



**GEORGIA
ANGUS
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**

Summer 2026



Georgia's Angus Elite Female Sale

The Georgia's Angus Elite Female Sale was held at Circle F Farms in Baxley, GA, on May 30, 2026. Angus females and genetics were consigned by 24 different Georgia Angus members from across the state. 45 total reported lots sold to 9 states and averaged \$11,355.

Sale Highlights:

High Selling Open Heifer

Lot 6 - \$47,500 ½ Interest - McCracken Miss Endeavor 5208

Consigned by McCracken Farms - Clarkesville, GA

Purchased by Kristin and WG Van As Farms - Canon, GA

High Selling Bred Heifer

Lot 15 - \$20,000 - Ogeechee Stapleton K457

Consigned by Ogeechee Farms - Wadley, GA

Purchased by Pinegrove Berry LLC - Surrency, GA

High Selling Bred Cow

Lot 3 - \$19,000 - KC Lady 1100-3202

Consigned by Katie Colin Farm - Cartersville, GA

Purchased by Chula Cattle Company - Tifton, GA

High Selling Spring Pair

Lot 38/38A - \$16,000 - Circle G Home Town 2257

Consigned by Circle G Ranches- Adel, GA

Purchased by G & W Farms - Enterprise, AL

High Selling Flush

Lot 1 - \$25,000 - B&B 0F04 Of 6528XFireball

Consigned by Circle F Farms - Baxley, GA

Purchased by Two Rivers Cattle Co. - Gainesville, GA

High Selling Pregnancy

Lot 2 - \$45,000 - B&B Preeminent x Vintage Rita 0404

Consigned by Circle F Farms - Baxley, GA

Purchased by Circle G Ranches - Adel, GA

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Regional Manager Update

From David Gazda

Dear Georgia Angus Breeders,

Spring Angus sales in Georgia and throughout the country are officially now behind us, and can be summarized in one word: 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 950 sales reported to the Association by Regional Managers, year-to-date figures show 59,574 Angus bulls averaging \$10,935 while 18,368 females averaged an impressive \$9,256, representing an increase of \$2,600 and \$1,800 over the previous year, respectively. A highlight of the spring sale season in region 2, the Georgia Angus Elite Female Sale, held at Circle F Farms and sponsored by the Georgia Angus Association, saw 45 lots average an impressive \$11,355 with a huge crowd in attendance and buyers from 8 states. Equally impressive, 663 registered Angus females sold at auction in Georgia this spring averaged an amazing \$12,148, highlighted by a number of breeders having their highest gross and averaging sales to date. Congratulations, Georgia Angus breeders, on a successful spring sale season!

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 consumer's product of choice for a satisfying and delicious eating experience every time. Today, Angus genetics comprise approximately eighty percent of the nation's commercial cow herd, and with cow numbers at a 60-year low, the breed is in an enviable position as expansion begins to take place.

Over the years, Angus breeders in Georgia have been recognized as some of the most progressive cattlemen in the country, responsible for producing some of the most valuable and sought-after genetics in the breed. This fall, Angus breeders in the state and throughout the Southeast will once again offer an outstanding lineup of breed-leading genetics. Whether you are in search of a junior PGS show heifer prospect, foundation donor, herd sire, or commercial females, chances are you are just a short drive or a phone call away from an Angus sale. For more information about sales in your area, be sure to check the "Marketplace" at www.angus.org.

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. In addition, the Association has multiple platforms to help your commercial bull customers succeed in capturing added value from their investment in registered Angus genetics. 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 at (706) 296-7846.



GJAA Spotlight

GJAA President, Keely Shultz



Hey there! My name is Keely Shultz, and I am honored to serve as the 2026–2027 President of the Georgia Junior Angus Association. I am from Danielsville, Georgia, where my family and I operate

Mirror K Farm. For the past 11 years, I have been raising and showing cattle, and the Angus breed has been a huge part of my life.

I am currently a student at Oklahoma State University, majoring in Agricultural Communications. The Angus breed has been a huge part of my life and has given me some of my favorite memories, lifelong friendships, and opportunities to grow as a person.

Some of my favorite memories have come through the Georgia Junior Angus Association. From long days at cattle shows to leadership conferences and junior events, I've had the opportunity to meet people from all over the country who share the same passion for the Angus breed. Over the years, those friendships

have become one of the most meaningful parts of my Angus journey and have shown me that this association is about much more than cattle—it's about the people who make it special.

I currently serve on the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors, and one of the things I enjoy most is helping younger members get involved and feel welcomed. I know how intimidating it can be to walk into your first event or not know many people, and I hope every junior member feels like they have a place within our association.

As President, I am excited to serve our members, strengthen friendships, and help create opportunities for juniors to learn, grow, and have fun along the way. The Georgia Junior Angus Association has given me so much over the years, and I am grateful for the chance to give back to an organization and a group of people that mean so much to me.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to representing the Georgia Junior Angus Association.

GJAA Officers

President – Keely Shultz

Secretary – Raegan Gilbert

Treasurer – Maggie Moon

Historian – Ky Alford

Vice President – Ellie Taylor

Treasurer – Maggie Moon

Communications Director – Emma Patton

Membership Director – Maggie Anderson

INTERESTED IN JOINING GJAA?

Use the QR code to fill out the membership form or contact the junior advisors at georgiajunioraa@gmail.com.



2026 National Junior Angus Show

July 12-18, 2026 | Louisville, KY

Thirteen Georgia juniors attended the 2026 National Junior Angus Show, Bases Loaded in the Bluegrass, July 12-18, 2026, in Louisville, Kentucky. They participated in the following contests: Showmanship, CAB Cook-Off, Quiz Bowl, Livestock Judging, and Extemporaneous Public Speaking. Throughout the week, attendees experienced out-of-the-park Southern hospitality at the GJAA booth with peaches donated by Jaemor Farms and Georgia



Peanuts donated by the Georgia Peanut Commission. Funds donated by the Georgia Angus Association provided the backdrop, stall signs, and meals throughout the week. From left are Keely Shultz, Lexa Jukes, Caleigh Fowler, Chap Alford, Keaton Shultz, Jenna Jukes, Halley Alford, Houston Fowler, Cate Gilbert, Reagan Gilbert, Ally Jo Cook, Hoke Elrod, Ky Alford, and AAA Regional Manager, David Gazda.



SHOWMANSHIP RESULTS



GJAA member, Houston Fowler of Carnesville, GA, was selected 7th Overall in Novice Showmanship at the 2026 NJAS. The contest was judged by Shirley Kaufman and Cole Kaufman. Photo by Next Level Images.



Keaton Shultz, Danielsville, GA, 8th overall, and Cate Gilbert, Lula, GA, 10th overall, placed in the top 10 of the Intermediate A division of showmanship at the 2026 NJAS. The contest was judged by Jan Lee Rowlett and Hannah Rowlett McCall. Photo by Next Level Images.

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CAB COOK-OFF & QUIZ BOWL RESULTS



Georgia juniors won third place in the intermediate frankfurters division during the All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) Cook-Off at the 2026 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 13 in Louisville, Ky. Pictured from left are Keaton Schultz, Danielsville; Cate Gilbert, Lula; Chap Alford and Ky Alford, both of Elberton. Their skit was of Guy Feiri visiting the world famous "The Varsity" on an episode of Diners, Drive-In, and Dives. They prepared "Friday Night Franks Trio." The American Angus Auxiliary sponsored the event. Photo by Next Level Images.



Georgia & South Carolina juniors won third place in the novice division of the Quiz Bowl contest during the National Junior Angus Show. Pictured from left during the buzzer round are Zoe Ruth Harrison, Ridge Spring, SC; Jenna Jukes, Swainsboro, GA; Houston Fowler, Carnesville, GA; and Chap Alford, Elberton, GA. Photo by Next Level Images.

NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST



These outstanding showmen were the top fifteen finalists at the 2026 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), in Louisville, Ky. Pictured from left are Houston Ferree, Sullivan, Ind.; **Keely Shultz, Danielsville, Ga.**; Ashton Dillow, Villa Ridge, Ill.; Eliza Rosenhagen, Cheney, Kan.; Madison Stratton, Appomattox, Va.; Avery Kimble, Montrose, Colo.; Cambria Cook, Clovis, Calif.; Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.; Kaylee Langford, Breckenridge, Texas; Cassidy Sill, Frederick, Md.; Addison Ward, Oak Grove, Mo.; Jenna Hetzel, Austin, Minn.; Brenna Bartlow, Monticello, Ill.; JessaLynn Hudson, Belvidere, Neb.; and Cale Jensen, Plainfield, Iowa. Photo by Next Level Images.

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SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

With the bases loaded for the future, Angus juniors stepped into the spotlight in Louisville, Kentucky, earning scholarships from the Angus Foundation during the 2026 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Beyond the banners and the ring, the week celebrated the hard work, dedication, and big-league aspirations of young leaders from across the country. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$5.8 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Angus youth.



White Fox Ranch Scholarships

These junior Angus members received the White Fox Ranch \$1,500 Scholarship at the 2026 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 15-17 in Louisville, Ky. Pictured from left are Amberlyn Christenbury, Starr, S.C., recipient; Keely Shultz, Danielsville, Ga., recipient; and Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director, presenting. Photo by Next Level Images.



C.L. Cook Angus Scholarship

Keely Shultz, Danielsville, Ga., right, received the C.L. Cook Angus \$2,000 Scholarship at the 2026 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 15-17 in Louisville, Ky. Pictured presenting the award is Mark Ahearn, Angus Foundation chairman, left. Photo by Next Level Images.



Ed & Wilma Minix/Black Witch Scholarship

Raegan Gilbert, Lula, Ga., right, received the Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth \$3,000 Scholarship at the 2026 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 15-17 in Louisville, Ky. Pictured presenting the award is Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director, left. Photo by Next Level Images.

THANK YOU!

Dear Georgia Angus Association,

Thank you so much for supporting the Georgia Junior Angus Association at Junior Nationals! Your generosity helped provide shirts, backdrops, and meals throughout the week, and it truly made a difference! We sincerely appreciate your investment in our juniors and our association.

*Sincerely,
The Georgia Junior Angus Association*

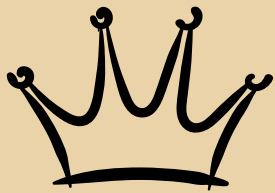
Meet The Queen

GJAA Queen, Ally Jo Cook



As the 2026 Georgia Junior Angus Queen, I am honored to represent an industry that has shaped my life from an early age. Raised on a Centennial family farm with both row crop and cow-calf operations, I developed a strong work ethic and a deep appreciation for agriculture. I have been showing cattle since I was barely big enough to get my hands on one, and what began as a childhood passion has grown into a lifelong commitment to the beef industry. Growing up in agriculture has been a family effort, and I am thankful to share that lifestyle with my parents, Mark and Kara Cook, and my sisters, Jenny and Charlotte

Cook. Their constant love, support, and dedication have inspired my passion for the livestock industry and continue to pursue my goals. Whether I am working in the show barn or caring for commercial cattle, I value every opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to an industry I care deeply about. Looking ahead, I plan to pursue a degree in Animal Science and hope to attend the University of Georgia to build a career in beef embryology, veterinary science, or ruminant nutrition. No matter where that path leads, my goal is to use my education, experience, and passion to advance the livestock industry and help ensure its success for future generations.



GJAA Royalty

Queen, Ally Jo Cook
Princess, Sadie Segars

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Contact Callie at
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REMINDER:

Delegate ballots for the American Angus Association Convention of Delegates are due by August 18th. Eligible members should have received a ballot by mail and email.

We offer social media posts, E-Blasts, and newsletter ads of all sizes.

NEW: We now have banner ad spaces on the GAA website. If you are working on your marketing plan for your fall sale, ask about our package deals!

NEW MEMBERS

Max Liebl
Wagon Wheel Ranch
Watkinsville, GA

Jason Cope
JRC Cattle
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Scott Sell
Sell Family Farm
Sylvania, GA

Connor Harris
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Wayne Rouse
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