

Celebrating a Centennial

Cousins in Pennsylvania receive American Angus Association Century Award.

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Rains Angus and McKean Brothers, both of Mercer, Pa., were named the Century Award recipients during the Awards Recognition Breakfast Nov. 5 at the 2018 Angus Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

The American Angus Association initiated the Century Award to recognize its members and their families in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for at least 100 years, or more.

Frank Woods of Woods Angus purchased his first Angus cattle in 1913 and became a member of the American Angus Association. Frank's son, John Woods, who continued to develop and raise the herd his father started, had three daughters, Joan (Brandt), Peggy (McKean) and Dorothy (Rains).

When he was ready to retire, John gifted each of his grandkids, which included two Brandt children, four McKean children and one Rains child, an Angus heifer to start a herd or do what they wanted.

Now fourth-generation Angus producers with genetics from their great-grandfather's original herd, Dale and Brenda Rains own and

manage Rains Angus; and Greg and Peggy McKean own and manage McKean Brothers.

Performance Bull Test and exhibit at the Ohio Beef Expo and the Michigan Beef Expo, as well as sell private treaty.

"It was really a 4-H project gone wild," Greg says of how he developed his herd. "The first couple heifers we had were JoJo and Maria, and we just thought they were pets. Then they each had a calf, and about that time, we were old enough for 4-H. So, we started showing and would keep a couple heifers, and it just took off from there."



Woods Angus — Rains Angus and McKean Brothers, Mercer, Pa., received a Century Award Nov. 5 during the American Angus Association's Awards Recognition Breakfast, held in conjunction with the 2018 Angus Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Pictured (from left) are Greg and Peggy McKean; Kallie Knott, 2018 Miss American Angus; Dale Rains and Chance Rains; and Allen Moczygemba, American Angus Association CEO.

"A family that has stayed with the Angus breed and followed through — that's not something you see a lot of in our breed today," Dale says. "People are in and out, but we're an example where the cattle have been passed down the line and continued."

Rains Angus operates a seedstock business and sells bulls and females throughout the year in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland and Michigan.

On average, they run 45 head of mature cows and will keep 12-14 bulls each year. They market those bulls through the Pennsylvania

Today, McKean Brothers calve out 100 cows per year. They host a spring production sale in April where they sell 30-35 bulls and 30-35 females. Additionally, Greg and Peggy feed out around 200 head a year.

These families recognize the importance in quality cattle care and land management for the future generations. The Rains' son, Chance, and the McKean's children, Cody, Marshall and Rachel, represent the fifth generation of Angus breeders in their family. **AJ**