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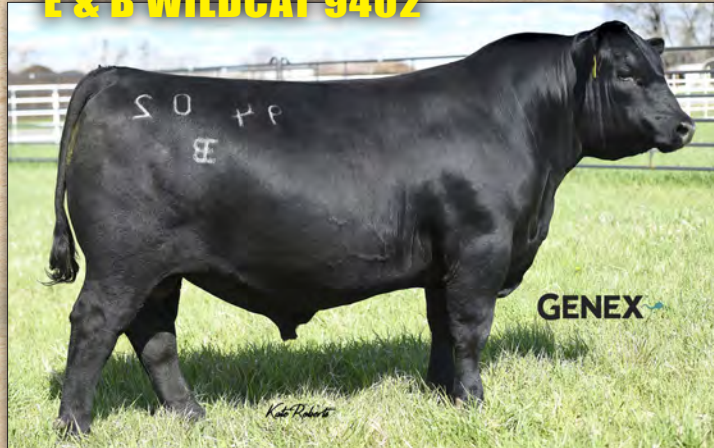
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Kansas Angus Association

Annual Meeting & Banquet - Jan. 20, 2024

Futurity Jr. Show- Jan 21 2024, Hutchinson, KS

The Kansas Angus Association (KAA) Annual Meeting, Banquet and Futurity Junior Show will be in Hutchinson January 20-21, 2024. All Kansas Angus Association members, junior families and Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend a weekend of celebration, education, networking and friendship.



2024 Banquet Reservations, Jr. Show entries & more

The 72nd KAA annual meeting, educational presentations and banquet are on Saturday, January 20 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Angus Media Print Services Team Leader Gail Lombardino will present the educational program prior to the annual meeting. The annual banquet which will include a social hour, the Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship auction, honorary member induction, KAA Director page auction and Miss Kansas Angus

crowning will be in the Cottonwood Court building on the fairgrounds on Saturday evening. Banquet reservations are requested by January 15.

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Schedule of Events

All events on Ks State Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted.

Friday, Jan 19

4 pm- cattle may arrive and go to tie outs only after 4 pm. No cattle or tack in the barn until 6 am Saturday. Bring

your tie out bedding. Water will be available to water cattle.

7 pm- Miss Kansas Angus & Ambassador Contest and Interviews- contestants and parents only., Comfort Inn and Suites.

Saturday, Jan. 20

- 6 am -Barn open for cattle and tack – **NO** set up or move in on Friday.
- 11 am– Deadline for junior cattle to arrive.
- 10 am to 11:30 am- junior cattle check in.
- 11:30 am -**Ks Angus Auxiliary** meeting–Prairie Pavilion meeting room, Fairgrounds
- 12 :30pm– **Ks Junior Angus Association** meeting- Showring
- 1:30 pm to 4 pm - Hospitality hosted by Ks Angus Auxiliary
- 2 pm– Ks Angus Association educational program – Prairie Pavilion meeting room, Fairgrounds-Angus Media Print Services Team Leader Gail Lombardino - **Pasture to Publish**
- 3: pm – **KAA Annual Meeting** – Prairie Pavilion meeting room, Fairgrounds

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- 6:30pm—pre-banquet social, Cottonwood Court building, Fairgrounds
- 7 pm– **Banquet** - ticket and reservation required. Cottonwood Court building, Fairgrounds

Sunday, Jan.21

- 7:30 am-Exhibitor and Family breakfast- free will, offering -Prairie Pavilion
- 9 am–Ks Angus Futurity Junior Show - all junior Angus exhibitors welcome, out-of-state exhibitors welcome. (Entry deadline Jan. 10 late entries are not accepted)



- Judge: Taylor Frank
- Entry and ownership deadline Jan 10.

Banquet reservations www.kansasangus.org . Reservation and ticket required. Limited walk-in space available at the door. Make reservations by January 15.

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Gail Lombardino is the Print Services Team Lead at Angus Media with 33 years experience helping ranch owners market their purebred animals. Specializing in graphic design and owning her own business for 26 years,

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Kansas Angus Association

The President's Pen

I hope this letter, the final letter of my presidency, finds everyone healthy and happy. This time of year is often busy, but I hope to see many of you at the Kansas Angus Association Annual Banquet and Futurity Show held in Hutchinson on January 20 and 21. This event is always a lovely time to catch up with each other, as well as honor and support our members and vision.



It has truly been an honor to serve as the president of this association this past year. Like many of you, I started as a director and worked my way through various offices. This year has been a great opportunity to meet and network with the wonderful Angus people in Kansas. We are truly blessed to belong to an association that provides an opportunity for us to take advantage of many exceptional marketing and sales opportunities.

As the weather and markets seem to be continually changing beyond our control, it is comforting to be involved with a cattle breed that leads in production, one that rides at the top of the markets with not only the physical quality of the product we produce, but with the industry-leading data that sets us up as producers to capitalize in every way we can.

As Angus breeders, we, of course, honor our past and present members who have forged the paths we now stand on in the association. As I look to the future, though, I am extremely excited to think about what's ahead for us in the hearts and minds of our young members. The Kansas Angus Association places an extremely high priority on its youth, and I can't imagine a better investment than in the young men and women who are waiting in the wings. We are in good hands here in Kansas!

Thank you for granting me this opportunity to serve the association this past year. It has been an experience I urge everyone to consider.

Best wishes,

Darin Huck, DVM

2023 Kansas Angus Association President
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Notes & News from Anne

Hello 2024

By the time you read this we will have rung in the New Year, holiday lights are being packed away, winter calving has started, producers are preparing for production sales and resolutions have been made.

A new year also means the Kansas Angus Association annual meeting and banquet are coming up. The 72nd KAA annual meeting, educational presentation, Auxiliary meeting and banquet are on Saturday, January 20 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. The Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show will be on Sunday, January 21. See page 1 for the complete schedule and more information. I invite each of you to attend this first Kansas Angus event of 2024.

As you are filling in your 2024 calendar and planner check out the Kansas Angus Calendar on page 19 and pencil in a few sale dates you don't want to miss.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year
Until next time,

Anne S. Lampe

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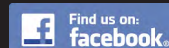
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The KAA board meets four times February, May, September and December. Members are welcome to attend meetings.
Contact Anne Lampe for meeting dates & locations.



Kansas Angus Association



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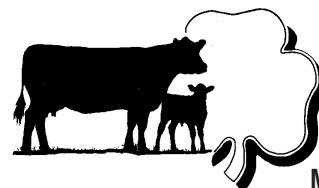
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New Leadership elected to the Angus Association Board of Directors

The 140th Annual Convention of Delegates for the American Angus Association® assembled November 6 in Orlando, Florida. Five members were re-elected to the board of directors for a second term. They are Mark Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas; Smitty Lamb, Tifton, Georgia; Charles Mogck, Olivet, South Dakota; Darrell Stevenson, White Sulphur Springs, Montana; and Jerry Theis, Leavenworth, Kansas. The officers of the board were also elected.



Elected officers are Barry Pollard, Enid, Oklahoma, president and chairman of the board and Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tennessee, vice president and vice chairman of the board. Jim Brinkley, Milan, Missouri will serve as the treasurer for the 2023 to 2024 term.

"I look forward to working with the board and the membership in general, and the staff as well," said newly elected Pollard. "We have such talented people all across that at every level, and we want to hear their ideas. We want to hear how the things we've done for them genetically or EPDs are benefiting their herd and what questions they have."

Directors can serve up to two three-year terms on the board and, if elected, they serve an additional one-year term in office as president/chairman and/or vice president/vice chairman.



More about the re-elected directors:

Ahearn was raised on a small family farm with commercial cattle and a few horses. After spending some time away from cattle production, Ahearn and his family established Turner Meadow Ranch in East Texas in the mid-1980s.

Aside from his 35-year career in law enforcement, Ahearn said his passion has always been raising high-quality Angus cattle. He has studied pedigrees and learned the business from the ground up. His family has grown their herd to about 200 females. Before serving his first term on the Association's board of directors, Ahearn served in a leadership role with the Texas Angus Association for 16 years through which he helped create numerous educational opportunities and organize sale events. Ahearn was also responsible for writing the policy for the Raymond Moore Endowment Scholarship Fund, which benefits Texas Junior Angus members. He said he has a strong desire to continue serving the membership and to give back to the organization.

Lamb grew up on small farm in East Georgia, where he discovered his passion for Angus cattle at an early age. His passion led him to the University of Georgia where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in meat and muscle biology. Currently, Lamb works as a cotton merchant for a large commodity trading company and enjoys coming home to his Angus cattle herd. His family has owned and operated Ogeechee Angus Farm since 1997. Since 2017, Ogeechee Angus Farm has marketed more than 100 bulls annually; and

this past spring, Ogeechee Angus hosted their 16th annual Angus Female Southern Synergy Sale. Aside from his time on the Association's board of directors, Lamb has served in leadership roles with the Georgia Angus Association, the Southern National Angus Show committee, and the National Junior Angus Show, serving as its committee co-chair in 2009. The Lambs were awarded the Georgia Angus Association Member of the Year in 2017 for their service to the organization.

Mogck is a third-generation Angus breeder from South Dakota. Mogck has always had a passion for Angus cattle and has built upon his family's heritage in the breed, increasing their herd to 400 registered females. He began his career as a loan officer after attending South Dakota State University, but eventually he found himself working on the farm full-time. Today, Mogck & Sons Angus markets 120 bulls and 50 females annually. They farm 2,000 acres of corn, beans and wheat with an additional 2,500 acres of pasture and hay ground. They also routinely buy feeder cattle from their commercial customers, allowing them to collect data on their customers' cattle. Their operation actively utilizes Association programs such as MaternalPlus® and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). Mogck records ultrasound, carcass and genomic information to help them make the best decisions they can for the future of their herd. Mogck's deep roots with respect to Angus cattle and enthusiasm for the breed shows through his dedication as a director on the Association's board of directors.

Stevenson holds strong ties to the Angus breed and a history of activity in the Montana Angus Association. Stevenson's grandparents were charter members of the Montana Angus Association, and his father was on the state and national Association's board of directors as well, serving as president from 1992-1993. Stevenson attended Montana State University before transferring to and graduating from Oklahoma State University. He now continues his family's legacy by operating Stevenson Angus Ranch. He is actively involved in international Angus events and has attended shows in Argentina, New Zealand, Scotland and Russia. In 2010, Stevenson created a partnership with two Russian businessmen to form an international beef venture between the two countries. Due to its success, Stevenson has since overseen shipments of Angus cattle to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. His experience and history with the Angus breed led him to serve the organization on the Association's board of directors for the past three years.

Theis is a devoted second-generation Angus breeder and lifetime member of the Association. His parents established April Valley Farms in 1952 in the Salt Creek Valley of Leavenworth County, Kansas. Theis graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in 1991. He currently works at a local veterinary clinic while he manages his family's diversified operation, which consists of Angus cattle and crop and swine production. Cattle are marketed through their annual spring production sale as well as through private treaties. April Valley Farms was recognized as a Historic Angus Herd by the Association in 2019. Theis and his wife are actively involved in the Kansas Angus Association as well, and just completed their second term as the Kansas Junior Angus Association advisors. Prior to his current position as a director on the national organization's board of directors, Theis served two terms on the Kansas Angus Association board of directors and as president in 2010.

More Angus Business on page 20

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Kansas Junior Angus Association



Greetings Kansas Junior members!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I know myself and several of you have been spending winter break getting ready for Cattlemen's Congress or the National Western.

As this new year begins, I wish you a year of friendships, laughter and success. I hope to see all of you at the Kansas Angus Futurity. Don't forget to reserve your banquet tickets and get ready to support the Auxiliary and Juniors at the auction. This is also a great opportunity to gather with fellow Angus enthusiasts and watching the crowning of the 2024 Miss Kansas Angus and Ambassador.

There are several NJAA events coming up that you can register to attend. Raising the Bar will be Climbing to New Angus Peaks at Colorado State University on March 21-24. LEAD will be Boot Scootin' to the Bayou in Baton Rouge, LA on July 23-26. Make plans to attend these exciting events. Also the National Junior Angus Show will be in Madison, WI on June 30- July 6. Looking forward to a great 2024!

Sincerely,
Jayce Dickerson
2023-24 President
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KJAA Applications for NJAA Voting Delegates & Candidate

According to the guidelines and by-laws of the KJAA any member wanting to be considered for election for a delegate or candidate at the annual meeting of the NJAA must declare prior to the January (Ks Angus Futurity Jr Show) meeting of the KJAA.

To submit an application visit www.kansasangus.org click on the KJAA page and look for the online submission application. KJAA election will be on 1/20/24 during the KJAA meeting held in conjunction with the Kansas Angus Association annual meeting, banquet and KAF junior show. The NJAA annual meeting will be in Madison, WI during the National Jr. Angus Show.

Applications due Jan 15, 2024 late applications and nominations from the floor are not accepted.

Mark your Calendar

- ▶ Jan. 20-21, 2024 Ks Jr Angus Futurity Show, Hutchison , Entry Deadline Jan 10
- ▶ June 1-2, 2024 KJAA Preview Show, Hutchinson
- ▶ March 21-24 NJAA Raising the Bar, Baton Rouge, LA
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SHOWRING PURPLE



RW Saras Dream 207 won reserve grand champion owned female at the 2023 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Junior Angus Show, Oct. 19 in Billings, Mont. Jayce Dickerson, Paradise owns the March 2022 daughter of PVF Blacklist 7077. She first won reserve junior champion. Photo by Next Level Images.



Twin Falls Abbott TF93 won junior champion bull at the 2023 American Royal Super Point ROV Angus Show, Oct. 21 in Kansas City, Mo. Chris & Sharon Sankey, Council Grove and Twin Falls Angus, Cheney. Photo by Next Level Images.



Muth Simply Forever 16K won owned reserve intermediate champion heifer at the 2023 American Royal Junior Angus Show, Oct. 20 in Kansas City, Mo. Cheyenne Brunner, Ottawa. Photo by Next Level Images.



AVF Sara 6882 won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned female at the 2023 American Royal Junior Angus Show, Oct. 20 in Kansas City, Mo. Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth owns the October 2022 daughter of STAG Good Times 201 ET. She also claimed owned senior calf champion. Photo by Next Level Images.



Seldom Rest Sandy 3071 won junior heifer calf champion - division 2 at the 2023 North American International Livestock Exposition Super Point ROV Angus Show, Nov. 14 in Louisville, Ky. Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth. Photo by Linde's Livestock Photos.



AML Party Line 310 won reserve junior bull calf champion at the 2023 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Super Point ROV Angus Show, Nov. 14 in Louisville, Ky. AM Livestock, Richmond. Photo by Linde's Livestock Photos.



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McCurry awarded inaugural Young Breeder Award

Kansas cattlemen recognized during 2023 Angus Convention

The success and longevity of a reliable pedigree requires two things – good cattle managed by good people. It's always easier said than done, but John McCurry, recipient of the American Angus Association's inaugural Young Breeder Award, might prefer the tougher more educational route.

"I can remember my dad; he was fed up." McCurry was in college at Kansas State University a few hours away from home. "We didn't know where we were going, who was going to do the work," McCurry remembers. "We were fall calving, and he told me was going to turn Hereford bulls out on all those cows and just make the best baldies we could and go commercial." With college graduation on the horizon, McCurry was torn between seeking employment outside the farm or returning home. When he heard his father's new plan, he skipped a week of school plus Thanksgiving break to go home and get everything in order.

"I synchronized those cows and got them all artificially inseminated," McCurry says. "Then and there, I knew I was committed."

McCurry was recognized during the American Angus Association® Awards Reception and Dinner in Orlando, Florida. This is the first time the Young Breeder Award was presented and is designed to highlight a young, registered Angus breeder for their leadership within the Angus breed, participation in Angus programs and innovation within their herd.

McCurry's success as a young breeder was supported by a long Angus history in his family. Beginning their journey into farming and cattle in the early 1900s, the original McCurry Brothers paved their legacy with competitive wins in the showing across the country in the 1960s and 1970s.

"They had success anywhere they went across the Midwest. Multiple state fairs, and of course the bigger shows like Denver and [at that time] Arizona," John says. "Dad would be the oldest son and he left the operation in 1975 and was the only McCurry boy that did so. He made it about fifteen miles down the road before ultimately returning to Burrton after meeting his wife, my mom, Mary."

No stranger to the breed, Mary was the third generation on her family's Tennessee farm to raise black-hided cattle. She was working toward her master's degree in meat science from K-State when she met Andy, McCurry's father.

Mary and Andy moved back to Burrton after marrying, bringing their two children, McCurry and his sister, Emily. Both were active in the National Junior Angus Association, and McCurry even went on to serve as a green coat on the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors from 2001 to 2003.

During his time on the K-State Livestock Judging Team, McCurry met his wife, Melody, also a livestock judging competitor at Oklahoma State University. Today, they have three children, Aubree, Molly and Drew.

"All of them are very active in sports, and as we get going that will be difficult to balance, but their heart lies in the cattle industry," McCurry says.

The evolution of the McCurry operation is evident in their annual bull sale, marketing around 200 bulls and pioneering a commercial female sale. The latter, now in its ninth year, not only showcases the family's commitment to their customers but also serves as a platform for community collaboration. The 1,500 head commercial female sale is a testament to their understanding of the industry's dynamics and the importance of creating spaces for transactions within the Angus community. "It's a great place for our customers to trade and do business with each other," McCurry explains.

Amidst the success, he emphasizes the diversity within the Angus breed. The recognition that there's no one-size-fits-all approach to breeding underscores their inclusive mindset. McCurry advocates for unity, reminding Angus breeders that, despite differences, they are all on the same team with a shared goal of promoting and improving the breed.

"There are so many great people that breed great cattle regardless of their breeding focus," McCurry says. "You need to breed what you can market or sell or where that fan base is that follows you, and I'm a cheerleader for everybody and every avenue. It's important for breeders to remember that we're all on the same team. We can all sell different things to different people and have different breeding goals in mind."

– Written by Max Stewart, Angus Communications



John McCurry of Burrton, Kan., was presented with the American Angus Association's inaugural Young Breeder Award during the American Angus Association® Awards Reception and Dinner in Orlando, Florida. Pictured from left are Kelsey Theis, Miss American Angus; Drew, Molly, Aubree, Mary, Melody, and John McCurry; and Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO.

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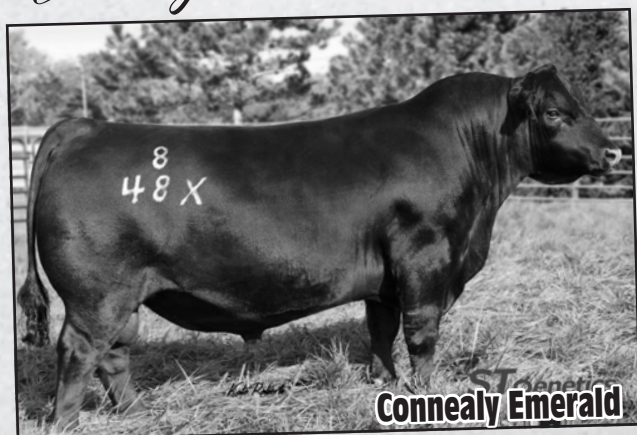
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Kansan recognized with Angus Ambassador Award

Association awards Anne Lampe at Angus Convention

Anne Lampe's enthusiasm for the Angus breed isn't short-lived or something trendy. As she puts it, "It's my life."

From her family and friends to work and volunteer time, the Scott City, Kansas woman devotes her time to all things Angus. Lampe's family are active American Angus Association® members and she's a devoted American Angus Auxiliary member. She's also the Kansas Angus Association manager.

All of those qualities came together as Lampe received the inaugural Angus Ambassador award at the 2023 American Angus Association Awards Reception and Dinner in Orlando, Florida. The recognition was created to honor someone who goes above and beyond to promote or aid Angus efforts and broaden the breed's influence in the beef industry.

"The Angus Family encompasses so many people who live and breathe the breed," said Mark McCully, Association chief executive officer. "But Anne exemplifies Angus in everything she does."



From her childhood Angus operation in Louisiana to today's cowherd in Kansas and everywhere in between, The Business Breed is woven into each aspect of her life. Most recognize Lampe as one of the "Annes" who make the wheels go round on the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored, Certified Angus Beef® brand Cook-Off. Lampe, along with Anne Patton Schubert, are beef education committee co-chairs and help run the contest at the National Junior Angus Show each summer.

"I really enjoy working with the kids," Lampe said. And, she said she is proud of the direction the Cook-Off has taken.

Through the years, Patton Schubert (the other half of the Anne duo) has witnessed the effect Lampe's passion has instilled in the youth. "She's just such a wonderful asset to the Angus breed," Patton Schubert said. "She cares so much."

The third generation of cook-off enthusiasts are just beginning to compete, but Lampe says she looks forward to seeing her grandkids compete very soon.

"That's always been the focus, the family," she said. Lampe and her husband, Mark, have two sons, Garrett and Clayton. As a young family, they purchased cows and it really wasn't a decision what breed they would buy, Lampe says. "It's always been registered Angus," she said. "My sons really tease me about that sometimes, but I'm through and through." The family raised show cattle and bulls to sell, building their herd to 150 cows at one point. The boys were active in NJAA, showing cattle and developing their own taste for the breed.

Angus from the start

It's how Lampe was raised. Growing up in Louisiana, Lampe came from an Angus family. Her father, Paul St. Blanc, served as an Association delegate and her mother, Vicki, was an Auxiliary member. Together, the couple served as junior advisors. Lampe attended her first National Junior Angus Show in 1974 and has missed only a handful since then.

"I first joined the Angus Auxiliary when I was a senior in high school," Lampe said. She was a Miss American Angus contestant and is still good friends with the others she competed against. Breed connections also led her to Kansas, where she competed on the livestock judging team at Hutchinson Community College and met her husband.

When Lampe clocks into work, it's on behalf of Angus breeders. "I started working for the Kansas Angus Association as their manager in 2003," she said. In that role, Lampe coordinates events, works with members always trying to find something new to bring in more people to the state and national associations. Kansas Angus Association member Jerry Theis describes Lampe as the glue that holds KAA together. "She's enthusiastic and always passionate about Angus," he said, especially complimenting her work with the juniors. "She really cares about those kids."

Volunteerism runs deep for Lampe, who has chaired two National Junior Angus Shows and served on the committee of several others. She's involved in her community, as well, helping run a four-species spring livestock show and volunteering at her county fair.

Still, the achievement Lampe is perhaps most proud of is the creation of the Women Connected Conference. As 2012 president of the Auxiliary, Lampe and others created the event as a way for women within the breed learn more about the beef industry.

"It allows them to form a network and experience educational workshops while feeling engaged and empowered," she said.

"I guess that's the part of this award that I'm the proudest of — just literally thousands of people in the American Angus Association that I've come across," she said. "I call them friends."

_Written by Holly Martin, Angus Communications



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I hope to see everyone at the Ks Angus Annual Meeting, Banquet and Futurity Junior Show on January 20 and 21, 2024. It is always one of my favorite events. It is a reminder of our rich history and watching the future of the breed with the participation of so many of our Kansas juniors.

Please remember to go our website and check out the scholarship opportunities we have several with deadlines in early January.

This is also the time to renew your membership both to the Kansas Angus Association and the Kansas Auxiliary. Please invite a friend to join the auxiliary. We always have room for those who would like to participate.

The deadline for Miss Kansas Angus is January 10, 2024 again please go the website for more information.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be an officer and president of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Tonya Rae Theis

Kansas Angus Auxiliary President 2023

Dates to Remember– 2024

- **Jan 10**– Miss Ks Angus Ambassador Applications due
- **Jan 10**– Moore Scholarship Applications due
- **Jan 20-21**– Ks Angus Banquet, Annual Meeting, Futurity Jr Show, Ks State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson
- **Jan 20**– Auxiliary Meeting 11:30 am, Hutchinson
- **Jan 20**– Auxiliary Hospitality Room– bring snacks & baked goods to share.
- **Jan 20**– KS Angus Banquet– bring items for the Auxiliary Scholarship Auction
- **April 1**– Auxiliary Scholarship Applications Due (for high school seniors graduating in Spring 2024)
- **April 1**– NEW Ks Auxiliary Scholarship applications due– for college students
- **June 1**– Auxiliary Meeting during the KS Jr Angus Preview Show, Hutchinson

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Applications open for 2024 Angus Women Connected

American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored event registration closes Jan. 10, 2024.



The American Angus Auxiliary invites women to apply for the 2024 Angus Women Connected Conference happening March 25-27, in Wooster, Ohio, at the Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center. This year's theme is "Making Meaningful Connections."

The Auxiliary will select twenty women from diverse backgrounds to attend the biennial event. Auxiliary President Karla Knapp encourages all to apply.

"It is a wonderful time spent with women from across the country gathering together for education, networking, fun and fellowship," said Knapp, who has attended as an applicant and executive committee member. "It's a truly special event that only occurs every other year, so you certainly don't want to miss your opportunity to attend."

The conference registration, lodging and meals are provided at no cost thanks to the generous support of the Angus Foundation. Participants are responsible for the cost of travel to and from Ohio. However, group ground transportation from the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) will be arranged.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. The deadline to apply is Jan. 10, and accepted applicants will be notified no later than Feb. 1. The application is now open, online. To access the application please send an email to Anne Lampe WC chairman at am-lampe.al@gmail.com.

New Scholarship for Kansas Angus Juniors in 2024!

The Kansas Angus Auxiliary, in conjunction with the Angus Foundation, has established a new scholarship, the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Endowment Scholarship. This newly formed scholarship opportunity is the result of the many Angus breeders/supporters who have generously contributed to the fundraising efforts of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary.

In keeping with the focus of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary to support and promote Kansas Angus Juniors, this application is intended to reach a broader scope of Juniors. Those who are sophomore/junior/senior/graduate student or those going into their final year of undergraduate or accredited program are eligible to apply. Applicants can be attending a trade school/junior college/university or any degreed program such as nursing/vo-tech. The applicant cannot have reached their 23rd birthday prior to the year of application. The scholarship is applicable to any field of study.

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American Angus Association® concludes a strong fiscal year

Signals in 2023 show strong demand for Angus cattle, beef product.

The American Angus Association® concluded a successful fiscal year, filled with industry-leading advances, reflection on the breed's U.S. history and camaraderie among its membership. As a whole, 2023 marked the ninth-consecutive year of more than 300,000 registrations, with an additional 138,377 transfers. Regular and junior memberships totaled 21,981.

"This year is a milestone year for the breed, being the 150th anniversary of Angus cattle arriving in America," said Mark McCully, chief executive officer of the Association. "All those years later, Angus cattle and cattlemen are thriving, and we are encouraged by our strong year."

With the 150th anniversary of Angus cattle in the United States also comes the 140th anniversary of the Association. Its subsidiaries, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI®), Angus MediaSM, Certified Angus Beef and the Angus Foundation, also celebrated the kickoff or completion of major projects.

AGI® continued to put themselves at the forefront of their field, helping breeders achieve their goals and serving as a trusted industry source for advanced genetics solutions. In October, the Functional Longevity research EPD was released in an ongoing effort to improve the long-term success and profitability of herds. Also that month, AGI® was recognized on an international scale for its work on the World Angus Evaluation and its successful release. In another effort for continued improvement, AGI® processed an increased number of more than 200,000 genomic samples on behalf of the membership and saw a 4.7% increase in profile tests. With 206,956 additional genomic profiles now available for genetic evaluation, AGI® plans to continue the momentum in the new fiscal year.

Angus MediaSM recently welcomed Clay Zwilling as its new president. In the early months of his leadership, the Angus Journal® ended the year with 13,000 subscriptions and the Angus Beef Bulletin® has 65,000 readers. Throughout the year, they also developed 509 sale books and 201 brochures. The Angus MediaSM team continues to develop and enhance their products and publications – both for print and the digital landscape – while remaining at the top of their field.

Celebrating a 45-year anniversary, Certified Angus Beef sold 1.227 billion pounds of its branded beef with 18,000 licensed partners worldwide in more than 50 countries. Overcoming tight cattle supplies and record high prices, McCully said the brand continues to deliver on a promise of premium quality to consumers around the world.

During the fiscal year, the Angus family continued to pour their support into the Angus Foundation's mission of education, youth and research. This year, 138 scholarships, totaling \$350,625, were awarded to youth across the nation. Campaign initiatives including "A Legacy Built" and "Fund the Future" contributed to a total of \$1.279 million in donations from more than 700 donors – 227 of which were new donors. The impact of these dollars will be felt for generations.

As the value of Angus cattle continues to rise, The Association has continued its Powered by AngusSM advertising campaign. Combatting "black-hided confusion," the campaign illustrates the confidence cattlemen can put in the power of EPD data, documented pedigrees, and marketing programs with the purchase of registered Angus. Another nod to the power of verified genetics came as AngusLinkSM value-added programs experienced tremendous growth. After beginning its partnership with IMI Global, year-end enrollments reached 165,428 head of cattle with \$17.8 million in premiums paid to producers this fiscal year.

To view the 2023 Angus Annual Report and to view the Association's complete financial report, visit <https://bit.ly/AngusAR23>.

– Written by Katelyn Engel, Angus Communications



Addie Haverkamp
Miss Kansas Angus 2023

This year I had the opportunity to serve as Miss Kansas Angus, and it proved to be a really great experience for me.

Throughout my year, I had the opportunity to attend many Kansas Angus Breeders bull sales and hand out awards in the show ring. Attending these events have really taught me a lot about the Angus breed, and the cattle industry in general. One thing that is amazing about the queen program is that you get to meet people from all over, and learn about the different activities juniors do in different states.

My favorite event that I was able to attend was the Angus Field Day in Victoria, Kansas. Learning about the history of Angus cattle, and how they came to America was an amazing experience.



The Ambassador and Miss Kansas Angus program has really helped me learn about our breed, and connect more with juniors. I encourage anyone who is interested to give it a try!

With that, I would like to thank my parents for making it possible for me to attend these events, and serve as Miss Kansas Angus. I would also like to thank Anne Lampe for continuing the program, and making sure we always have what we need!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2023 Miss Kansas Angus and to represent the Angus breed.

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%	15%	50%	3%	15%	70%	75%	65%	30%	20%	15%	60%	75%	60%	35%	40%	4%	1%	40%	45%

	CW	Marb	RE	Fat	\$AxH	\$AxJ	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
EPD	+72	+1.04	+97	+0.347	+202	+192	+112	+91	+109	+75	+184	+351
%Rank	10%	15%	10%	85%	3%	5%	1%	1%	10%	15%	10%	1%

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	CED	BW	WW	YW	RADG	DMI	YH	SC
EPD	+12	+1.4	+72	+132	+30	+1.53	+5	1.66
%	10%	55%	25%	20%	15%	85%	55%	10%

HP	CEM	Milk	MW	MH	\$EN
+12.7	+14	+26	+85	+4	-28
40%	5%	50%	25%	45%	80%

Doc	Claw	Angle	PAP	HS
+21	+44	+41	+12	+57
40%	30%	15%	25%	55%

CW	Marb	RE	Fat	\$AxH	\$AxJ
+50	+1.63	+1.19	+0.14	+227	+213
40%	1%	2%	55%	1%	2%

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
+66	+65	+96	+110	+206	+333
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From The Ground Up

Benoit Angus Ranch honored with CAB Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award.

By: Lindsay Graber Runft, Director of Producer Communications, Certified Angus Beef, LLC.

Fresh out of the Army and with an eye for the right kind of cattle, Everett Benoit bought six Angus heifers from his neighbor and started a cow herd of his own. He and wife Bonnie settled down in north-central Kansas to build a farm and family. The only kind of work they knew was hard work, and plenty of it. Construction work helped Everett save enough to buy ground and gradually grow the herd. Land prices back then look cheap now, but it was a large investment in the family's future.

Everett's dad warned he'd "go broke," but determined and set on raising Angus cattle, the young man pressed on figuring, "You know, I'm already broke." That resolve and work ethic saw the herd grow to 400 Angus females, along with a 2,500-acre farming division now. Benoit Angus Ranch, a seedstock operation that markets more than 150 bulls annually, is a multi-generation family business with sons Doug and Chad now heavily involved. Focused on serving the commercial cattleman, the Benois built a reputation for high-quality cattle that perform on the ranch, in the feedyard and on the rail.

With always-improving cattle to support that renown, and the will to back it up, Benoit Angus Ranch earned the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) 2023 Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award. The family was recognized at the CAB Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, in September.

Family and the Farm

Three generations of family gather on Everett and Bonnie's porch steps at day's end. Laughter erupts as shared lives and love spill over the talk of a joined past, present and future. The two who started it all have always worked together in nearly every aspect. Cattle, chickens, hogs, and raising children.

"Oh, she hated the chickens," Everett smiles at the memory. The chickens and hogs are long gone, but Angus cattle and family are still a big part of the farm, with its headquarters where his parents Archie and Rosalie lived. Chad makes his home where he and four siblings were raised, while Doug and family live just down the road from his mom and dad.

The next generation of Benoit Angus lives and works close together. "They (Doug and Chad) graduated from college and worked away from the farm," Everett says. "They both called and wanted to know if they could come back. That was the best thing that ever happened."

While Doug focuses on the cow herd, Chad oversees the farming side. Where possible, that's tied back to the cattle as row crops, cover and forages diversify beyond managing 3,500 acres of grass. Cows graze corn stalks till late in the year and cover crops on wheat ground extend light grazing through the winter.

Everett and Bonnie remained involved, often sitting down with their sons to provide input and advice. "My dad, he's the main guy. Well, he and mom, both. They started this and now we all work together," Doug says. "Dad has been a great teacher for us. And, it's very nice to be able to work with your folks." Passing his work ethic, love for the breed and the core foundation of the family Angus herd on down to sons meant they grew up with Angus as the only logical choice. "What does it mean for me to continue his legacy? It'd be something," Doug says. "We're just trying to keep it going. We work really hard at everything."

Love for the Angus Female

Recognized for their emphasis on maternal traits, the Benois are known for overall high-quality Angus genetics. "We just love our Angus cows," Doug says. "They've all been good to us." That's because of excellent husbandry, heavy culling and careful selection over the years, from numbers to pedigree and practicality. To Doug, the Angus female is the ideal type, further refined for a feminine head and length of body. And to Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association regional manager, the Benoit Angus herd is a functional, working set of cows. "They look for females with a good phenotype, do-ability and the right udder," he says. "But they know they are in the beef business, so they pay attention to carcass traits, too."

Aiming for bulls that will meet commercial cattlemen's needs, the Benois start with the mother cow. Falling right in line with maternal, Doug emphasizes the importance of "building a cow with thickness," strong carcass traits and performance. "We're not focusing just on terminal cattle. We want to have both," he says. "And I think our cattle can do both." Striving for excellence, the Benois stress data collection and testing.

The longtime Maternal Plus members document that side of performance in their herd. All replacement females and sale bulls are American Angus Association Genomic Selection (GS)-tested, with results applied to herd improvement and marketing. "They're no-nonsense Angus breeders," says Mafi. "If the cattle won't work for customers, they get rid of them."

Customer-Focused Cattlemen

Any reputation is earned. In the cattle business it can be cultivated in many ways, but it hangs on customer opinion. "We measure success by our customers," Doug says. "We work for them, and we'll do everything we can to keep them satisfied." With two annual production sales, females in the fall and bulls in the spring, the Benois rely on a strong customer base, largely repeat buyers and upwards of 85% commercial. Before their first bull sale at the ranch in 1990, they sold through the Beloit (Kansas) Bull Test.



"We had several customers that were going to the bull test," Everett says. "Once we started having a sale, they followed us and helped us out." They're still selling to some of those first customers who have purchased Benoit Angus bulls for decades. "They seem like they're satisfied," Everett observes. "That's the joy of it." Many customers sell calves at weaning or retain ownership at a feedyard. From the latter set, they may receive performance data.

With a goal to retain customers, the Benoits gladly take that feedback and use it to improve. "There's no fancy stuff that we try to do," Doug says. "We just try to raise them like the commercial cattleman does, and we let the cattle work for them." Each year's breeding decisions aim to improve the herd, partly by targeting high-quality beef production. With a bull customer base largely aiming for a premium on calves produced, the Benoits employ CAB's "Targeting the Brand™" logo in their sale catalogs. In 2023, 76% of their bull sale offering earned the logo. "We put that Targeting the Brand mark in our sale catalog, and I know a number of customers will buy off that," Doug says. "And they will mark out bulls from their selection if it doesn't have the Targeting the Brand logo."

Aside from customer reports, the Benoits monitor genetic improvement on their own accord through ultrasound scans on bulls and heifers, as well as retained ownership in a Nebraska feedyard. As the first of two rounds of culling, the ranch pulls the bottom 25% of bulls based on quality and sends them to the feedyard as steers. That bottom end, in a sense, still contributes carcass data as a baseline for how different genetics perform. With an average CAB acceptance rate of nearly 65% along with those grading Prime, the Benoits have found what works.

Putting in the Work

"As long as it's got a seat on it, I can usually do a pretty good job," Everett says. Now in his mid-80s, he wakes before sunrise and climbs into his truck for another day of work on the farm. Whether he's feeding cows or swathing hay, he enjoys what he does from the seat. Bonnie still can't plan on him for dinnertime, but they've managed to get along so far. "If you love doing something, it's not work," Everett says. "That's the way I taught my boys—and hard work, it pays off."

For the Benoits, that's the goal: Add quality to the cow herd and improve the quality of a steak. With another generation (or two) following in his footsteps, and the success of the ranch to carry forward, one thing is for certain: hard work is a learned lifestyle at Benoit Angus Ranch.

Raised With Respect™ Cattle Care Campaign Launched this Fall

Certified Angus Beef and Sysco join forces to support farmers and ranchers, the beef community as a whole.



Respect for animals, respect for the land and respect for each other – the foundation of a new campaign from Sysco, the global leader in foodservice distribution, and Certified Angus Beef (CAB), a brand known for its commitment to quality beef. The campaign, Raised with Respect™, centers on the common ground found between cattle producers and beef consumers, with a focus on animal welfare and beef sustainability.

Raised with Respect™ was developed as part of a strategic cattle care partnership between Sysco and CAB. The collaboration focuses on supporting farmers and ranchers, equipping them with continuing education to stay current on best management practices and helping to increase consumer confidence in beef production.

Through the partnership, Sysco and CAB are providing Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training and certification to farmers and ranchers in nine key cattle production states. To elevate the trainings, bringing dynamic educational opportunities to cattle country, Sysco and CAB are collaborating with state entities who also have a vested interest in BQA.

Launching at the 2023 Angus Convention in November, two campaign events were held in Orlando, Florida. Collaborating with Florida Beef Council and the American Angus Association, a BQA training was offered to educate and certify Angus ranchers. Another event, the BQA Bash, celebrated the commitment of ranchers who are currently BQA-certified. Nearly 100 producers attended the training and more than 200 attended the BQA Bash.

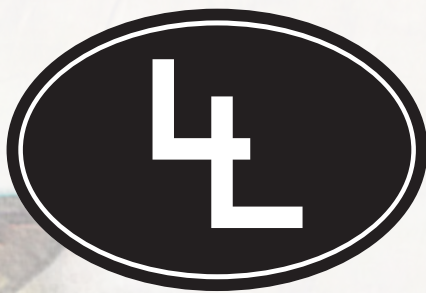
Following Angus Convention, additional Raised with Respect™ BQA trainings took place in Texas and Montana. The campaign will continue through June 2024, with the six remaining BQA trainings occurring in Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

BQA, a nationally recognized education and certification program, encompasses the best practices for cattle care, including animal handling, nutrition and responsible use of antibiotics.

"Certified Angus Beef supports BQA because it's a credible and effective way for producers to communicate animal welfare to people on the opposite end of the beef supply chain," says Bruce Cobb, CAB executive vice president of production. "By building trust with this segment and consumers, we can help secure the strong beef demand we've been experiencing into the future."

According to research from NCBA (on behalf of the Beef Checkoff), 70% of consumers agreed that BQA certification increased their confidence in knowing the beef they eat is safe, and 67% agreed that it increased their confidence that cattle are humanely raised. Prior to learning about the program, 44% of consumers had positive perceptions about cattle production and that increased to 70% after learning of the BQA program.

Cattle producers interested in completing BQA training, but not able to attend an in-person event, are encouraged to complete the free course online. More information about Raised with Respect™, including dates and locations of BQA events, and a direct link to online BQA education and training, can be found at www.cabcattle.com/RaisedWithRespect.



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