

2023 YCC Angus Representative Selected

Connealy to attend the NCBA's Young Cattlemen's Conference.

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The Angus Foundation has selected Gabriel Connealy of Whitman, Neb., to represent the Angus breed at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). Originally selected in 2020, Connealy's trip was postponed several years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Growing up in Nebraska on his family's Angus seedstock operation, Connealy Angus, he developed a passion for the industry and desire to assist the family business. This background led him to obtain his bachelor's degree in finance and later his master's degree, with an emphasis in animal breeding and genetics, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

Connealy's hunger for knowledge and dedication to the industry encourage him to consistently look for opportunities to learn. This includes listening to podcasts, which

is where he heard about YCC.

In addition to managing the family herd of 3,000 registered Angus cows, Connealy is a member of NCBA, has served as an Angus Convention voting delegate and has played an integral role in the startup of his local Grant County, Nebraska, Farm Bureau chapter.

"While at UNL, he demonstrated to me that he was not only intelligent, but more importantly, that he was committed," says Matt Spangler, UNL professor of animal science. "If I were to make an investment in a young person whom I thought had the potential to one day serve in key leadership roles within the beef industry, I would invest in Gabriel."

His experience is backed with an innate desire for knowledge, inspiring him to put new information to use for the betterment of the

breed. Connealy has had an array of industry experiences, from interning in Argentina with an Angus breeding consultant to regularly hosting both domestic and international tour groups at his family's ranch.

Connealy is part of an annual tradition. Each year the Angus Foundation selects and sponsors an individual to attend YCC. The conference is hosted in June in Denver, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

"We are fortunate to have Gabriel Connealy representing Angus at the 2023 NCBA Young Cattlemen's Conference," says Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. "We know he will take full advantage of this opportunity to enhance his knowledge and grow as a young leader for our industry." 