



*Cow Chips*  
*January/February 2010*

## Register now for the GAA Annual Meeting and Banquet

Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the 2010 Georgia Angus Association (GAA) Annual Meeting and Banquet set for Saturday, January 30, 2010. 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 2009 activities, cocktail hour 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 inaugural Georgia Hall of Fame awards, and the sale of the 2010-11 GAA Directory ads. The 2010-11 GAA Board of Directors will be announced too.

In addition, the Georgia Junior Angus Association will show highlights of their 2009 year including the 2009 National Junior Angus Show held in Perry.

Adult buffet dinners cost \$25.00 and children's (12 and under) buffet dinners cost \$10.00 if purchased no later than Monday, January 25, 2010. 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](mailto: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.

*The Foundry Street parking deck has 644 parking spaces with a connected walkway to the Classic Center.*

### GAA BANQUET REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Banquet Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$25.00 each

Child's Banquet Tickets (12 & under) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$10.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return no later than January 25 to:**  
 Georgia Angus Association  
 638 Lake Crest Dr. ♦ Jefferson, GA 30549  
[info@georgiaangus.org](mailto:info@georgiaangus.org)



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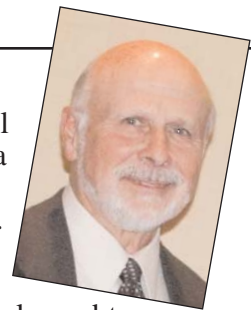
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## Letter from your President



Greetings from Middle Georgia. I hope this letter finds all of you doing well and that you had a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. I would like to take this moment to wish you a most blessed, successful and hopeful coming new year.

The annual American Angus Association meeting was held in Louisville this past November and I would like to thank all those that represented our great state of Georgia. I really planned to attend this year's meeting about extenuating circumstances prohibited my from doing so. I also missed a number of fall sales and gatherings as well. Maybe this year I will be back on my feet and meet my commitments head on.

With that being said, 2010 is measuring up to be a challenging year. Between extreme weather problems we have experienced throughout the state and the unsettledness of our government, to say the least, it really bodes for difficult times. However, even though Capitalism is under attack, I think the true grit of you the cattlemen and women, will find a way to meet and overcome our challenges. The rains have been intense here in the middle Georgia area and probably your part of the state as well. It is heartening to look around as see full ponds and creeks. Something we haven't seen in three or more years. I hate to say enough already with the rain but I know I will be back on my knees this coming hay season praying for rain and if I have rain, praying for good harvesting weather. The Lord will provide our needs. It always amazes me but when you get right down to it, it is really God who has control of our success and failures. It's good to give Him some of our time and place our problems and fears in His hands.

With fall calving season coming to a close I pray that all of you have experience a healthy and bounteous calving season. Now we see the results of our sire choices and gives us that more knowledge to direct our sire planning for the coming year. Good luck with your breeding program.

The Beef Expo is just a few months away. Let me encourage you to try and get an animal or two into this sale. It has proved to be a solid sale even with the adverse effects of the down turn in the beef industry. Let me remind all exhibitors to lend a hand cleaning up in front of your allotted pens and lend a hand where ever it is needed. We want to put our best foot forward as we show case our animals to a large cross section of cattlemen. Last year we had excellent member participation from consignors and as well as members just pitching in. Thank you for your efforts.

Don't forget that the January 30th is our annual meeting and banquet. I would like to encourage every to join us in this event and also consider placing an add in the 2010-2011 Georgia Angus Directory. It is really economical advertising.

If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to call.

God Bless You,

*Chuck Idone*

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

### Advertising Rates:

Full Page - \$100  
1/4 Page - \$50.00

1/2 Page - \$75.00  
Classified Ads - \$25.00

Advertising Deadline: February 20, 2010

# 2010 Beef Industry Convention and Expo

The Georgia Cattleman's Association 2010 Beef Industry Convention and Trade Show will take place April 1-3 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 2. Nomination forms were available in the November/December 2009 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 in early February.

This year's sale committee is being co-chaired by John Jarrell, Butler, and Chuck Idone, Macon. If you have any questions about the sale, please feel free to contact the committee, the GAA office, or Jeremy Haag with the American Angus Hall of Fame at 816-516-1309.

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 Membership renewals due February 15, 2010

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, 2010. 2010 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.*



## 2009 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale



Sam Hay Jr., Hayfields Farm, Covington, Ga., right, consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2009 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale, December 11 in Calhoun, Ga. Hayfields 112 923 821 is an October 2008 son of Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616. Pictured presenting the award is Melvin Porter, Georgia Angus Association director.

## GAA ballots due January 25

GAA members have the opportunity to vote for the 2010-11 GAA Board of Directors and 2009 GAA Member of the Year. An official ballot has been provided in each newsletter and should be returned in the enclosed ballot envelope no later than January 25 to the GAA office.

All nominations have been provided on the official ballot. A brief bio on each candidate has been provided in this newsletter on pages 8-9. Please vote for 7 individuals to be named to the GAA Board of Directors and please choose the GAA member to receive the GAA Member of the Year award.

## 2010 National Western Stock Show features new schedule

The 104th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) will begin a new year with a new Angus schedule. While the order of events differs from previous years, five days of Angus shows, sales and activities are slated for Tuesday, Jan. 12 through Saturday, Jan. 16, in Denver, Colo.

Angus activities begin Tuesday with check in at 8 a.m. on the Hill and at 1 p.m. in the Yards.

The Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show — also designated the 2010 National Angus Show — will kick off Wednesday, Jan. 13, with the bull show beginning at noon in the Stadium Arena. Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont., will serve as judge, with Troy Thomas, Harrold, S.D., serving as associate judge.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, events will begin with the judging of sale bulls at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena, followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; Brian McCulloh, Viroqua, Wis.; John McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; Darrell Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.; and Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C., will evaluate the 37 lots.

Following evaluation of sale bulls, the junior heifer show kicks off at 11 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. Brian Finnestad, Lee, Ill., will serve as judge.

The annual Angus Bull Sale will begin at 4 p.m., Thursday, at the Beef Palace Auction Arena. The 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will again precede the bull sale this year. Jerry Lehmann, Columbia, Mo., will serve as auctioneer. A sale book is available at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or by contacting the American Angus Association® at 816-383-5100.

Thursday events wrap up with the Angus Reception beginning at 7 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center–Downtown. The reception will provide a social

venue for producers and will feature an auction raising funds for the 2010 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Items being auctioned will include an Angus-themed, custom-made pendant; an original painting by C.J. Brown, featuring an Angus bull designated by the winning bidder; as well as a variety of other items. Several sales during the NWSS will also feature designated lots with proceeds going toward the 2010 NJAS.

On Friday, Jan. 15, the Angus ROV show resumes with the female show beginning at 8 a.m., in the Stadium Arena. Brian Barragree will judge females, and Troy Thomas will serve as associate judge.

Angus activities conclude on Saturday, Jan. 16, with the pen and carload shows in the yards. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Jason Hoffman, Thedford, Neb.; Guy Laflin, Olsburg, Kan.; and Jim Glaus, Chamberlain, S.D., will officiate the group competitions.

An Angus “Listening Post” will again be located in the Yards, Wednesday through Saturday. Stop by the tent for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to visit with both the Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff. Association members and commercial cattle producers are encouraged to stop by the Angus tent in the yards to talk about current beef industry issues, visit with staff, ask questions and exchange ideas.

In addition, the Angus booth on the Hill will have the latest Association publications, and Association staff will be available.

For additional information and show coverage, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## Apply now for Beef Leaders Institute

The American Angus Association® will host its third annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) June 2-4, 2010. Applications are now being accepted for the event and are due March 1.

Limited to 20 participants, BLI is designed for Association members 25-45 years old to provide insight into all beef industry segments while enhancing their knowledge of the Association and strengthening leadership skills.

BLI includes three days of tours, including a beef harvesting and packing facility, retailer, fabricator, feedlots and other industry segments, including the Association.

“Beef Leaders Institute started as an outlet for the Association and Angus Foundation to educate our younger members about all segments of the beef industry, and we have seen it become that, but also has evolved into an awesome networking and leadership opportunity for many enthusiastic producers,” says

Shelia Stannard, Association director of activities and events. “Many of the first two years’ alumni are active in their state Angus associations and other agricultural organizations.”

The Association will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and either Kansas City or Saint Joseph, Mo.

Coordinated by the American Angus Association to strengthen leaders and enhance the educational opportunities for young cattle producers, BLI is funded through the Angus Foundation.

Georgia Angus breeder Andrew McPeake attended the 2009 BLI.

Applications are available by contacting the Activities Department. Questions can be directed to Shelia Stannard at [ssannard@angus.org](mailto:ssannard@angus.org) by calling the Association at 816-383-5100.

# The Junior Corner - News from the Georgia Junior Angus Association

Dear Junior Angus Exhibitor:

The Georgia Angus Association pays \$500 to the Champion Angus Heifer or Registered steer if the animal was bred by a Georgia Angus Member (\$250 if not) and \$250 to the Reserve Angus Heifer or Registered steer if the animal was bred by a Georgia Angus Member (\$125 if not.) To qualify for these cash awards, the Georgia Angus Association requires that the exhibitor be a member of the Georgia Junior Angus Association. If you are showing an Angus heifer or steer at the State Show and you are not a current paid member of the Georgia Junior Angus Association please fill out the enclosed membership form and send it to me at the address below. You must be current by February 1, 2010.



In addition, we will be having some very important elections at our meeting to be held on Thursday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hoof and Horn Room. You must have your dues paid by February 1, 2010 in order to vote in this election.

See you at the State Show!

Sincerely,

Shelby Eidson, Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail to:  
Shelby Eidson, Secretary  
Georgia Junior Angus Association  
528 Yancey Road  
Arnoldsville, Georgia 30619

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**Thursday, February 18**

**5:00 p.m.**

(or after showmanship if it runs long)

**Hoof and Horn Room**

*See You There!*



**Do you have any pictures of your junior Angus activities (especially from the NJAS)?**



If so, please e-mail them to Mrs. Gazda at [gazdacattleco@bellsouth.net](mailto:gazdacattleco@bellsouth.net) or burn to a disk and mail them to her at:

**1985 Morton Rd.  
Athens, GA 30605**

# Yon recently named Miss American Angus

Sally Yon of Ridge Spring, S.C., was crowned Miss American Angus, Monday, Nov. 16, during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Yon was among five young Angus women competing for the title, which also included: JanLee Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; Kelli Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis.; and Hannah McCabe, Elk City, Kan.

Yon was crowned just prior to the announcement of grand champion bull during the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC).

The annual Miss American Angus contest is sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary and provides one Angus junior an opportunity to promote the breed both inside and outside the showing. As an Angus ambassador, Miss American Angus assists with shows, educational events, field days and additional activities to educate others



Sally Yon, left, was recently crowned the 2010 Miss American Angus by 2009 Miss American Angus Katie Gazda.

about the breed and the benefits of Angus beef.

Each year, five young women are chosen as candidates for the position through the Auxiliary's scholarship program. Each completes a written test, delivers a prepared speech, completes an interview and answers impromptu questions from a panel of judges.

Yon was the winner of the fourth-place, \$1,400 Auxiliary scholarship awarded earlier this year during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). She lives with her parents, Kevin and Lydia, and brothers Drake and Corbin, at Yon Family Farms near Ridge Spring, where the family raises approximately 800 head of Angus cattle. Yon is involved in state and national junior Angus associations, where she shows cattle and participates in other activities.

## Georgia exhibitors named champions at North American International Livestock Show



LF Hot Rod 802 won reserve senior heifer calf champion at the 2009 North American International Livestock Exposition Super Point Roll of Victory Angus Show, November 16-17 in Louisville, Ky. Mark Lents, Chatsworth, Ga., owns the winning heifer. This heifer was also named senior heifer calf champion in the junior show.



McCurry Elba 9007 won winter heifer calf champion at the 2009 North American International Livestock Exposition Super Point Roll of Victory Angus Show. Lakyn Davis, Doerun, Ga., owns the winning heifer.

## GAA in search of new Angus royalty

The Georgia Angus Association (GAA) will crown two ambassadors for the state association on January 30 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, 2010. 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, GAA queens committee chairperson, no later than January 15, 2010 at 229-891-1308 or [wechitty@valdosta.edu](mailto:wechitty@valdosta.edu).

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

# New energy economics: Impact of climate change legislation on cow-calf feeders livestock prices

Joseph Glauber, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) chief economist, recently testified before the U.S. House of Representatives' Agriculture Subcommittee. He described the impacts of proposed climate change legislation on the agricultural sector.

By 2015, he said, corn production would decline by 1.4 percent, while prices would rise from the baseline estimate of \$4.03 per bushel to \$4.32 per bushel. He also predicted that fed-beef production would fall 0.4 percent by 2015 and that prices would rise by 1.4 percent.

Does this imply that cow-calf producers could expect higher prices and be better off after the passage of climate change legislation?

Well, not exactly. Usually, when fed-beef prices go up, it is due to rising consumer demand in the marketplace. With greater demand, cattle buyers can pay more for feeder cattle and pass the costs on to consumers while still enjoying greater profitability.

In this case, fed-beef prices will go up because feedlot costs are expected to face several increased costs. This means that prices need to increase, or

## Premium beef brand shatters sales records

Records are made to be broken. That's the prevailing sentiment at Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), which, despite a challenging global economy in fiscal 2009, achieved record sales for the third consecutive year. The Certified Angus Beef ® brand logged several divisional and monthly records along the way.

Product sales from Oct. 1, 2008, to Sept. 30, 2009, topped 663 million pounds. That eclipsed the previous fiscal 2008 record of 634 million pounds by 4.6%, and the fiscal 2007 record of 584 million pounds.

Just as significantly, monthly sales figures reached new heights — 62 million pounds in August 2009. May, June, July and September 2009 also finished among the top 10 months in the brand's 31-year history. Strong demand during grilling season buoyed monthly sales beyond the 60-million pound mark for the first time in July, August and September.

Consumers still prefer quality products in challenging times, becoming even more aware of the ratio of price to value, explained John Stika, CAB president.

In 2009, the brand commanded consumer and breeder awareness around the world. More than 60% of U.S. cattle were black-hided, and Angus bulls were selling at healthy premiums. Approximately 14.1 million head were identified for evaluation and nearly 2.8 million were certified, an increase of 8% over the previous year. Acceptance rates climbed to 19.8%, continuing a four-year trend.

feedlot owners will be unable to cover all of their expenses and face foreclosure.

As mentioned above, increasing corn prices will raise the cost of production and overall feedlot costs. It's not only corn prices that cause this increase. Since corn will be more expensive to finance, interest charges also will increase. The same holds for insurance and other direct costs that are a function of animal value.

Feedlots also will face greater scrutiny from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The 11 largest operations nationwide have been targeted by the EPA and will have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions stemming from methane production. The feedlots will invest in new technology to lower these emissions or purchase carbon credits from other firms that have generated more than they can utilize. In either case, operating costs will rise.

When feedlots have a cost of production increase, they either can pass those costs on to consumers or pay less for calves coming into their facilities.

Market pressure and competition from other meat products usually limit price increase opportunities. Consumer meat prices are inelastic. This implies that consumption doesn't vary much through time or with respect to price.

The alternative is to lower the price feedlot owners are willing to pay for cattle entering their feedlots. In essence, while the EPA is targeting only the 11 largest operations, the ramifications of the regulations will trickle down to other feedlots and cow-calf producers, so the prices offered may trend lower.

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*News release provided by NDSU through the American Angus Association.*

## Attention all ladies . . .

In recent months there has been discussion about Georgia starting an Angus Auxiliary organization and we'd like to get your input. This includes all the ladies, not just those who currently have children showing. Please plan to join us on Thursday, February 18, in the Hoof and Horn room immediately following the GJAA meeting at the state livestock show. Martha Holshouser, our regional director with the American Angus Auxiliary, will join us to present information about the organization at the National and state level and answer any questions you might have.

If you have any questions about the meeting please feel free to contact Tanya Eidson at teidson@windstream.net or call 706-207-4229. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

## Meet your GAA Board of Director candidates

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*Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a ballot for the 2010-12 Georgia Angus Association (GAA) Board of Directors election. GAA members have the opportunity to vote for their directors by returning the enclosed ballot in the ballot envelope by Monday, January 25. Here is a brief bio on each candidate.*

**Fred Gretsch** of Crawford and his wife Anne have been married for 21 years and have four children. They have owned cattle for almost their entire marriage and own Gretsch Enterprises Inc. (cattle, chickens, fertilizer, timber and solar). Fred grew up in the music business but has always had a passion for agriculture. Fred is an 87' graduate of the college of agriculture from the University of Georgia with a degree in agricultural economics. He worked for 10 years in management for Gold Kist at locations in Ellija, Athens and Live Oak, Fla. Fred left Gold Kist to work for Seaboard Farms and then ConAgra Foods as they purchased Seaboard. Fred and Anne purchased their poultry farm in 98' and have been raising broilers ever since. Fred leased a swine facility for three years and contracted with Orangeburg Foods to grow 130,000 nursery pigs and 35,000 market hogs per year. Fred was elected to the Board of Directors for Gold Kist for the last three years that Gold Kist operated as a Co-op and during the transition to a private corporation. Fred also sits on the Gretsch Foundation Board of Directors. Fred is the president of the Oglethorpe county chapter of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. Fred and Anne are members of Riverside Baptist church in Colbert where Fred is the chairmen of the deacons. Fred and Anne joined the American Angus Association in 07' and operate a 175 brood cow operation with both registered and commercial cattle. Fred and Anne's daughter Abbey is a junior member of AAA and enjoys showing cattle.

**John Jarrell** of Butler manages Jarrell Angus Farm and has been raising registered Angus cattle since 1967. He is a member of the Georgia Bull Test Committee, member of the Taylor County Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors, and has served several terms on the Georgia Angus Board of Directors where he has served as the Beef Expo Sale Committee Co-Chairman for several years. In addition, John has served on the Taylor County Board of Education for 22 years and is an active member of Union United Methodist Church. He is married to Nina Payne Jarrell and they have two children and two grandchildren.

**Smitty Lamb** was raised on a small farm near Wadley. He obtained his BS and Master's degrees in animal science from the University of Georgia in 1991 and 1993, respectively, where he was a member of the livestock, meats and horse judging teams and coached the meats judging team while in graduate school. Cargill Inc. employed Smitty in 1998 as a cotton merchant based in Tifton where his primary responsibility is sourcing Georgia cotton to fulfill Cargill Cotton's domestic and international sales commitments. Smitty has also held positions as a County Extension Agent, Agricultural Education Teacher and managed the purebred and commercial cattle divisions of WP Smith and Sons (CES Polled Herefords & Smith Angus Farm). In 1997, Smitty and Clint Smith, business partner and cousin, established Ogeechee Farms in Wadley. Smitty and his wife, SuzAnne, have two children, Tatum and Beau Brinson and live in Tifton. He is an active member of Tifton's First United Methodist Church and has served on the board of the UGA College of Agriculture and Environmental Science's Alumni Association. Smitty is also a graduate of the 2008 class of the Georgia Agri-Leaders Forum Foundation and serves on the Board of American Cotton Shippers Association.

**Mike McCravy** and his wife Christy, own MM Cattle Co. in Bowdon. MM is a registered Angus operation with an emphasis on producing cattle with balanced traits and eye appeal, producing bulls for the commercial producer, and show heifer prospects are the focus of the program. Mike is also the manager of Padgett Farms, a commercial and registered Angus operation, where they work with U.S. Premium Beef selling 60-80 bulls per year into the Premium Beef Network. They also sell groups of bred heifers in several consignment sales each year. Mike has been a member of GAA, AAA and Georgia Cattlemen's Association (GCA) since 1980. He served as President of the GCA in 2008. He has served several terms on the GAA Board of Directors and on several committees for the association including the Beef Expo Sale committee. As a fulltime cattlemen, he believes in the future of the beef business and that by focusing on ways to add value we can all benefit in years to come.

**Andrew McPeake** grew up between Stillwater, OK and Arnoldsville, GA and was highly active in both 4-H and FFA. After graduating from Oglethorpe County High School, Andrew completed a BS in Animal Science and an MS in Meat Science from Oklahoma State University and a PhD in Ruminant Nutrition from Michigan State University. During his undergraduate studies at OSU, Andrew was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and a member of the livestock judging team. Andrew, along with his father Charles McPeake, own and operate CAM Ranches, a 100 head purebred Angus operation focused on providing superior bulls to progressive commercial cattlemen. CAM Ranches is the culmination of having been raised in a family with deep long-term roots in the American Angus Association and utilizes the most current research available to more accurately manage day-to-day operation of the cowherd. Reproductive strategies include a total AI breeding philosophy and an extensive embryo transfer program resulting in 60 pregnancies annually. Andrew was one of 20 young members of the AAA selected to participate in the 2009 class of the Beef Leaders Institute which is designed to cultivate leaders in the beef industry while enhancing understanding of the total beef production system. Andrew and his wife Julie reside in Arnoldsville, where Julie is employed by Southeast AgNet as director of agriculture news. In addition to CAM Ranches, Andrew is also a consulting nutritionist that provides insight into all facets of beef cowherd management for his clients.

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**John Morgan** lives in Mystic with his wife Jan and their three daughters. John raises registered Angus cattle, has a commercial herd of cattle and farms. John is a member of the GAA and GCA. He has served on the GCA Bull Test Committee, and serves on the American Angus Foundation Advisory Board and the GAA Board of Directors. John was selected as Georgia's Sunbelt Expo Farmer of the Year in 1993. He and his family have also been selected in the past as Georgia's Young Farmer Farm Family of Year. At this time John serves on the East Central Technical College Foundation Board, is a Rotarian, and a director for the Irwin Co. Farm Bureau. In the past John served as an Irwin Co. School Board Member for 10 years, served as President of the Irwin Co. Chamber of Commerce, is a past president of Ocilla Rotary Club, and served on the Advisory Council to the UGA College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences for nine years. The Morgans attend Ocilla Baptist Church.

**Melvin Porter** of Jefferson has raised Angus cattle all of his life. He and his wife Donna own and operate Meldon Farms. The Porters have been very instrumental with the Georgia Junior Angus Association in making it one of the most outstanding junior associations in the country, including serving as the chairpersons of the 1997 NJAS. They have been honored as the National Junior Angus Advisors of the Year and have received the GAA Family of the Year award. Melvin has served as President, Vice President and Director for GAA and serves on various committees for the association. Melvin and Donna have two children, Hutch and Allison, that were actively involved with Angus programs on the state and national levels during their youth. Melvin is a member of the Jackson County Cattleman's Association and currently serving as chairman of the Beef Breeds Council of the GCA.

**Tim Royster** of Dacula was born in 1959 outside of Winder. His entire life has been surrounded by farming. When he was fourteen-years-old, he purchased his first pair of Angus heifers from Bramlett Angus in Winder. The FFA has had a tremendous impact on his life. The degrees of chapter farmer, state farmer, and American farmer were awarded to him in 1974, 1976 and 1980. He graduated from Winder Barrow High School in 1978 and then received an associate's degree of business administration from Gainesville State College in 1994 and have worked in electrical distribution for 30 years. The lord has blessed him with a wonderful wife, Donna and a beautiful daughter, Christa. The opportunity to raise and show cattle has been a part of his life for 36 years. They have a small operation of Angus cattle in Dacula where the family has competed in showing cattle on a local, state and national level. Having the state champion Angus heifer in 2008 tops the list! This was a wonderful achievement for his daughter and family. They have also had class winners at the National Junior Angus Show the past two years. If elected to the board of directors, Tim says "I will do my best to serve the association with much diligence and look forward to many more successful years of competing and raising Angus cattle."

**Roland Starnes** has served as the managing partner at Kensington Cattle Co. (formerly Lemmon Angus at Kensington) in Woodbury since March 2008. Before joining Kensington, Roland was the Millarden marketing manager for Three Trees Ranch, general manager of Southern Cattle Company in Marianna, Fla., for three years, and served as cattle manager of Twin Valley Farms in Prattville, Ala., for more than 11 years. He has served as President of the Alabama Angus Association, President of both the Autauga County and Shelby County Cattlemen's Association in Alabama, and President of the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association. While in Florida, Roland also served on the board of the Florida Angus Association. Roland is a native of Walker County, Ala., and married his high school sweetheart, Janet Makemson. They have two children - Amanda and John.

**Chris Throne**, Lexington, has been an active GAA member for the past 20 years where he has served several terms on the Board of Directors and chaired various committees including currently co-chairing the State 4-H/FFA Registered Angus Steer and Heifer Show committee, and serving as Georgia Junior Angus advisors. He is the past manager of Irvington Farms and now owner/operator of Throne Stock Farm. He and his wife Julie have three children - Katherine, Haley and Hank.

**David Williams** of Bishop has been involved in the cattle industry his entire life. He exhibited Angus cattle on the local and state levels and participated in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. He and his wife Connie currently maintain a small herd of Angus cattle with their three children. Their youngest child, Clay, is an active cattle showman and is involved with the Georgia and National Junior Angus Associations.

**Doug Williams** is an owner operator of Turnpike Creek Farms, Milan, partnership with father David and brother Derek and it was established in 1980. Doug and his wife Tammy have three children - Drew, Daniel and Hannah. He is a member of Faith Baptist Church, past president of Telfair County Farm Bureau and Three Rivers Cattlemen's Association, and has served on the GCA's Executive Committee. He is currently employed as an agricultural education teacher and Young Farmer Advisor of Telfair County Board of Education. Doug has served the past four years on the GAA Board of Directors, is a member of the Georgia Club Calf Producers, Georgia Young Farmers, National Swine, GCA and Georgia Farm Bureau.

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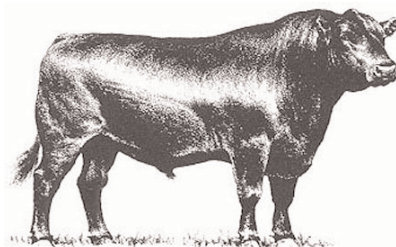
- ♦ **Lilian Rose Clee McIntosh**, 83, of Lexington, died Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at her home. Mrs. McIntosh was born in Bromfield, England, and grew up in Onibury, England. She was the fourth of 10 children born to the late Amos Edward and Sarah Jane Clee. In June 1946, she married Charles S. McIntosh and they immigrated to the United States of America in September 1947. They moved to Georgia in 1974 and moved to Sandy Cross Road in 1993. She was a member of the Rayle Lunch and Learn Club, and the Cowbells, Cattlemen's Association. Survivors include her husband, Charles S. McIntosh; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann McIntosh and Richard D. Schulze of Rochester, Vermont, Phyllis McIntosh and Walter M. Bluhm of Roswell; son and daughter-in-law, Robert Charles and Cathy McIntosh, Lexington; grandchildren, Charlie McIntosh, Katie Bluhm, and Michael Bluhm; and brothers, Roger, Geoffrey, and Leslie Clee, all of England. Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association.
- ♦ **Marian Davis Porter**, 80, died Friday, November 27, 2009, following a period of declining health. Born in Jackson County, she was the daughter of the late Malvin Henry and Demaris Thurmond Davis. She was a retired case worker for the elderly with the Jackson County Department of Family and Children's Services and was a member of the Academy Baptist Church. Mrs. Porter was preceded in death by her husband, Storey Porter; and a brother, Norris Davis. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Melvin and Donna Porter, Jefferson; daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Charles Oliver, Demaris and Fred Gurley, and Susie and Phil Thurmond, all of Jefferson; granddaughters, Stephanie Oliver and Wade Walker, Allison Porter and Justin Seibert, and Taryn Gurley; grandsons, Jason and Sybil Oliver, Hutch Porter, Ryan Gurley, Caleb Thurmond, Cain Thurmond; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brothers, Lewis Davis, Joel Davis, Phil Davis, all of Jefferson, and Stanley Davis, Cumming; and sisters, Faye Davis, Athens, Marsha Davis, Duluth, and Molly Brannon, Flowery Branch. Memorial contributions may be made to the Academy Baptist Church, c/o Imogene Roncadori, 3777 Commerce Rd., Jefferson, GA 30549, or to Family Connections, c/o Jackson County Department of Family and Children's Services, Athens St., Jefferson, GA 30549.
- ♦ **James S. "Jimmy" Johnson**, 87, lifelong farmer, former Jackson County Commissioner, church and civic leader, World War II veteran and avid private pilot, died Friday, November 13, 2009, at his residence. He was married in 1948 to the former Ruth Copeland of Manchester. He was born and raised on the family cattle, hog, crop and poultry farm and operated it for most of his life. Looking to diversify the original cotton and ginning operation started by his father, Mr. Johnson began a purebred Angus cattle herd as an FFA project in high school in 1938. His herd is one of the earliest started and longest continuous herds in the state. In the late 1950s, Johnson built the first poultry houses and planted pine trees to further diversify and complement the cattle and crop businesses. He had been a director and past president of the Jackson County Cattlemen's Association and the Northeast Georgia Cattlemen's Association; was twice president of the Georgia Angus Association; helped organize the Georgia Cattlemen's Association and was a past director; served as a supervisor for the Oconee River Soil and Water Conservation District for 37 years; was appointed by three governors to serve on the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee; and was recognized by the Jackson County Farm Bureau for 25 years service on its board of directors. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife; one daughter, Shirley Ruth Johnson, Jefferson; two sons, Dewey and Randy Johnson, both of Jefferson; five grandchildren, Eli and Laura Underwood, Audrey Stell, J.T. Johnson, and Nathan Johnson; and one great-grandson, Sam Underwood. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Underwood Banks. Memorials may be made to the Galilee Christian Church Building Fund, 2191 Galilee Church Rd., Jefferson, GA 30549.

## Sale Report

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- ♦ Calhoun PT Bull Sale - 53 Bulls Grossed \$128,500 and Averaged \$2,424
- ♦ Graham Angus Farm Open House - 67 Lots Grossed \$155,150 and Averaged \$2,315
- ♦ Lemmon Angus at Kensington Bull Sale - 38 Bulls Grossed \$89,700 and Averaged \$2,360
- ♦ Pabo Angus & Guests - 38 Lots Grossed \$54,775 and Averaged \$1,441

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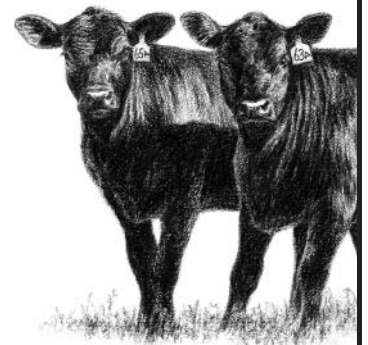
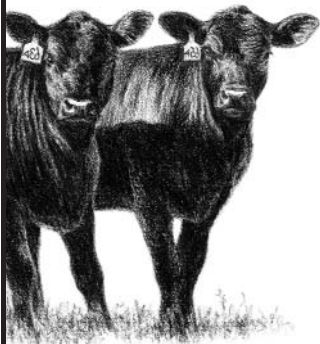
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## Calendar of Events

### January 2010

- 23 Georgia Genetics Bull Sale - Social Circle, GA  
30 GAA Annual Meeting and Banquet - Athens, GA

### February 2010

- 18-21 Georgia Jr. Livestock Show - Perry, GA  
20 Yon Family Farm PT Bull Sale - Ridge Spring, SC

### March 2010

- 3 Tifton PT Bull Sale - Irwinville, GA  
6 Black Crest Farm - Sumter, SC  
15 Graham Angus Farm - Albany, GA  
27 Kensington Cattle Co. - Woodbury, GA

### April 2010

- 1-3 Turnpike Creek Farms Pasture Bid Off Sale -  
Milan, GA  
2 Southeast Angus Showcase Sale - Perry, GA  
10 Davis Farms - Doerun, GA  
16 Britt Angus - Hartwell, GA  
17 Georgia Genetics - Social Circle, GA  
18 John Morgan Angus - Mystic, GA  
19 Three Trees Ranch - Sharpsburg, GA

### May 2010

- 1 Ogeechee Angus Farm - Wadley, GA  
8 Bridges Angus Farm - Lexington, GA  
8 Callaway Farms Rayle - GA

### June 2010

- 4-5 Southern Nat'l Angus Shows - Perry, GA

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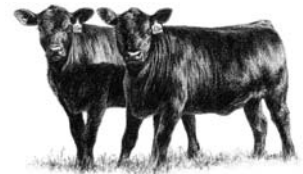
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