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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



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Another year, another round of weather

Each new year brings about various difficulties with its own set of challenges that farmers and ranchers of all kinds face. A big one that any cattleman faces each year are stressors within their herd.

These stressors can range from diseases to genetic defects to the one we will focus on — the weather. It seems that they do not fail to come about in new and improved ways each year. With the weather, Mother Nature never ceases to surprise us with some severe temperatures during the different seasons.

The challenges range from the minus 60 degrees that ranchers in the Dakotas power through during the winter months or the over 100-degree temperatures that accompany the blistering heat and humidity farmers in Florida pray to make it through during the summer months. Farmers and ranchers work hard to ensure their cattle are

comfortable, and not stressed during these times.

Stress on cattle results in numerous unfortunate things, but the biggest two that come to my mind are infertility, or in very severe cases, death.

For those operations that are seedstock focused, high infertility rates and decreased number of calves will come as a result of the stress the cattle had previously gone through and usually results in a loss of profit for those operations. The seedstock-focused operations may have a harder time getting their cattle to gain the necessary weight in the right timeframe, also, resulting in a loss of profit for those operations. Losses

like this make it hard for cattlemen to continue, in both instances.

Cattlemen do all that they can during these hard times to take care of their herds. The most important thing that cattlemen can do during times like these is to stay positive. Be resilient. Cattlemen have a work ethic second to none, and understand the responsibility of care they have to their herds.

Farmers and ranchers really show what they are made of when times get tough, and they weather through the storm.

— Caroline Cowles, Kentucky

National Western Stock Show



The standing-room-only crowd at the 2019 Auction of Junior Livestock Champions of the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) roared as the grand champion steer sold for an all-time record of \$150,000. The top eight champion animals tallied generous sales of \$480,000. The reserve grand champion steer sold for an impressive \$90,000.

Angus junior Kassidy Bremer, Redfield, Iowa, showed her 1,369-pound steer to claim reserve grand champion steer at the NWSS in January.

She sold the steer to Stevinson Automotive, Kent Stevinson. This was the second-highest sale amount for a reserve grand champion steer. Bremer is 18 years old and plans to attend Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Okla., to study embryology.

2019 Kansas Angus Association Banquet



Crowned Angus royalty (from left) are Baylee Wulfkuhle, Berryton, Kansas Angus Ambassador; and Kady Figge, Onaga, Miss Kansas Angus.



Bryanna Hite, Valley Center, center, and Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, right, received the Kansas Angus Association Young Angus Producer Scholarship. Presenting the awards is Neal Haverkamp, 2018 Kansas Angus Association president, left.



Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, right, received the Kenneth and Lorene Moore Memorial Scholarship. Presenting the award is Jessica Woodrow, Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship chair, left.

2019 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show



Winning top honors in the novice showmanship (from left) are Aubree McCurry, Burrton, grand champion; and Avery Mullen, Ulysses, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the junior showmanship (from left) are Austin Woodrow, Emporia, grand champion; and Macey Lewis, Douglass, reserve champion.

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Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship (from left) are Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, grand champion; and Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the senior showmanship (from left) are Bryanna Hite, Valley Center, grand champion; and Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, reserve champion.

2019 Northern Virginia Angus Association Banquet



Mikayla St. Clair, Berryville, Va., left, won the outstanding junior award. Presenting the award is Linda Alexander, right.

2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show Angus Show



Cailey Dahlquist and Courtney Dahlquist, both of Washington, Pa., were named premier exhibitor. Pictured (from left) are Caitlyn McConn; Carla Dahlquist; Courtney Dahlquist; Cailey Dahlquist; and Benjamin Archer.

2019 Pennsylvania Angus Association Banquet



Receiving outstanding boy and girl awards (from left) are Madison Weaver, girl award; and Hayden Weaver, boy award, both of Ephrata.



Brody Fitzgerald, West Grove, left, represented the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association in the 2018 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest last July. Presenting the award is Deric Horting, Pennsylvania Angus Association board of directors, right.

