



**GEORGIA
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Regional Manager Update

by David Gazda



Angus sales across the country this past spring were, to say the least, unbelievable! From the many bull sales where commercial cattlemen confidently invested in documented Angus genetics that sire marketing-topping feeder calves to the Angus female that is unrivaled in the pasture, the demand for registered Angus genetics has never been stronger. With over 900 sales reported to the Association by Regional Managers, year-to-date figures show 56,529 Angus bulls averaging \$8,290 while 18,055 females averaged an equally impressive \$7,410. Not to be outdone, 598 females sold at auction this spring in Georgia averaged an impressive \$7,909 highlighted by many breeders having their highest gross and averaging sales to date. In addition, the long standing, highly respected Tifton Bull Test sale recorded the highest average in its 67 year history with Angus bulls leading the way with a strong \$6,557 average on 35 lots.

Today, the Angus breed is the astute cattlemen's breed of choice not only in this country but throughout the world. Launched in 1978, Certified Angus Beef (CAB) is the undisputed leader in the branded beef arena and the consumers' product of choice for a satisfying and delicious eating experience every time. Currently, Angus genetics comprise approximately eighty percent of the nation's commercial cow herd. With cow numbers at a 60 year low, the breed is in an enviable position as expansion begins to take place.

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In closing, today as Angus breeders, you have access to more tools and data to make informed breeding and buying decisions than ever before, no matter what your breeding objectives are. From genetic selection tools and record programs to the most effective and cost-efficient marketing platforms available in the industry, the American Angus Association stands ready to help you move your program to the next level. To learn more about the many programs, tools, and services available, visit the American Angus Association's website at www.angus.org or contact me at dgazda@angus.org or (706) 296-7846.

Association Update

By Smitty Lamb

American Angus Association Board of Directors

As I write this, we're halfway through the summer and have just come off of a great week at the National Junior Angus Show. Over 550 junior members made their way to Tulsa, OK for a week of fun and educational opportunities. I'm always amazed when I talk to the members of the National Junior Angus Association. They are as committed to the breed as anyone; and while not every one of them may grow up to be an Angus breeder, we certainly have created a pathway for young people to be engaged in the ag industry.

The summer sale season is well underway too. Many of our customers are selling their calves and are seeing record prices. That follows a successful sale season for Angus breeders and sets cattlemen up for a profitable year.

While we enjoy the benefits of a cattle market in the producer's favor, we are also seeing the results of decades of tedious selection for carcass merit. For the first time in history, USDA Prime eclipsed Select carcasses in not a one-week fluke, but in a consecutive weeks' trend. At the same time, we know more than 80% of the U.S. cow herd is Angus influenced.

That's a credit to you, the breeders of registered Angus genetics. As you've continued to bring quality genetics to the marketplace, commercial producers are investing wisely and making a difference for the consumer. That genetic investment means that CAB® brand continues to lead the premium beef category, and we saw a new all-time monthly sales record in March for the brand with 113.8 million pounds of CAB sold.

I also encourage you to share the AngusLink program with your commercial customers. Enrollment in the program can help them describe the genetics of their calf crop on sale day that has the potential to turn into premiums.

I hope you've also had the opportunity to see the updates made to the National Cattle Evaluation in May. They included the release of the Functional Longevity, Teat Size, and Udder Suspension EPDs into full production. Made available on all registered Angus cattle on May 23, there were also updates to \$Maternal Weaned Calf Value (\$M) to incorporate the three new EPDs in the \$Value index. In addition, the Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI®) team adjusted the calculations used for the Heifer Pregnancy EPD to improve its accuracy.

I encourage you to take time to familiarize yourself with the new selection tools and begin to factor them into your herd planning. Resources on the data backing the new EPDs are available on Angus.org.

You've also no doubt heard about the methane livestock efficiency research AGI will be doing over the next five years. I encourage you to read about the research at <https://bit.ly/MethaneResearch>. The project will give our researchers an opportunity to study efficiency on grazing cattle.

If you have any questions about the research or any other Association topics, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and discussing important issues regarding the future of our breed.

Remember to vote for the delegates that will represent Georgia Angus breeders at the 142nd American Angus Convention in Kansas City, MO, on November 2nd.

Voting closes on August 4th, 2025!

GJAA Summer Show Highlights

2025 Atlantic National Junior Angus Show

Angus exhibitors led 139 entries at the 2025 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 25 in Timonium, Md. Scott Bush, Britton, S.D., evaluated the entries before naming champions.



These young Angus enthusiasts won top honors in junior B showmanship at the 2025 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 25 in Timonium, Md. Pictured from left are Rosalind Kidwell, Miss American Angus, presenting; Kinleigh Grim, Thomasville, Pa., champion; Caleigh Fowler, Carnesville, Ga., reserve champion; and Camden Upchurch, Lineville, Ala., third place. Photo by Next Level Images.

2025 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show

Angus exhibitors led 96 entries at the 2025 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, June 19–22 in West Monroe, La. Marcus Arnold, Mount Vernon, Mo., evaluated the bred-and-owned and owned heifers, bred-and-owned bulls, cow/calf pairs, and steers and John McCurry, Burrton, Kan., evaluated the phenotype and genotype females.



TSF HJ Mojo M7 won grand champion steer at the 2025 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, June 19–22 in West Monroe, La. Henry Throne, Lexington, Ga., owns the September 2024 son of PVF Insight 0129.



TSF HJ Maverick M14 won reserve grand champion steer at the 2025 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, June 19–22 in West Monroe, La. Henry Throne, Lexington, Ga., owns the October 2024 son of PVF Insight 0129.

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2025 National Junior Angus Show

Over 550 Angus juniors and their families traveled to Tulsa, Okla., to compete in the 2025 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) June 28-July 5 at Expo Square. National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members had an exciting road trip "Moovin' Down Route 66" as they exhibited 925 entries during the weeklong event that included more than a dozen educational contests in addition to the cattle show.



KLCS Rita's Glory 102 won bred-and-owned reserve champion mature cow-calf pair at the 2025 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), June 28 - July 5 in Tulsa, Okla. Keely Shultz, Danielsville, Ga., owns the October 2019 daughter of Colburn Primo 5153. A February 2025 daughter of SCC SCH 24 Karat 838 completes the winning pair. Photo by Next Level Images.



These outstanding showmen were the top fifteen finalists at the 2025 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 3-4 in Tulsa, Okla. Pictured from left are Suter Clark, Gretna, Va.; Brooklyn Davis, Winchester, Va.; Carter Kornegay, Sperry, Okla.; Tatum Schroeder, Beatrice, Neb.; Kasey Meyer, Blue Hill, Neb.; Carly Sanders, Leesburg, Ohio; Annie Meier, Clinton, Tenn.; Alli Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Naleah Bobholz, Janesville, Wis.; Addison Bartlow, Monticello, Ill.; Emily Caffee, Magnolia, Ky.; Kinleigh Bolin, Walnut Grove, Mo.; Addie Haverkamp, Bern, Kan.; Haley Grace Walker, Potts Camp, Miss.; and Henry Throne, Lexington, Ga. Photo by Next Level Images.

GJAA Summer Show Highlights

Shultz elected to NJAA Board



Keely Shultz, Danielsville, GA, was elected to the National Junior Angus Board during the National Junior Angus Show in Madison, WI. Keely is the daughter of Todd and Heather Shultz, and is entering her sophomore year at Oklahoma State University. She, along with five other juniors from across the country, were elected to serve a two-year term. We are excited to have Keely representing the state of Georgia in a green jacket for the new two years!

Angus Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Henry Throne, Lexington, Ga., left, received the Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth \$3,000 Scholarship at the 2025 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 2-4 in Tulsa, Okla. Pictured presenting the award is Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director, right.



These junior members received the Angus Foundation Graduate \$2,500 Scholarship at the 2025 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 2-4 in Tulsa, Okla. Mark Ahearn, Angus Foundation board member, presenting; Macy Taylor, Nashville, Ga. and Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill., recipients; and Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director.



Raegen Gilbert, Lula, Ga., right, received the C.L. Cook Angus \$2,000 Scholarship at the 2025 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 2-4 in Tulsa, Okla. Pictured presenting the award is Rob Adams, Angus Foundation chairman, left.

Ellie Taylor Earns Silver Award



Ellie Taylor, Nashville, Ga., has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Silver award, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and junior activities director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Taylor is the 18-year-old daughter of Dan and Jenny Taylor. She is a member of the NJAA and the Georgia Junior Angus Association, where she has served as 1st vice president.

Taylor has participated in regional shows and showmanship contests. She also was a participant in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2023 and 2024 and the Raising the Bar conferences in 2023 and 2025.

She has submitted DNA samples for Genomic Profile Testing through Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI®). The Silver award is the second level of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the award, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honor. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

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\$1,000

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Mark your calendar!

2025

Sept. 11- D & W Angus Hartwell GA
Sept. 23- Circle G Angus Online Sale Adel, GA
Oct. 4 - Circle F Farms Baxley, GA
Oct. 4 - Georgia National Fair Jr. Angus Show, Perry, GA
Oct 10 - Circle F Farms Bull and Commercial Female Sale, Baxley, GA
Oct 14 - Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA
Oct 18 - Oakdale Farms, Rome, GA
Oct 18 - Wolf Creek Farms, Hawkinsville, GA
Oct 24 - Yon Family Farms, Ridge Spring, SC
Nov 13 - Circle G Ranch Bull Sale, Adel, GA
Nov 15 - Strickland Farms, Glennville, GA
Dec 5 - Calhoun Bull Test Sale, Calhoun, GA
Dec 6 - The Source Bull Sale, Nashville, GA
Dec 13 - Cowboy Logic Bull and Female Sale, Talmo, GA