

YOUR VIEW

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Always Angus

When thinking of Angus cattle, there are so many things in my life where the answer for me is always Angus. The Business Breed has had such a huge influence on my life, and I know it has for others as well.

I have been a part of this breed since 2010, when I purchased my first heifer from my grandpa. Although that may be a small amount of time compared to some people who have a lifetime of experience and many generations of Angus breeders behind them, the memories I have made because of this breed are immeasurable.

Through my experience, I have found many reasons why Angus is the easy choice. I know I will never fail to be excited when it comes to all things Angus. In my own herd, I see so much potential and so many things I love about the breed.

When it comes down to the basics, Angus cattle are always reliable. I can count on my Angus cows to bring superior maternal and carcass traits to the table. I know if it is Angus, I will be satisfied — whether it is a herd of cows out in the pasture or a juicy steak for dinner. Angus is always the best of the best and never lets me down.

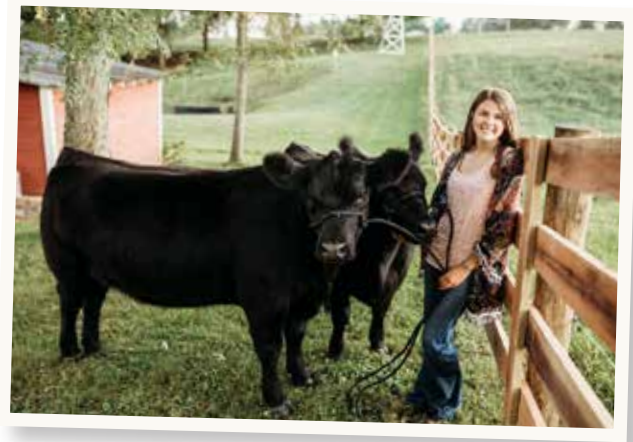
Beyond cattle, the answer for me is always Angus, as well. Whenever I think of my involvement in various groups and organizations, I always come back to my time in the Angus

industry as the most influential in my life.

I have attended many great events and experienced so many benefits from being involved in this breed. From shows and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences to scholarships and my most current experience as Miss American Angus, I have become so ingrained into this breed that for me, the answer will always be Angus. I am sure even as I continue beyond my junior career, I will find many things to love about this industry, just as so many other breeders and producers have.

I am so thrilled with the family I have found in this breed. I know I can always count on my Angus family to help me out with whatever I need. One of the best things about the Angus family is that it is always growing. Your Angus family grows as you meet more people and make new friends in the industry.

What is so exciting is that the



potential to meet others grows continuously as new memberships are added to the Association. Knowing Angus cattle have such deep roots and meaning in many families I have met, it is comforting to know Angus are not going anywhere. Angus heritage and traditions will be passed down generation after generation as the breed continues to grow and prosper.

Angus cattle will always be the answer for me, and my Angus family will always be home. **AJ**