involved with the operation and something they do every day. He emphasized that they have integrity, pride in the land, and do the right thing always, whether it is popular or costly.

All the presenters for the day had the same theme in their messages, Kim and the Starnes family have a strong work ethic and rely heavily on their Christian faith. As a result, this award only seemed natural. As Vance Dalton said, "Kim always tried to do the right thing and does his research concerning the practices he does on the farm and does what he feels is right for the family, the farm, and the environment."

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By: Cortney Holshouser, North Carolina Angus Association Executive Secretary

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This award is quite an honor and certainly reason to celebrate

As Kim took to the stage to receive this award, he said that he is very humbled by the recognition. He says he only tries to do the right thing every day in his work. He, of course, thanked others for their part in the farm's success, most importantly the Lord.

Kim recalled how he had a passion for farming early on in his childhood even though his family didn't farm. He kept the dream of farming on his own alive and bought his first tractor at 17, which has been restored and was proudly on display for this event. Kim and Connie started farming in the mid-70s and have progressed to what the operation is today. Kim retired from Duke Energy 18 years ago and is now full time on the farm. There was never a doubt that his son, Jason, would farm this land with his Dad. Among the accolades the Starnes family has received is the North Carolina Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Ranchers Achievement Award Jason and Robin earned in 2009. The achievement recognizes farmers in the program whose farm practices are judged to be the most outstanding in production efficiency, innovation, improvement, and environmental stewardship.

The outpouring of support for the Starnes family on this day was a true testament to the kind of people they are. Kim is involved in the North Carolina Angus Association and is always willing to serve in whatever capacity is needed. He has served multiple terms on the Board of Directors and as President. He currently serves as the Treasurer and continues to be innovative and a strong leader for the organization. Kim also serves on the Ag South Farm Credit Board of Directors, and serves his church faithfully as the chairman of the deacons and is involved in many other committees.

Congratulations to the Starnes Family and everyone at 4S Farms for this well-deserved honor.

NC Angus Executive Secretary
Cortney Holshouser was able to
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2024 ATLANTIC NATIONAL REGIONAL PREVIEW JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW

Angus exhibitors led 132 entries at the 2024 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 25 in Timonium, Md. Travis Pembroke, Fairview, Okla., evaluated the entries before naming champions.



Wood Lucy 2260 won bred-and-owned senior heifer calf champion at the 2024 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 25 in Timonium, Md. Riley Wood, Willow Spring, N.C., owns the winning heifer. Photo by Next Level Images.



These Angus juniors were awarded Atlantic National Merit Scholarships at the 2024 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 25 in Timonium, Md. Pictured from left are Pam Velisek, presenting; Adam Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Suter Clark, Gretna, Va.; Allison Davis, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; Ava Wood, Riley Wood and Charlotte Wood, all of Willow Spring, N.C.; Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Mary Wood, Willow Spring, N.C.; and Deanna Hofing, presenting. Photo by Next Level Images.

2024 EASTERN REGIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW

Angus exhibitors led 239 entries at the 2024 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, June 7-9 in Harrisburg, Pa. Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo., judged the females, bulls, cow-calf pairs and steers; and David Dal Porto, Anselmo, Neb., judged the phenotype and genotype females.



EBS Miss Diamond 070R-422 won reserve grand champion phenotype and genotype female at the 2024 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, June 7-9 in Harrisburg, Pa. Madalyn Carpenter, Ansonville, N.C., owns the October 2023 daughter of Connealy Craftsman. She earlier won division--1 champion. Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo., judged the females, bulls, cow-calf pairs and steers; and David Dal Porto, Anselmo, Neb., judged the phenotype and genotype females. There was a total of 239 entries. Photo by Next Level Images

2024 ALL-AMERICAN ANGUS BREEDERS' FUTURITY ROLL OF VICTORY (ROV) SHOW

Angus exhibitors led 74 entries at the 2024 All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Roll of Victory (ROV) Show, June 16 in Louisville, Ky. Randy Daniels, Colbert, Ga., evaluated the entries before naming champions.



Wood Sin City 2330 won Reserve Senior Bull Calf Champion. Ava Wood, Willow Spring, N.C., owns the winning bull. Photo by Next Level Images.

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2024 NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is a unique experience for Junior Angus members from across the country. A time to exhibit their cattle, compete in contests, and work as a team to learn valuable life skills. The 2024 National Junior Angus Show was held June 29 -July 6 in Madison, Wisconsin and the North Carolina Junior Angus members who made the trip represented us well. Maddie Grace and EB Carpenter, Ellie Shuping, Emma and Hannah Vanhoy, and Mary and Ava Wood participated in the week-long event.

Angus exhibitors from across the country led 963 entries at the 2024 NJAS. Lydell and Holly Gamble Meier of Clinton, TN, judged the owned heifers; Tim Fitzgerald, Sullivan, IN, judged the bred-and-owned heifers, cow-calf pairs, and bulls; Brian Fitzgerald, Kansas City, MO, assisted with the bred-and-owned heifers; Chris Effling, Highmore, SD, judged the steers; and Alan Miller, Gridley, IL, judged the phenotype and genotype females and bulls.

There were many highlights of the week for team North Carolina. One of the most memorable was Mary Wood being named Chairman of the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors. Mary will lead over 4,000 Junior Angus members from around the country in the coming year. Our North Carolina Juniors participated in many contests, shows, and events throughout the week.

There is no doubt that the future of the Angus breed in North Carolina is in good hands with hard working and dedicated youth representing us.



North Carolina Junior Angus members during Opening Ceremonies



Maddie Grace Carpenter represented NC at the Royalty Reception as the North Carolina Angus Princess

2024 NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

At the center of Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Madison, Wisconsin stood 15 showmen from across the country, with the title to be earned — Champion Showman at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The culmination of years in the show ring in preparation had come down to one moment.

To be eligible to compete in the showmanship contest at NJAS, participants must first qualify within their state. Only two juniors per state are chosen to represent and compete at the national level each year. Additionally, members can only compete in the contest once during their career as a junior. These high stakes add to the prestige of the contest and make it one of the most competitive in the industry.

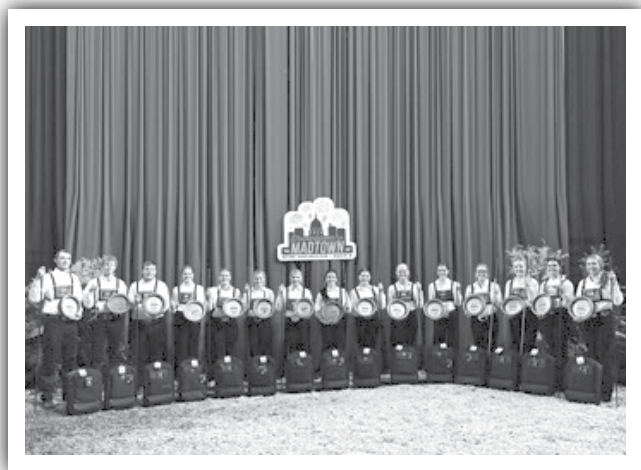
Contestants were evaluated by Calli Spengler of Cascade, Iowa, Curtis Bryant of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Jill Harker of Hope, Indiana. Jared Radcliffe of Weston, Wisconsin, served as surrogate judge for the contest.

These experts undertook a challenging responsibility: evaluating a group of exceptionally skilled participants throughout the multi-round showdown. Judges assess junior members' proficiency in animal handling, show ring etiquette and sportsmanship, equipment utilization, and adherence to instructions.

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Following the initial four heats, 15 showmen are chosen to return and participate in a final round where the top five winners are selected. The top 15 included

Aribella Beins, Utah; Allison Davis, Tenn.; Jayce Dickerson, Kan. ; Blair Heath, Md.; Courtney Rathke, Wis.; Sydney Sanders, Ohio; Tucker Stagemeyer, Neb.; Grant Ward, Mo.; Mary Wood, N.C.; Lauren Wolter, Ill. The following juniors were recognized as honorable mentions: Asa Anderson, Fla.; Dalaney Bates, Mich.; Lani LeBeouf, La.; Kilye Winge, Texas



These outstanding showmen won top fifteen finalists at the 2024 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 4-5 in Madison, Wis. Pictured from left are Tucker Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.; Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.; Grant Ward, Oak Grove, Mo.; Lauren Wolter, Aviston, Ill.; Skyler Ward, New Paris, Ohio; Blair Heath, Cooksville, Md.; Lexi Koelling, Bowling Green, Mo.; Mary Wood, Willow Spring, N.C.; Aribella Beins, Deweyville, Utah; Reese Anderson, Chrisman, Ill.; Hailey Jentz, Belmont, Wis.; Allison Davis, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Courtney Rathke, Fredonia, Wis.; Shelby Greiman, Goodell, Iowa; and Sydney Sanders, Leesburg, Ohio. Photo by Pearl's Pics.



Mary Wood, Willow Spring, represented North Carolina at the 2024 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 4-5 in Madison, Wis. Forty-two youth from across the country competed for top honors in the 58th annual event. Photo by Pearl's Pics.

ALL-AMERICAN CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF® (CAB) COOK-OFF AT THE 2024 NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW (NJAS)

Junior Angus breeders translated their knowledge in the barn to the plate during the 2024 All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. The competition has a four-decade history at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and is an event favorite. The cook-off, put on by the American Angus Auxiliary, encourages young beef enthusiasts to learn more about the end product they are producing for consumers.

North Carolina juniors won second place in the senior roast division in the All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) Cook-Off at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 2 in Madison, Wis. Pictured from left are Eason "EB" Carpenter and Maddie Carpenter, both of Wadesboro; Ellie Shuping, Morganton; Hannah Vanhoy and Emma Vanhoy, both of Catawba; and Ava Wood, Willow Spring. They prepared "Instant Pot Chuck Roast." The American Angus Auxiliary sponsored the event. Photo by Pearl's Pics.



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2024 NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW (NJAS) SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

A group of ambitious young cattlemen and women from across the United States were awarded scholarships from the Angus Foundation at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Madison, Wisconsin.



Ava Wood, Willow Spring, N.C., right, received the DeEtta Wood Memorial \$1,500 Scholarship at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 3-4 in Madison, Wis. Pictured presenting the award is Mary Wood, left. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.9 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Angus youth. Photo by Pearl's Pics.



These junior members received the Angus Foundation Undergraduate \$2,000 Scholarship at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 3-4 in Madison, Wis. Pictured from left are Reese Anderson, Chrisman, Ill.; Audrey Curtin, Blue Mound, Ill.; Anne Dameron, Towanda, Ill.; Sam Greiman, Perry, Iowa; Hailey Jentz, Belmont, Wis.; Avery Kimble, Montrose, Colo.; Kaylan Kiser, Proctor, Texas; Ava Leibfried, Hazel Green, Wis.; Eliza Patchin, Mitchellville, Iowa; Will Philipello, Bryan, Texas; Elizabeth Rone, Courtland, Miss.; Anna Scheurman, Warsaw, Ohio; Alyson Schulze, Woodbine, Md.; Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.; and Mary Wood, Willow Spring, N.C. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.9 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Angus youth.

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2024 NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW (NJAS) AWARDS CEREMONY

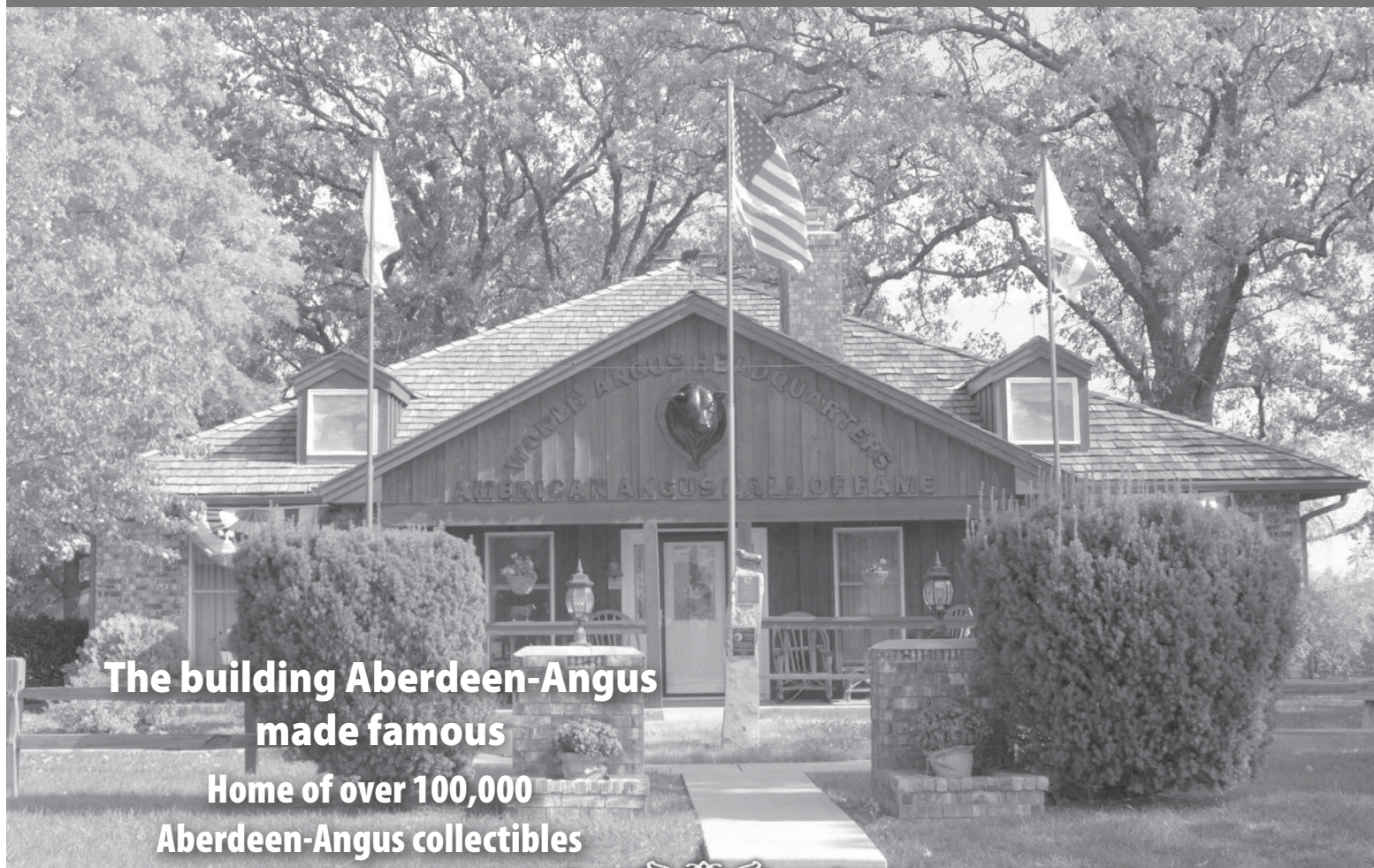
National Junior Angus Association members and their families filled the barns of the Alliant Energy Center for the 2024 National Junior Angus Show, a Showdown in Madtown, June 30th – July 6th. Junior members showcased their skills beyond the showing by competing in a variety of contests.



These junior members received their Gold Award at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 6 in Madison, Wis. Pictured from left are Ryan Borer, Buchanan, Va.; Mandy Bramhall, Lovettsville, Va.; Seth Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.; Lani LeBeouf, DeRidder, La.; Allison Davis, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Alexandra Duckworth, Greeneville, Tenn.; Allie Bieber, Waukon, Iowa; Kacey Dethlefs, Ravenna, Neb.; Mackenzie Malson, Parma, Idaho; Kerrigan Mobley, Diagonal, Iowa; Elizabeth Rone, Courtland, Miss.; Rachel Smith, Stromsburg, Neb.; McKenzie Kostel, McKinney, Texas; Mary Wood, Willow Spring, N.C.; Hunter Royer, New Richmond, Ind.; Sawyer Styles, Brentford, S.D.; Jordyn Wickard, Greenfield, Ind.; Burke Tuggle, Attica, Ind.; Ella Jordan, Savannah, Mo.; Blake Long, Big Cabin, Okla.; and Jacob Krusemark, Burlington, Wis. Photo by Pearl's Pics.

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By: Ellie Shuping, NCJAA Reporter



NCJAA members, left to right Maddie Grace Carpenter, Ellie Shuping, Ava Wood and Mary Wood

and boarded the plane. This may have been a small hiccup but without amazing parents, we could never have made it! This was just the start of an amazing LEAD trip! What better way to get to know the other members than by carpooling for 8 hours!! Finally, after landing in New Orleans and getting picked up and taken to our hotel in Baton Rouge, we met lots of new friends and finally got some sleep. We woke up the next morning and toured the LSU Rural life museum. When touring the museum, we also learned how to do Cajun dancing! We had a busy rest of our day. We went to McGee's swamp tours, where we got to hold baby alligators and go on a swamp tour! We ended our tours for the day at the Tabasco Factory where we got to see all the different processes Tabasco goes through before being put out for people to buy. We also got to sample all sorts of Tabasco products. Once we got back to the hotel, all the Junior members had a pool party/social to meet more friends! We got to sleep in a little extra the next morning and we toured a farm that worked with Greenline Genetics and a generational Angus farm. After we finished the Angus tours, we went to a Brahman farm and learned more about the breed and even got to eat Brahman meat for dinner that evening. This was the last night of our adventures; the flight home was not nearly as nerve-racking or long. The NCJAA members had a blast at LEAD and we are very eager to go next year!!

Four members of The North Carolina Junior Angus Association joined together in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development) Conference. The members were in Baton Rouge from July 23 - 26. On Tuesday July 23rd, two of the North Carolina members met in Charlotte, NC to board their direct flight to Baton Rouge. Things got hectic in the airport when their flights were delayed, then canceled. Also in the Charlotte Douglas Airport dealing with their canceled flights, five Virginia members, one Ohio member and one New York member were all stranded. The mothers of the North Carolina members had not left the airport yet, so they quickly came in to help their daughters and 7 others get to Baton Rouge. After multiple phone calls to other parents and airlines to see about available flights, we all got in the car and started driving! While traveling down I-85, one of the Virginia mothers found a flight that we could all get on leaving out of Birmingham! Thanks to our awesome moms, we headed to Birmingham to get on our flight! We made it in the nick of time



Ellie Shuping and Maddie Grace Carpenter, thinking they are about to fly out of Charlotte



North Carolina Juniors with others in their Region

Serving on the **National Junior Angus Board of Directors**

By Mary Wood, NJAA Chairman

Greetings! What an exciting opportunity to write to the Angus breeders and enthusiasts in my home state of North Carolina. Over the last year, I have served on the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors. Throughout this time, I have traveled from coast to coast to attend and assist with Angus shows, conferences and meetings. The experiences shared with my team and the junior membership of the NJAA has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. I have been blessed to work alongside some of the best leaders of our generation and to have been inspired by the future leaders within the NJAA. This past July, I was elected to serve as the Chairman of the board during my second and final year on the board. Taking on this position has been an exciting journey, as I am excited to be a servant leader within our team and to the junior membership.

With this responsibility I am asked to communicate with the American Angus Association board of directors and staff about the activities within the NJAA and our board. I am also responsible for organizing leading meetings as well as serving as the co-chair of the by-laws committee.

Knowing the great potential of our organization inspires each of us on the board to develop ideas and policies that are beneficial to the juniors and the generations to come. We each recognize the strengths of the NJAA and are excited to build onto the areas of growth as well.

My own personal goal throughout the next year in this role is to serve as encouraging member of the board and to ensure that we each are following through with ideas and opportunities to make the NJAA as impactful to our juniors as possible. Wearing the green jacket has been an honor and privilege so far, and I plan to continue to make the most of it with my team over the next year!



2024 William M. Sanders Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Caroline Scarlett on being named the 2024 William M. Sanders Scholarship winner. Caroline has recently graduated from Faith Christian School with highest honors and is now attending NC State, majoring in Chemistry and minoring in Agriculture Business Management. Caroline is from Asheboro and is the daughter of Brent and Becky Scarlett. She has been active in the North Carolina Junior Angus Association for 11 years and has represented the group well.

In 1994, the William M. Sanders Scholarship was established by his family in his memory for the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. The fund was established with a \$10,000 donation and the family continued to match contributions for the first ten years. Bill Sanders had a keen interest in the Junior program and always looked forward to the Junior Angus shows. The scholarship represents the family's support of his interest in the Angus Juniors and their ongoing education. Mr. Sanders always appreciated their hard work, projects, and efforts in caring for and raising cattle for the shows and the industry. We urge everyone to continue their support of this scholarship fund in the interest of our young people. The family takes great pleasure in reading about the accomplishments of the candidates and following their careers.

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ANGUS RELEASES

NEW TEAT AND UDDER RESEARCH EPDS

New research EPDs, tools released by the American Angus Association and Angus Genetics Inc., help cattlemen prioritizing maternal traits.

By: Jessica Hartman, Communications Specialist

The American Angus Association® and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI®) released two new research expected progeny differences (rEPDs) on Aug. 22. The rEPDs characterize teat size and udder suspension traits and are based on phenotypic data collected by Association members, pedigrees and genotypes in a single-step genetic evaluation model.

Good udder structure plays an important role in beef production; contributing to calf survival, calf growth and cow longevity. Teat size (TEAT) and udder suspension (UDDR) rEPDs expand the suite of selection tools available to Angus breeders to improve maternal function and the productivity of their herds.

“We know these are two traits of interest to the membership and are excited to be releasing the research EPDs after a multi-year research project that would not be possible without member data,” says Esther Tarpoff, director of performance programs for the Association. “Members have quickly embraced collecting these phenotypes, as evidenced by the number of records for each trait used to build the research EPDs.”

More than 148,000 phenotypic records for each trait were collected from 87,000 cows to contribute to the dataset for the rEPDs, with more to be added each calving season. The records are collected by members within 24 hours of a calving event. Females are given an individual score for both teat size and udder suspension using scales from 1 to 9.

“Over the past several years, we have been focused on validating the Angus breed’s impact as the matriarch of the U.S. beef industry, as it has been historically known as,” says Kelli Retallick-Riley, president of AGI. “From an AGI perspective, it means objectively characterizing maternal traits of economic importance, so the users of Angus genetics have the selection tools needed to make genetic change.”

Submitted scores range from 1 to 9, representing the entire scoring scale. Analysis of the nearly 300,000 records showed overall good udder structure among reported Angus cows. The average score was 6.6 for both traits indicating intermediate to small teats and intermediate to tight udders. Additional results of the TEAT and UDDR research are available in the full report online.

“We know the pace of genetic change is moving faster than ever with the frequent changeover of sires in many seed-stock operations,” Retallick-Riley said. “In some cases, young bulls are being replaced before most of their daughters are in their second year of production. Because of that, maternal traits like udder conformation become even more important to ensure we are promoting sound breeding decisions.”

The release of TEAT and UDDR follows that of the Functional Longevity (FL) rEPD, which measures the ability of a cow to produce a calf year after year. The three rEPDs are currently available to members that have been a part of early phenotypic data collection for the respective traits, allowing rEPDs to come to fruition. A list of artificial insemination (AI) sires for each of the rEPDs is available to members on the corresponding research pages at www.angus.org/ahir/research.

The three rEPDS are anticipated to be released as weekly production EPDs during the annual evaluation updates in late spring of 2025. Research on how these three new traits should be incorporated into Maternal Weaned Calf Value Index (\$M) is currently ongoing with potential updates to the index likely to be made during the spring update.



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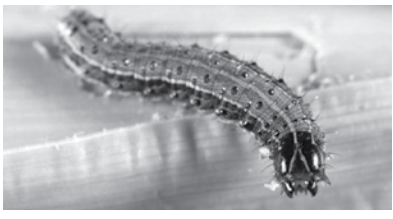
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FALL ARMYWORM

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This year there have been many reports of fall army worms damaging pastures and lawns. As the name suggests, these pests make their appearance in the late summer or early fall. These insects can destroy a pasture in a very short period of time, sometimes with the damage seeming to occur overnight. They feed on the leaf blades of grasses, leaving behind only tough stems. This defoliation can stress and weaken pastures and lawns, leading to brown patches in the field that can rapidly increase in size. This damage reduces hay yields and forage available for grazing. They often travel in waves, searching for new forage.

Scouting for the fall armyworm is important, as they can very quickly become a problem. Be on the lookout for small striped larvae that range in color from light green to almost black. They have a distinctive “face” marking that looks like a light colored inverted “Y”. These larvae feed for about 14 days before pupating into the adult moth. The last four days is when they eat the most and can do the most damage. In order to scout for the armyworm, look closely at the ground and ruffle the grass to dislodge any armyworms. Count the number of larvae within a square foot area. Do this at multiple sites throughout the field. If you average more than 3 caterpillars that are ¼ inch or longer per square foot then you have reached the threshold for treatment.

In addition, you can look for the typical warning signs of an infestation. When the larvae are small, they start by eating the underside of the leaves without eating all the way through, leaving the clear epidermis intact. This leaves a translucent patch on the leaf blade, usually by the tips. This can create a pale frosted appearance to a field in the early stages. Knowing what to look for can save a hay cutting.

Treatment for fall armyworm in pastures can include spraying or simply harvesting hay before the armyworms consume it all. If you decide to harvest in response to an armyworm infestation, make sure you do so immediately and that you have good hay making weather. If you wait a couple of days the armyworms will harvest your field for you. It only takes them a few days to leave a field barren. Products that are approved for pastures can be found in this publication from NC State. Always be sure to read and follow all label warnings and directions, including grazing restrictions. This publication from Texas Agrilife Extension provides more info on insecticides for pastures. This publication from Clemson covers lawn specific insecticides.

Don't wait until your grass is gone before deciding to do anything. Once the armyworms have defoliated a field, the damage is done. Spraying is likely not beneficial at this stage. Pastures may need to be reseeded or fertilized later this fall to encourage new growth. Scouting frequently and taking quick action can help save your pastures, hay fields, and lawns this fall. “



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Women Connected Conference - Engaging, Empowering, Educating

By Christy Perdue, NC Angus Auxiliary Publicity Chair

Biennially, cattlemen from across the country are invited to apply for the American Angus Auxiliary Women Connected Conference. This conference, started in 2012, is largely sponsored by the Angus Foundation and promotes expanding beef knowledge, advocacy, and building relationships among the women of the agricultural industry, largely made up of, but not limited to, the women of the Angus community. For the 2024 conference, cattlemen from 14 states gathered at the Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center in Wooster, Ohio. Christy Perdue, Region Four Director for the American Angus Auxiliary, and Cortney Holshouser had the pleasure and honor to represent our North Carolina Angus Auxiliary at the 2024 conference.

After gathering in Ohio from states around the country, these 40 women made their way to the Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center for cocktails and appetizers. The drink special was a delicious and refreshing Pam-Paloma and appetizers consisted of a wonderfully beautiful spread of Certified Angus Beef Shank Birria. The crunchy birria tacos and queso birria tacos were a great way to begin the showcase of the talent of the Certified Angus Beef chefs! After ice breakers, Anne Lampe, Women Connected Chairman, welcomed all attendees and provided introductions and an overview of the week's events. John Stika, President of Certified Angus Beef, provided a welcome to all attendees as well. John and his staff provided a beautiful, professional, and welcoming environment for all attendees. American Angus Auxiliary President, Karla Knapp, also provided a welcome to all attendees. Stacy Erdmann, American Angus Auxiliary Region Three Director, provided an invocation and the highly anticipated and delicious dining experience at Certified Angus Beef began. Chef Venoy Rogers, III, Executive Chef, Certified Angus Beef, provided an introduction of Dine Around Dinner. The next course was unique in multiple ways. We gathered and dined in the Certified Angus Beef Meat Lab and enjoyed various treats at the CAB Eye of Round Sushi Station. Dishes included spicy sirloin maki rolls and hand rolls, cured temari sushi, wasabi, soy sauce, and pickled ginger. The special cocktail was a Honey-Drop. The final course of our dinner took place in the beautiful dining room in the Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center. After a presentation on the fabricating and use of our main course, the group enjoyed Certified Angus Beef Chuck Flap, truffle parsnip purée, and roasted baby corn. The conference was off to a delicious and welcoming start!

Day two had an early start and was packed with both presentations and interactive sessions at the Culinary Center. Presentations from staff of the American Angus Association and Certified Angus Beef started with Madeline Bauer, Senior Events Coordinator, American Angus Association. Madeline provided an overview of the activities for the National Junior Angus Association. Jimmy Stickley, Donor Coordinator, Angus Foundation provided an overview of the Angus Foundation including how to give, where these funds go, and what your funds can do for the Angus Association as a whole. Jimmy provided an update on the Angus Day of Giving as well as the application and benefits of the Angus credit card.

We then had the pleasure of having a "Brand Overview," provided by John Stika, President of Certified Angus Beef. John's presentation focused on sustaining the breed, sustaining Certified Angus Beef, and making rural communities thriving, profitable, and successful. He provided an overview of the process for reserving the time and space for

a tour of Certified Angus Beef and the Culinary Center for state tours, food service distributors, sales associates, etc. The Culinary Center remains booked for most of the year. Food service distributors and sales associates make up the largest portion of CAB tours and visits. John also provided an overview of the formation of Certified Angus Beef. It all started when a rancher from Ohio, Harold Etling, had a bad Angus steak in Chicago in 1976. Harold called Fred Johnson, board member of the American Angus Association, and the discussion started on forming what we know today as Certified Angus Beef in 1978. In its over 40-year existence, Certified Angus Beef is now available in more than 50 countries around the world. Over 1.2 billion pounds of Certified Angus Beef are sold annually. Of that 1.2 billion, 16% is produced in countries other than the United States. There are 5.8 million head of Angus cattle in the Certified Angus Beef program annually, nearly 22% of all fed cattle. The packer pays a premium to use the Certified Angus Beef name, with \$182 million going to cattleman yearly. The mission of Certified Angus Beef is to increase demand for registered Angus cattle through a specification-based branded beef program to identify consistent, high-quality beef with superior taste. CAB helps consumers find the best tasting and highest quality beef every time. It recognizes and rewards the family farmers and ranchers dedicated to producing high-quality sustainable beef. Certified Angus Beef remains a nonprofit, owned by family farmers and ranchers of the American Angus Association. It is made up of 160 team members. While CAB is heavy in numbers, they own no cattle. They own the building, logo, trademark, and vehicles alone. Their goal is to provide services to both the farmer and the consumer nation and worldwide.

CAB has a consumer-based revenue model. One goal is to teach the producers how to differentiate between Angus and Certified Angus Beef. There can be what's called "Angus Confusion." There is a difference in Angus vs Certified Angus Beef and Angus vs Angus Influenced. The number one reason consumers buy beef is for taste. All other Angus are the biggest competition for Certified Angus Beef. 70% of all fed cattle are black hided and considered Angus.

The number of CAB options are constantly growing. Examples include CAB Natural, CAB Prime, CAB Natural, CAB Natural Prime, CAB Grass-Fed, and CAB Ranch to Table. Certified Angus beef is an "Everyday luxury that everyone can afford." Taste is King! Overall, the vision for Certified Angus Beef is to connect people, enhance lives, and strengthen businesses around the world as the food industry's most trusted brand of beef.

A unique portion of the presentations was provided by Diana Clark, assistant Director of research and education. Her presentation was titled "Taste the Difference". Tasting is believing!! Participants were provided four samplings of steaks, all cooked by CAB chefs. The participants were challenged to note the difference in taste, juiciness, and texture. The samplings included, Select, Choice, CAB Traditional, and CAB Prime. Education was provided about the different options that consumers have when purchasing beef in the grocery store. Consumers have a one out of six chance of having a tough steak when choosing a select steak. They have a one out of thirteen chance of a tough steak if they are eating choice. There's a one out of twenty-five chance that a USDA prime steak will be tough and there is only a one out of fifty chance of a tough steak with a traditional CAB steak.

American Angus Auxiliary

Women Connected Conference - Engaging, Empowering, Educating

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The group then gathered again in the Certified Angus Beef Meat lab, and dressed in our CAB lab coats and hats, we participated in an education and interactive session with Diana Clark, Assistant Director, Research and Education. She provided the "Science behind the Sizzle" presentation. Following her presentation, she then led the group in an interactive meat fabrication with a top sirloin. Divided into groups of five or six participants, the women were able to create sirloin steaks that were to be cooked for lunch the following day. Once gathered back at our tables, we continued with presentations and education. Melissa Brewer, Vice President of Communications provided her "Power of the Brand" presentation. As a whole, the marketing department aims to create buzz, engage consumers, and form deeper connections. Multiple marketing projects are taking place currently at Certified Angus Beef. One example is "Takes You There." This featured a CAB meal prepared on the cliff of a mountain. If you have a chance, look it up!! CAB will also be featured at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A "Ranch to Table" presentation was provided by Abbie Greer, Manager for Marketing. The ranch to table program is a newer program with Certified Angus Beef. With this program, the license is with the producer. The various types of licensing are direct to consumer, direct to restaurant or grocery, or further distribution. There's no minimum with this program in the producer sets the price.

Our busy morning ended, and we took a break for lunch. Lunch consisted of French Onion Soup, smoked Certified Angus Beef tenderloin roast, and a Spring vegetable barley. Our afternoon and evening included a marketing tour provided by Abbie Greer and Kaitlyn Hinds, Project Manager. We also had time to shop at the CAB merchandise store within the Culinary Center. We all boarded the bus and headed out to Troutman winery for a fun evening of wine tasting. This winery was unique as it was built in a repurposed chicken house. We then boarded the bus again and headed out to a delicious dinner featuring a Certified Angus Beef Center Cut New York Strip Steak at City Square Steakhouse.

Our last morning, we returned to the Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center for the remaining portion of the conference. Our first presentation of the morning was titled "Cattleman's Connection," and was presented by Dr. Kirsten Nickles, Sustainability and Animal Care Scientist. Sustainability priorities are cattle care, environment, and peo-

ple. When it comes to humane animal care, the right way is the only way. "It's all about establishing trust based on proof." Brad Hewitt, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Operations then provided a presentation entitled, "Your Role in Protecting the Brand." Currently, 101 countries have the CAB trademark registered, with 54 countries currently selling product. Only approved and licensed accounts may advertise the brand. Unapproved or unlicensed accounts may purchase but cannot use the trademark or brand. Brad emphasized that the largest way to protect the brand is by auditing. Current issues include trademarking or not using CAB within their business but promoting that they are serving CAB. CAB currently audits approximately 5,000 restaurants per month. Wondering how you can help? You can submit menus to CAB to keep their menu list updated but also help them to determine if restaurants have a license and are accurately advertising their product.

When presentations were complete, we gathered back with our groups from our fabrication session and were given the opportunity to choose from an enormous array of vegetables, grains, sauces, and spices to create a delicious and unique lunch with the sirloin steaks that we fabricated the morning before. Our lunches were prepared with the guidance and recommendations from the highly talented and experienced Certified Angus Beef chefs. Our lunches not only focused on taste and uniqueness, but also presentation. We all then enjoyed our delicious lunches together in the beautiful dining room.

Women Connected 2024 was a wonderful success with so many memories made and with so much knowledge obtained! Applications for the 2026 Women Connected Conference will likely be open in January 2026. Those interested can fill out the application which will be located on the American Angus Auxiliary website. The goal of the conference is to gather cattlemen of various backgrounds and interests to create a diverse and unique group of women. The 2026 Women Connected Conference will take place in Saint Joseph, Missouri, home of the American Angus Association. Please contact Christy Perdue or Cortney Holshouser if you have further questions about this or any upcoming Women Connected Conferences. We have had the pleasure and fortune to have multiple members of our North Carolina Angus Auxiliary attend this wonderful conference over the last 12 years. We hope to add more to that list.



North Carolina Angus Auxiliary

SUMMER OUTING 2024

By Christy Perdue, NC Angus Auxiliary Publicity Chair



The yearly summer outing for the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary is always a highlight of the year. It's a time to gather with friends from across the state and enjoy fellowship, delicious food, and explore areas of the state that we may have never seen before. While we love to explore new areas, this year's summer outing took us back to the Randolph County area July 19-20. With so much to offer, there were new adventures both here and in Chatham County.

For the last few years of the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary summer outing, we have provided activities over the course of two days. Attendees have the option of attending both days or joining us just for one, whatever their schedule allows. Day one consisted of adventures in Asheboro. Shopping was done at the Antique Mall with wonderful pottery finds, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at Magnolia 23, and a Bluegrass Show ended our night at Sunset Theatre!! We had nine members and guests join us on Friday night as we began our outing fun.

Located in downtown Asheboro, Magnolia 23 is a family-owned restaurant, specializing in authentic southern cuisine. Their quote is, "there's no taste like home." Magnolia 23 was voted the best place to eat in North Carolina by Parade Magazine. Sunset Theatre opened on March 6, 1930, and was the first structure built in Asheboro for the sole purpose of showing movies. On the evening of the 19th, our group enjoyed an evening of bluegrass music with a show performed by Mountain Blessings, a group from Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Day two started with an amazing breakfast at our favorite, The Table. We then ventured to Ramseur to Millstone Creek Orchards for a fun hayride, peach picking, and visiting with the Highland cows. We even sampled some delicious peach goodies. This working, family farm hosts guest to pick or purchase peaches, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, scuppernon and muscadine grapes, and apples. A fun hayride takes you to the orchards and allows you to visit their two Highland cows, Dooley and Rooster. We had the privilege of attending on "Peach Day," which coincided with the hosting of the Eastern Randolph Farmers Market. We then traveled to Pittsboro to visit the alpacas at Carolina Sunshine Alpaca Farm! We had a fun tour, visited a sweet baby that was born that day, and did some shopping. The farm is home to more than 20 alpaca, both Suri and Huacaya.

We always have a great time, with lots of memories made and lots of laughs! We hope you can join us for our next Summer Outing!! We are already planning the next adventure!! Save the date...July 18-19, 2025!

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Once again, we are entering that time of year when mother nature lets us know exactly how powerful she can be. Although storms are an inevitable part of our life, having an emergency preparedness plan for your livestock operations can make flooding, tornadoes or hurricane season a breeze. The following is a storm preparedness list that you can do right now to help you be more prepared for future storms.

well water to cattle, run feed out of feed bins, power fence chargers, and prevent your family from being in the dark. It is also useful to have several power cords available.

- Keeping your files in a dry and secure area is a proactive way for you to be prepared to clean up after the storm. Keeping a record of important contacts, such as insurance company information, local FSA office, and veterinary support can make the disaster response less stressful.
- Some methods of storm preparedness may take place months prior to hurricane season. If your farm contains toxic plants that may become damaged during a storm, it is best to take care of the problem before it becomes a problem. In the summertime, mark any wild cherry trees or other toxic plants when they are easily identifiable. In the winter, when the leaves are gone, take time to remove those toxic plants from your pasture when they do not pose a threat to animal health. This proactive step will save you some time and worry during and after a storm.
- Prior to the storm, move livestock to interior pastures. Locating livestock in interior pastures will help prevent animals from escaping if trees fall on fence lines or if they are swept away by swift moving water. If possible, consider relocating animals from high impact areas prior to the weather event. This may include areas prone to flooding and areas where falling trees pose a safety threat to cattle.
- During storms, flooding and power outages pose major threats to the security of water and feed resources. Water can be stored for several days in plastic water totes for emergency use. Likewise, feed resources should be placed in dry areas that are not prone to flooding.
- Cattle should have a unique identification tag that can be linked to farm management records. Ear tags work great but could be paired with a permanent tattoo ID just in case tags become torn or lost. Having good farm management records prior to the storm can help identify missing animals after the storm and help with insurance claims. Horse owners can braid tag identifying information into the mane.
- Have a fencing tool kit prepared that includes t-posts, t-post driver, clips, barbwire, smooth wire, bolt cutters, fencing pliers, hammer, and staples. It would also be very beneficial to include temporary fencing in your fencing toolkit. Having a reel of polywire, step-in posts, fiberglass posts and a solar charger can help you quickly erect a fence to keep cattle from escaping a storm-damaged pasture. It is also useful when trying to exclude cattle from toxic plants (such as wild cherry trees) that were damaged/blown over during the storm.
- Keeping a well-maintained chainsaw will help you quickly get down-trees cut off fences. Check the bar and chain oil level often and have an extra bottle stored for emergency purposes. Maintaining a sharp chain and having an extra one on hand will make cutting more efficient and safer for the person running the chainsaw.
- Move tractors and other equipment to open areas away from trees, structures, and flood prone areas to prevent damage from water and falling debris.
- Maintaining an ample supply of tarps may be useful to help protect feed resources prior to the storm or quickly cover and temporarily repair damaged roofs, barns, or storage sheds after the storm.
- Unfortunately, in some scenarios, euthanizing of hurt livestock may be a necessary and humane mode of action. In your storm preparedness toolkit, make sure you have the ability to euthanize if necessary, and follow guidelines on the proper techniques of doing so.
- Lastly, the primary goal of storm preparedness is to make sure you and your family are safe. Create a storm toolkit for your family that includes any important documents including identification, insurance, deeds, first aid kit, storm-radio, flashlight, battery packs for electronics, blankets, medications, canned food, water, electrolytes, bug spray with deet, sunscreen, and any other consumables you deem necessary. A backup suggestion would be to upload your documents onto a google drive to access documents at any location if the internet is accessible. Also think about the safety of your pets that may need food, water, and a crate.

Dealing with weather-related disasters can be stressful. Having a well-developed plan for your family and your livestock operation can help ease some of the headaches of a natural disaster. For more information on storm-preparedness and cleaning up after, visit us at beef.ces.ncsu.edu and at cefs.ncsu.edu/extension-and-outreach/amazing-grazing/.



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- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons canola oil, divided
- 3 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 (12-ounce) package extra wide egg noodles
- 1 (1-ounce) packet Ranch dressing mix
- 1 (12-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese



COOK BEEF. Season beef with salt and pepper. Heat 1 teaspoon of canola oil in a deep 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Sear half beef, stirring occasionally to evenly cook, about 3 minutes. Transfer to clean plate, repeat with remaining canola oil and remaining beef. Reduce heat to medium-low.

ADD NOODLES. Pour 1/2 cup water into pan, bring to simmer while scraping up any browned bits of beef remaining in pan. Pour in whole milk, bring to full simmer, add noodles, stir. Cover with lid (or tightly with aluminum foil), reduce heat to low. Simmer 7 minutes, occasionally stirring to prevent noodles from sticking to bottom of pan.

FINISH. Add ranch dressing powder to noodles, stir well. Stir in frozen spinach, cover, continue to simmer over low heat until spinach has warmed through, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove pan from heat, stir in sour cream and parmesan. Add cooked beef along with any juices from plate, stir to coat evenly with sauce and serve.

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