

ANGUS FOUNDATION RAISES \$20,050

Proceeds from eight lots auctioned at the 137th Angus Annual Meeting support the future of the Angus Foundation and its initiatives.

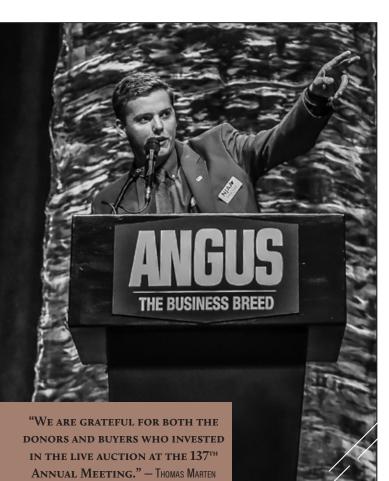
by Karen Hiltbrand, American Angus Association

The Angus family is dedicated to supporting the future of the Angus breed. The Angus Foundation raised \$20,050 to support the unrestricted Angus Fund and the mission of youth, education and research during the 137th Angus Annual Meeting awards dinner in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 8.

"We are grateful for both the donors and buyers who invested in the live auction at the 137th Annual Meeting," says Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director. "This year has been anything but easy, and the fact that the Angus Family has continued to show up is a true testament to their commitment to the future of the breed."

During the live auction, a unique offering was donated from an array of businesses and individuals. Lots available were the 20 millionth registration number; an Angus custom-engraved Henry .45-70 rifle; a branded cowhide with choice of the Angus logo or specific ranch name; a custom hat from Greeley Hat Works and four items autographed by the Green Bay Packers Super Bowl champion, Angus producer and Angus Annual Meeting keynote speaker, Jordy Nelson.

The eight items, along with the selling price, donor and buyer information, were:







LOT 1: 20 MILLIONTH AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION **NUMBER**

DONOR: AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION BUYER: TOM BURKE, AMERICAN ANGUS HALL OF FAME, SMITHVILLE, MO.

LOT 2: CUSTOM-ENGRAVED HENRY .45-70 RIFLE

DONOR: ASHBY GREEN BUYER: BOB FUNK, EXPRESS RANCHES, YUKON, OKLA.

LOT 3: GREELEY HAT WORKS **COWBOY HAT**

DONOR: GREELEY HAT WORKS BUYER: ADAM AND JULIE CONOVER, HOLDEN, MO.

LOT 4: COWHIDE WITH RANCH LOGO \$3,500

DONOR: NATIONAL

JUNIOR ANGUS BOARD BUYER: JAMES AND LUANN COFFEY, BRANCH VIEW ANGUS, HUSTONVILLE, KY.

LOT 5: GREEN BAY PACKERS HELMET SIGNED BY \$1,000 JORDY NELSON

DONOR: JOEL COWLEY BUYER: SCOTT AND MIA BAYER, COUNTRY LANE FARM INC., RINGLE, WIS.

LOT 6: KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SIGNED BY **JORDY NELSON**

DONOR: THOMAS MARTEN BUYER: DON AND JENNIFER SCHIEFELBEIN, SCHIEFELBEIN FARMS, KIMBALL, MINN.

LOT 7: WISCONSIN CHEESEHEAD **SIGNED BY JORDY NELSON**

DONOR: KELLI RETALLICK BUYER: WENDELL CUSTER, SAGEBRUSH ANGUS, CUSHING, OKLA.

LOT 8: ANGUS JERSEY SIGNED **BY JORDY NELSON**

DONOR: THOMAS MARTEN BUYER: BLANFORD AND JOAN PIERCE, WOODLAWN FARMS, CRESTON, ILL.

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Editor's note: The lot items were auctioned off by Eddie Burks. National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) Director Josh Jasper auctioned off the Angus or ranch-branded cowhide.