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Grady Dickerson

Variability

Every livestock breeder in the nation knows the significance that weather plays on their operation's productivity.

Whether it be the heat of summer, the cold of winter or the rains of spring, there is a large and distinctive amount of variability in the weather and what modern day agriculturists have to face to continue breeding elite animals — especially amongst the Angus breed.

This past year has been the perfect example of variability in weather for the Midwest. Starting at the end of 2018, the winter that many cattle breeders struggled through this year was one of the toughest in the past decade. They experience record regional snowfalls throughout several states.

To add on to an already difficult winter, huge amounts of rain poured down on the central states with dire effects, most easily seen in the floods that took place in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. Thousands of animals were displaced by rising flood waters, not to mention the countless acres of farmland washed out and destroyed. Even with relief efforts across the states, the damage was substantial and will continue to affect producers in the coming years.

This wasn't the only instance of harsh weather fronts. South Dakota and North Dakota saw massive amounts of freezing precipitation, and Kansas and Oklahoma also encountered numerous swaths of thunderstorms and tornadoes.

The harsh weather hitting the

Midwest has put an unusually high strain on cattle in the region this year, lowering calf survivability and growth.

With the major struggles China is currently going through in the swine industry — African Swine Fever — Angus cattle will surely be involved in a global meat market that is temporarily absent the world's largest swine producer. This will add extra stress on Angus cattle as demand is likely to increase for beef.

By continuing to utilize Angus cattle in commercial and purebred herds, I believe breeders can take advantage of the lack of livestock in China and surrounding regions, in spite of the major weather fronts that have affected the Midwest. Creating opportunity after heavy losses should be at the forefront of every Angus breeder's mind.

—Grady Dickerson, Kansas

Bronze and Silver Awards

Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan.; Harrison Holder, Olustee, Okla.; Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa; Mikayla St. Clair, Berryville, Va.; Jace Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.; Natalie Phillips, Masontown, W.Va.; Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, Ark.; Baylor Smith, Kirbyville, Texas; Kelsey Vejraska, Omak, Wash.; and Alex Vieselmeyer,

Amherst, Colo.; have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, American Angus Association education and events director.

Lynae Bowman, Germanton, N.C., has earned the NJAA's Silver Award.

Nate Bowman, Germanton, N.C.; Lila Jae Sims, McEwen, Tenn.; and Sophia Patchin, Mitchellville, Iowa; have earned the NJAA's Bronze Award.

Lynae Bowman, the 16-year-old daughter of Neil and April Bowman, attends South Stokes High School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association (NCJAA), where she has served as secretary and reporter.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Bowman participated in the photography, graphic design, quiz bowl, livestock judging, digitally enhanced photography, skill-a-thon and team marketing contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. She was also a participant in the 2017 and 2018 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences and the 2018 Raising the Bar conference.

Nate Bowman, the 10-year-old son of Neil and April Bowman,

2019 Western Regional Junior Angus Show, April 13, Reno, Nev.



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Winning top honors in the peewee showmanship (from left) are Haylee Hanson, Ellensburg, Wash.; and Krystyn Abell, Bend, Ore. Presented by Madison Weaver, Miss American Angus, left; and Rebecca Griffin, Miss Washington Angus, right.



Winning top honors in the junior B showmanship (from left) are Hailey Bare, Culver, Ore., champion; and Kady Vejraska, Omak, Wash., reserve champion. Presented by Weaver, left, and Griffin, right.



Winning top honors in the junior A showmanship (from left) are Orion Helberg, Corning, Calif., champion; and Lane Toledo, Visalia, Calif., reserve champion. Presented by Weaver, left, and Griffin, right.



Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship (from left) are Alexis Koelling, Curryville, Mo., champion; and Arden Franks, Grass Valley, Calif., reserve champion. Presented by Weaver, left, and Griffin, right.



Taking top honors in senior showmanship (from left) are Mason Tarr, Sanger, Calif., champion; and Brandon Pacheco, Paso Robles, Calif., reserve champion. Presented by Griffin, left, and Weaver, right.



Dawson Dal Porto, Oakley, Calif., center, won premier breeder, premier exhibitor and premier junior breeder. Pictured with David and Jeanene Dal Porto.



Rebecca Griffin, Roy, Wash., was crowned the Western States Angus queen.

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is a member of the NJAA and the NCJAA, where he has served as central region director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows. At the NJAS, Bowman participated in the auctioneering, graphic design, livestock judging and skill-a-thon contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2018.

Eva Hinrichsen, the 18-year-old daughter of Ron and Lynne Hinrichsen, attends Rock Creek High School and is a member of the NJAA, the Northeast Kansas District Angus Association and the Kansas Junior Angus Association, where she was historian, reporter and director.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. Hinrichsen was also a participant in the LEAD conference in 2016 and the Raising the Bar conference in 2017.

She is actively involved with her local, district, state and national FFA chapter and her local 4-H club.

Harrison Holder, the 19-year-old son of Mark and Kathy Holder, attends Altus High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, where he has served as first vice president and director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests.

Lexi Knapp, the 16-year-old daughter of Brian and Karla Knapp, attends Davis County High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, where she has served as director as well as historian.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and

showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Knapp participated in the graphic design, writing, photography, extemporaneous public speaking, quiz bowl and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2012 and 2013.

Lila Jae Sims, the 12-year-old daughter of Robby and Jerri Lynn Sims, attends Waverly Junior High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Tennessee Junior Angus Association, where she was crowned as their royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Sims participated in the livestock judging and the quiz bowl contests. She has also consigned cattle to the West Tennessee Angus sale.

Mikayla St. Clair, the 18-year-old daughter of Matthew and Deborah St. Clair, attends Clarke County High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association (VJAA), where she has served as secretary, historian, director and royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, St. Clair participated in the team sales, quiz bowl and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. She was also a participant in the mentoring program from 2015 through 2017.

St. Clair is actively involved with her local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

Jace Stagemeyer, the 18-year-old son of Brent and Carla Stagemeyer, attends O'Neill Public High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Nebraska Junior Angus Association,

where he has served as second vice president and director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Stagemeyer participated in the team fitting, photography, public speaking, quiz bowl, team sales, livestock judging and career development contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. He was also a participant in the 2016 Green Coat Leadership conference and the 2018 Raising the Bar conference.

Sophia Patchin, the 17-year-old daughter of Jeffrey and Kristen Patchin, attends Southeast Polk High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in national shows. At the NJAS, Patchin participated in the creative writing, photography, livestock judging and skillathon contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2013.

Patchin is involved with her local 4-H club.

Natalie Phillips, the 18-year-old daughter of T.J. and Bridget Phillips, is a member of the NJAA and the West Virginia Junior Angus Association, where she has served as president and first vice-president.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. She was also a participant in the LEAD conference in 2017 and the Raising the Bar conferences in 2018 and 2019.

Phillips has consigned cattle to the Mountaineer Genetic Alliance sale.

Nicholas Pohlman, the 18-year-old son of Fred and Tami Pohlman, is a member of the NJAA and the Arkansas Junior Angus Association,

where he has served as president, vice president and treasurer.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Pohlman participated in the photography, creative writing, prepared public speaking, extemporaneous public speaking, quiz bowl, poster, graphic design and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. In 2018, he participated in the mentoring program and served as a voting delegate for several years.

Pohlman participated in the LEAD conferences from 2015 to 2018.

Hailey Roye, the 18-year-old daughter of Leslie Roye, attends Fayetteville High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Arkansas Junior Angus Association, where she has served as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, director and royalty.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Roye participated in the photography, poster, quiz bowl, team sales, and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. She also served as a voting delegate from 2016-2018 and participated in the mentoring program in 2010.

Roye is actively involved with her local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

Baylor Smith, the 13-year-old son of Steven Smith, is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, where he serves as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Smith participated in the livestock judging, skill-a-thon, team sales and quiz bowl contests and the


All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2017 and 2018.

Kelsey Vejraska, the 18-year-old daughter of Todd and Katlenia Vejraska, attends Oklahoma State University (OSU), where she studies agricultural communications and agribusiness. Vejraska is a member of the NJAA and the Washington Junior Angus Association, where she has served as a western representative.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Vejraska participated in the quiz bowl contest. She also served as a voting delegate in 2018 and was a participant in the mentoring program in 2009 and 2018. She participated in the LEAD conferences in 2015, 2016 and 2018 and the Raising the Bar conference in 2018.

Alex Vieselmeyer, the 18-year-old son of Brent and Tina Vieselmeyer, is a recent graduate of Holyoke High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Colorado Junior Angus Association, where he has served as secretary and director.

He has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Vieselmeyer participated in the quiz bowl, team fitting and prepared public speaking contests. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2012 and the LEAD conferences in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

Vieselmeyer has consigned cattle to the Vision Angus Bull and Heifer Sale and is involved with his local FFA chapter and 4-H club. 



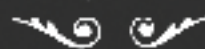
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