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Tools of the Trade

The knock, knock, knock of a hammer, the hum of a cordless drill, the buzz of a circular saw and the clinking of wrenches — these were the soundtrack of my youth as a carpenter's daughter.

I became accustomed to the tools needed to get various jobs done from framing a barn to roofing a house, mostly because my main occupation assisting my father was “gofer.” You know, “go fer this, go fer that.”

Being able to pull the right tools from the toolbox, tailored to the task at hand, allowed us to work smarter, not harder. Sometimes a shift in strategy and fetching the right tool meant a problem could be solved.

Today's Angus breeder has a host of tools available to fill their toolbox and to use as needed, especially when it comes to making the best breeding decisions for their herd.

Each breeder has their own unique set of goals, and applying reproductive technologies will look different. Thanks to diligent data collection and submission from breeders, the American Angus

Association has continued to fill breeders' toolboxes with selection tools, giving them the freedom to use the ones that will make them successful in their business model and environment.

Industry partners are also continuing research to complete the tool set with the latest in technologies to increase efficiency and efficacy.


We share some of these tools available for your toolbox in this issue, “Tools of the Trade.”

An evolving situation

In my last column I wrote about how the *Angus Journal* team produced the May issue completely remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This month we have continued these efforts from the safety of our homes, and I remain

proud of the quality of work the entire team has put in. We remain thankful for the tools available to us to keep doing “business as usual” amid our “new normal.”

In this issue we aimed to provide the most accurate information available on Angus and industry events and activities at the time of printing. As the pandemic continues to evolve and restrictions begin to be lifted at different paces across the country, please refer to websites given for up-to-date information.

As we move forward in this uncertain and unprecedented time, I wish health and safety to all our Angus family. 



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In uncertain times,
the Angus family moves
forward. Together.

The Angus family exudes resilience in the toughest of times, but you know that. You live it. The Angus team is sharing stories reflective of how breeders have learned from harsh pasts and remain hopeful about the future. In this issue we hear from Angus breeders and Association staff who share their experiences and wisdom. Visit www.angus.org/movingforward for videos, articles and resources.