

COFFEE BREAK



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A place to share your experiences with other Angus members across the country

What is your favorite part of being in the Angus business?

I love the cow-calf experience from selecting the bulls to marketing the calves!

— **Ronnie Monson**, Monson Angus, Hillman, Minn.

Sometimes working with nature can be difficult, messy, sad and even gruesome. That is precisely why it gives such true lessons in empathy, and why true Angus folks make great friends, parents and citizens.

— **Chuck Huseman**, Homestead Farm, Cedar Lake, Ind.

I love watching a newborn calf stumble around and suck for the first time. It's pure joy every time.

— **Janet Kissiar Crow**, West Plains, Mo.

How do you keep your calves warm?

Last year, I saw a Facebook picture from Sarah McCall depicting a calf in a jacket in use on their farm during cold weather. I asked her about it and Mark Clark, another Genex salesman who serves our area, told me he could send me one. Fast-forward to

January 2018 and one heifer delivered Jan. 6 during a snow storm. It was 2 degrees. I put the jacket on the baby and penned her and the heifer mom in a working chute area with some round bales for wind break. When I checked her again, I put my

hand under the coat and her body was toasty warm. Next night it got to minus 1, which is unusual for this part of Virginia, but the calf did fine and was off to a good start.

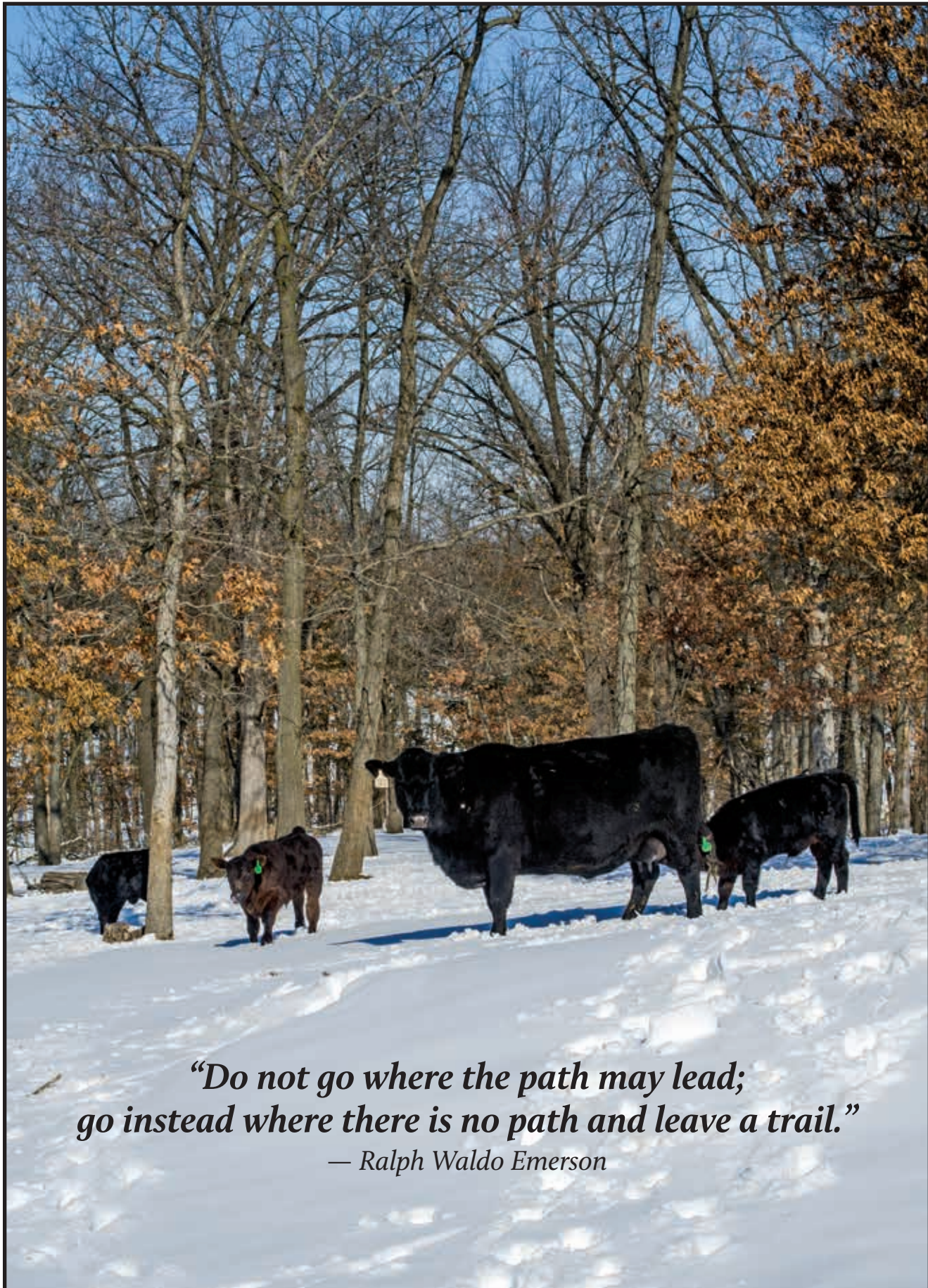
— **Jerry Gustin**, Gustin Land & Cattle, Gloucester, Va.



Share your insight!

What was the best piece of advice you got when starting in the cattle business?

Please submit two to three sentences, your name, operation name, and hometown and state to Kasey Brown at kbrown@angus.media.



*“Do not go where the path may lead;
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson