



Cow Chips
January/February 2012

Register now for the GAA Annual Meeting and Banquet

Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the 2012 Georgia Angus Association (GAA) Annual Meeting and Banquet set for Saturday, January 28, 2012. The event will be held at The Classic Center in Athens.

The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the annual meeting where committee chairpersons will recap 2011 activities, social at 6:00 p.m., and banquet at 7:00 p.m. The banquet will feature a steak dinner, presentation of awards, announcement of Miss Georgia Angus, Georgia Angus Princess and GAA Member of the Year, presentation of the Georgia Hall of Fame awards, and the sale of the 2012-13 GAA Directory ads. The 2012-14 GAA Board of Directors will be announced too.

The GAA is excited to announce that the American Angus Association CEO Bryce Schumann will be a



Schumann

special guest at this year's event to bring greetings from the national organization.

Adult buffet dinners cost \$25.00 and children's (12 and under) buffet dinners cost \$10.00 if purchased no later than Monday, January 23, 2012. All orders received after this date or at the door will cost an additional \$10.00 per plate. Please pre-register for this event to help the

banquet committee allow for adequate space and food. All reserved banquet tickets will be available at the door at 6:00 p.m.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn in Athens located directly across the street from The Classic Center. Call the hotel directly at 706-353-6800 and ask for the Angus block rate. The hotel is located at 390 East Washington Street, Athens, GA 30601.

The GAA Board of Directors hope you participate at this year's event! If you have any questions, please contact Christy Page at 770-307-7178 or info@georgiaangus.org. Please plan to bring a door prize to this year's event!

Directions to The Classic Center
300 North Thomas Street
Athens, GA 30601

From the West: Take I-85 North to GA 316 east. Do not exit on the US 78E Business Athens-Monroe exit. Continue on GA 316 for 4.5 additional miles to Loop 10 Inner. (Home Depot will be within sight on the right.) Turn right onto Loop 10 Inner and travel to the Lexington Rd./Oconee St. (exit 8), Take US Highway 78 West into downtown Athens. At the traffic light at Oconee, Broad, and Thomas Streets (this will be a five way intersection) take a sharp right onto E. Broad Street. The orange and green building in the

triangle will be on your right; travel one block; turn left on Foundry Street. The entrance to the parking deck will be on your left.

From the East: Take US Highway 78 West into downtown Athens. At the traffic light at Oconee, Broad, and Thomas Streets (this will be a five way intersection) take a sharp right onto E. Broad Street. The orange and green building in the triangle will be on your right; travel one block; turn left on Foundry Street. The entrance to the parking deck will be on your left.

From the North: Take US Highway 441 South into Athens. Continue straight at the intersection of US 441 and GA Loop 10. The street name will become ML King Jr. Parkway. Follow MLK Pky. Until you get to North Avenue. Turn right onto North Avenue. Stay to the left. At the light at Thomas and Dougherty the Athens Welcome Center will be on your right. Go one block on Thomas, turn left onto Strong Street. Travel to Foundry Street turn right. The parking deck will be ahead on your left.

From the South: Take US 441, US 129, GA 15 North around Watkinsville and into Athens. After the traffic light at White Oak cross 2 bridges (sign for Clarke County Line and directional sign to UGA), turn right onto GA 10/US 441 US 129/GA 15. Exit at Lexington Rd./Oconee St. (exit 8), Take US Highway 78 West into downtown Athens. At the traffic light at Oconee, Broad, and Thomas Streets (this will be a five way intersection) take a sharp right onto E. Broad Street. The orange and green building in the triangle will be on your right; travel one block; turn left on Foundry Street. The entrance to the parking deck will be on your left.

GAA BANQUET REGISTRATION

Name	_____
Farm	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____ Zip _____
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Adult Banquet Tickets \$25.00 each	_____
Child's Banquet Tickets (12 & under) \$10.00	_____
Total \$	_____

Please return no later than January 23 to:

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Letter from your President

Greetings!



I hope everything is well and you had a great holiday season. At the time of this writing, it is time to brace for the winter and look forward to milder weather which is just around the corner. Also, it is time on the rough weather days to take the time to look back and to look forward. What did we do right and what did we do wrong? And as Peter Marshall once said "Lord where we were wrong, make us willing to change; where we were right make us easy to live with."

There are still plenty of folks out there looking for registered black Angus bulls. I wish them the best of luck. At this time they are going to need it. If you have bulls let me know and I will pass the word along. And please do not forget the Bricton Bull Sale coming up soon.

The GAA Annual Meeting and Banquet is upon us. Plan now to be in Athens the last Saturday evening in January. Your GAA Officers and Directors need your participation then and throughout the year.

This note to you will be my last one as my term expires in January 2012. I will make a few short comments. I would briefly say to you that change has and always will be constant. Your anticipation and reaction is what counts. You are about breeding the best beef cattle in the industry. As the advertisement goes, she has no equal. Stay the course and you will be rewarded. Take the higher ground and take care of your customer. It is harder to find a new loyal customer than it is to keep one. You certainly do not want to be wondering who is going to buy your bulls or cows at the next sale or the one thereafter. Support your fellow Angus breeders. They are trying hard and working hard. As far as competition goes, no one can take your customers from you, if you have done your homework. There will be short term fads in the beef business as is the case for all other enterprises. Yet, there will always be Angus in the pedigree. Worry not about fads. These will pass. Enjoy yourself and fellow Angus breeders. It is a truly a society and not a typical trade association.

I was not a stranger when I started writing these notes to you. In fact, many of us have grown older and I hope wiser together over the course of several decades. I will not say good bye to you because I am not planning on going away. I hope to see you in January.

Sincerely,

Larry Bramblett

Get Well Soon

- Continuing to send get well wishes and prayers to Cory Watt, Iva, S.C., and David Gazda, Athens, Ga., and their families as they deal with some health issues.

Do you want to advertise in the GAA Cow Chips?

Advertising space is available in the March/April Cow Chips:

Advertising Rates:

Full Page - \$100 1/2 Page - \$75 1/4 Page - \$50 Business Card - \$25

NEW: Classified Ads Free for GAA and GJAA Members. Send 25 words or less and contact information

Advertising Deadline: February 20, 2012
Submit all ads to info@georgiaangus.org

2012 Beef Industry Convention and Expo

The Georgia Cattleman's Association 2012 Beef Industry Convention and Trade Show will take place April 4-7 in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds.

The Georgia Angus Association (GAA) will once again be sponsoring the Georgia Beef Expo Southeastern Angus Showcase Sale to be held at noon on Friday, April 6. Nomination forms were available in the November/December 2011 issue of *Cow Chips*. If you have not turned in your nomination form and would like to consign cattle, please contact the GAA office immediately at 770-307-7178 or e-mail info@georgiangus.org. Screening of the cattle will take place soon!

This year's sale committee is being co-chaired by John Jarrell, Butler, and Mike McCravy, Bowdon. If

you have any questions about the sale, please feel free to contact the committee or the GAA office.

This sale is a great opportunity for all Angus breeders to get involved. Whether you are a breeder from a smaller Angus operation or raise hundreds of cattle a year, this sale is for you. The sale committee is expecting another great set of quality cattle with excellent pedigrees and EPDs, and is anticipating a large crowd to be in attendance. Mark your calendars now for this exciting Angus event and Angus offerings!



GAA ballots due January 23

GAA members have the opportunity to vote for the 2012-14 GAA Board of Directors and 2011 GAA Member of the Year. An official ballot has been provided in each applicable newsletter and should be returned in the enclosed ballot envelope no later than January 23 to the GAA office.

All nominations have been provided on the official ballot. Please vote for 7 individuals to be named to the GAA Board of Directors and please choose one GAA member to receive the GAA Member of the Year award.

GAA Membership renewals due February 15, 2012

Annual membership fees for the GAA are now due. In addition to paying your annual dues, membership records will be updated based upon your reply using the form provided in this mail out. This information is used in the associations membership directory and website.

All membership dues are to be paid no later than February 15, 2012. 2012 membership dues are \$35.00 and voting rights and membership for additional family members can be obtained for an extra \$10.00 per family member.

Please be sure to mail your membership form and check to:

**Georgia Angus Association
638 Lake Crest Dr.
Jefferson, GA 30549**

Please do not use the provided ballot envelope for membership dues.

2011 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale



Lanny Benson, Emilan Angus Farm, La Fayette, Ga., left, consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2011 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale, Dec. 9 in Calhoun, Ga. Emilan Special Agent 007 is a November 2010 son of G A R Predestined. He posted an average daily gain of 4.84 pounds, with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,136 pounds. Pictured presenting the award is Christy Page, Georgia Angus Association executive secretary.

Sale Report

- Calhoun PT Bull Sale - 61 Angus Bulls Grossed \$157,000 and Averaged \$2,573
- Bramblett Angus - 38 Angus Bulls Grossed \$71,200 and Averaged \$1,873
- Davis Farms - 95 Lots Grossed \$224,300 and Averaged \$2,361
- Graham Angus Farm - 75 Lots Grossed \$181,500 and Averaged \$2,420

GJAA member named to National FFA office

Cain Thurmond achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He earned numerous academic and leadership awards in high school and college. He's served summer missions to Peru.

And now, he's a National FFA officer.

As a conclusion to the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Thurmond was elected National FFA Southern Region vice president for 2011-12.

"My life has been shaped by the emptiness of the roads in my Jefferson, Ga., community on Sunday mornings, droves of people at Saturday Farmers' Markets, dust-covered floors in agricultural education classrooms and the love and support from my family and my community," he said. "I'm looking forward to taking my life experiences and helping lead the National FFA Organization as a national officer."

For the next year, Thurmond and his national officer peers will be the face and spirit of FFA. Collectively, they'll travel more than 100,000 miles throughout the country as they engage top leaders in business, government and education and lead a host of personal growth and leadership training seminars for FFA members. The team will also help set policies that will shape the future of the National FFA Organization and promote agricultural literacy in general.

Originally from Jefferson, Ga., Thurmond is the

son of Phil and Susie Thurmond. He is a junior at University of Georgia majoring in agricultural and applied economics. He is a member of the Jefferson High School FFA chapter in Jefferson, Ga., led by Ken Bray, David Calloway and Cliff Tippens.



Thurmond

"Representation is more than a title.

It is dedication, loyalty and believing in the calling of your organization," he said. "Nothing we do on Earth will last forever. But if I make a positive difference in the life of someone else, there is no limit to how far that good deed may last."

Joining Thurmond to serve as national FFA officers for 2011-12 are Ryan W. Best of New Mexico as National FFA president, Jason Troendle of Minnesota as national secretary, Kenneth D. Quick Jr. of New York as Eastern Region vice president, Alicia Hodnik of Wisconsin as Central Region vice president and Seth Pratt of Idaho as Western Region vice president.

Formerly known as Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization provides agricultural education to 540,379 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,489 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

GAA Classified Ads

FOR SALE:

AI and ET produced Registered Yearling Angus Bulls. Calving ease with explosive growth! Very fancy bulls with quality carcass EPD's. \$1800/up. Jeff Heuer, Delta H Ranch, Greensboro, GA, 404-421-0686, jeff@deltaHranch.com

Guidelines

- Ads are limited to 25 words or less. The word limit includes your name, address, phone numbers and email address if you choose to include them.
- Provide a listing category - For Sale or Wanted
- E-mail to info@georgiaangus.org
- If you are selling something, you need to own the actual listing. It must be an actual item or animal and should be agriculturally related.
- Free to Georgia Angus Association, Georgia Junior Angus Association, and Georgia Angus Auxiliary members.
- Ads will only run for one issue. If you wish to repeat an ad, you must contact me prior to each issue.
- Next ad deadline: February 20

GAA in search of new Angus royalty

The GAA will crown two ambassadors for the state association on January 28 during the GAA Banquet. Miss Georgia Angus is eligible to those young ladies between the ages of 15 and 21, and Georgia Angus Princess is eligible to those young ladies between the ages of 9 and 14, as of January 1, 2012. These young ladies must be a member of the Georgia Junior Angus Association and their parents must be a members of the GAA.

The role of Miss Georgia Angus and Georgia Angus Princess is to promote Angus cattle and Angus activities, and to represent the state Angus association. These ambassadors should represent the GAA and the Angus breed by attending shows, field days, banquets, meetings, etc., at their own expense.

If you are interested in serving as Miss Georgia Angus or Georgia Angus Princess, please contact Whitney Chitty Smith, queens committee chairperson, no later than January 15, 2012 at 229-891-1308 or whit.smith.1987@gmail.com

This is a great opportunity for junior Angus members to get involved!

*Place your advertisement in the
2012-2013
Georgia Angus Association Membership Directory*

Directory ads to go on sale
Saturday, January 28, 2012
at the Georgia Angus Association Annual Banquet
The Classic Center - Athens, GA

Ad deadline - April 15, 2012

The GAA Directory is mailed to all GAA members, distributed to state and national Angus shows and events, the Georgia Cattlemen's Association Industry Convention and Expo, and mailed on request all over the country!

Premium pages will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Select from these premium pages: Back Cover, Inside Back Cover, Page Opposite Inside Back Cover, Inside Front Cover, Page Opposite Inside Front Cover and Two Page Centerfold. Buyer's Choice!

Auction of other ads will follow for black and white copy:



Full Page - \$350
Half Page - \$250
Quarter Page - \$125
Business Card - \$80
One Spot Color - Additional \$50
Two Spot Colors - Additional \$100
Full Color Process - \$350



Calendar of Events

January 2012

- 21 Briction Farms Bull Sale - Social Circle
- 28 GAA Annual Meeting & Banquet - Athens

February 2012

- 2 Un. of Georgia Bull Sale - Athens
- 4 Turnpike Creek Farms PT Bull Sale - Milan
- 15 GAA Annual Memberships Due
- 23-25 Georgia Jr. Nat'l Livestock Show - Perry, GA

March 2012

- 7 Tifton PT Bull Sale - Tifton
- 31 Smith Angus Farm - Wadley

April 2012

- 4-7 Georgia Cattlemen's Association Convention & Trade Show - Perry
- 6 Southeastern Angus Showcase Sale - Perry
- 14 Cattlemen's Choice at Britt Farm - Hartwell
- 15 GAA Directory Ads Due
- 21 Briction Farms Female Sale - Social Circle

The Junior Corner - News from the Georgia Junior Angus Association

Happy New Year, everybody!!! Hope everybody is enjoying the New Year so far! With a new year brings a year of memories to make. This year at the GAA annual meeting, we will be hosting a social for juniors who will be in attendance. At the social, we will have entertainment, light refreshments, and music.

Also, it's time to pay dues! Junior dues should be paid by February 1, which is the postmark date. If you will be showing at State Show, be sure to pay your

dues before the due date because the Georgia Angus Association pays additional premiums to the Champion and Reserve Angus Heifer and Registered Angus Steer but you MUST be a current member.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! See you at the annual meeting or State Show.



Katherine Throne
GJAA President

News from the National Junior Angus Association

Hello Georgia Juniors! I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas break and are on to a good start with their new year's resolution. This past year has been another great year for our association that was full of involvement, competition, and comradely. Georgia juniors did an amazing job representing our state at so many shows and events, such as, the National Junior Angus Show in Harrisburg, PA and the Raising the Bar event in Clemson, SC.



Clay Williams
NJAA Chairman

Also, I would like to congratulate Cain Thurmond for the huge honor of being elected to serve as the National FFA Southern Region Vice President for 2012, this is a huge honor for Cain and we all should be proud of this former GJAA officer.

Again, the year ahead of us holds countless amounts of opportunities for our members and I

encourage each of you to take advantage of those opportunities. Coming this spring, March 30-April 1, the NJAA will host a "Raising the Bar" event in the great city of Columbus, Ohio on the Ohio State University's campus. For those who have never been, the event is a three day conference full of workshops, tours, and fun that will help to build stronger leaders within state associations. Along with "Raising the Bar" this spring are shows that would be great to attend, so make plans to head to Timonium, Maryland for both Eastern Regionals and Atlantic Nationals, as well as, Harrisonburg, Virginia for MAJAC Regional Preview Show. Just as all junior Angus events, these shows are great fun with more than just a cattle show. Visit www.NJAA.info for more information on all these events.

Like always, I would like to encourage all of you to get involved in this association and breed. Hope everyone enjoys the coming months and I will see y' all around. Bleed black and let your Angus pride show.

NEXT JUNIOR MEETING

to be held during the Georgia National Junior Livestock Shows. Watch for signs in the barn for exact date, time and location.

ATTENTION JUNIORS:

Junior Social
Saturday, January 28, 2012
The Classic Center • Athens, GA
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Junior members - here is a chance for you to hang with your Angus friends while your parents are hanging with theirs at the 2012 Georgia Angus Association Annual Meeting in Athens. This year, there will be a junior social with music, light refreshments, and entertainment from 5 to 7 pm. A brief junior meeting will be held in conjunction with the social, information on upcoming opportunities for junior members on the state and national level will be available.

PHOTOS NEEDED

Send photos of you and other juniors from shows, sales, meetings, etc., from 2011 for the slide show to be held during the GAA Banquet. Photos should be sent to Carolyn Gazda at gazdacattleco@bellsouth.net by Monday, January 23.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:



The newly created Georgia Junior Livestock Foundation is now offering five \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors. The scholarships will be presented during the Georgia Junior National Livestock Shows in February. The application deadline is February 1! For more information, visit www.gajrlivestockfoundation.org



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Saturday - March 31, 2012 - 11:00AM
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New embryo transfer rule began January 1

A new embryo transfer (ET) rule, which took place effective on Jan. 1, 2012, requires Angus producers who want to register embryo transfer (ET) calves to request an ET authorization when the first owner of a calf is different than the owner of the donor dam.

The new Rule 104(d)(12), adopted at the American Angus Association®'s September Board meeting, states: If the first owner of the calf is different than the owner of record of the donor female, and the embryo removal date is on or after Jan. 1, 2012, the owner of the donor female must obtain and transfer an ET Authorization to the account of the first owner before the calf is eligible for registration.

"Embryos may pass through several hands before a calf is born and registered," says Don Laughlin, Association director of member services. "ET Authorizations allow the person who is responsible for flushing the donor cow to confirm dates, sires and type of flush (such as in vitro or split embryo) on a calf through the Association's AAA Login service."

The authorization will confirm ET registrations when the breeder and first owner are not the same, creating a record between the buyer and seller of the embryos.

The new rule will not affect every Angus producer. In fact, fiscal year numbers at the end of FY 2011 showed approximately 15% of all embryo registrations would need an ET authorization to be registered, if the rule was previously in place.

"Before the new rule, the sire, donor dam, embryo

removal date, sex of the calf and the birth date from the first owner (the person registering the ET calf) was known. Now, thanks to information from the person who owned the donor dam at the time of the flush, we will know the parentage, range of age and possibly the sex on any pregnant recipients. This increases accuracy of the Association's records and decreases errors," Laughlin says.

He adds, "This rule will also provide an avenue for a seller to monitor registration of embryos or confirmed pregnancies from the donor of which they no longer have control."

ET Authorization is free and processed through AAA Login, similar to artificial insemination (A.I.) certificates. Contact the member service department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

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