

Ranchers' Revelry: Celebrating 150 Years of Angus in America

The Angus family celebrated the breed's milestone and raised more than \$80,000 to support the Angus Foundation.

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May 17, 1873, George Grant settled in Victoria, Kan., with four Angus bulls. In the 150 years since, the breed has built an impressive legacy. This milestone was celebrated May 19 at Ranchers' Revelry in Berryville, Va.

Nestled in the northern tip of the Shenandoah Valley, Audley Farm served as a picturesque venue.

"To be a part of history and honor it and honor Mr. Grant and just to meet and develop the fellowship and camaraderie with other ranchers out here, it's just a wonderful opportunity," says Turner Kobayashi, Audley Farm general manager.


A unique collection of exclusive experiences, art, collectibles and business services were auctioned, raising \$67,950. Attendees enjoyed a night of Angus fellowship, with Audley Farm beef served for dinner. The evening also featured "The Steaks Races," a tribute to Audley's Thoroughbred racehorses with

prizes sponsored by Certified Angus Beef (CAB).

"The Angus Foundation is grateful to Audley Farm for underwriting this event, the Angus breeders and allied industry members who donated to this fundraiser, and those who supported by bidding and buying in our auction," says Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. "This was a truly memorable event that gives me great confidence in the future of our legacy."

Event coordinators Julie McMahon French, Belle Point Ranch; Wynn Dalton, Daltons on the Sycamore; and many Virginia Angus breeders and Angus Foundation supporters, volunteered their time and efforts to the event.

The Angus Foundation's Legacy Built campaign, which asks donors to contribute \$150, will continue through the year. In total, anniversary celebrations have garnered \$160,000 in unrestricted funds thus far to ensure the Angus legacy continues.

"I've always said, 'when everybody gives a little, together we can accomplish a lot,'" McMahon French says. "And that's the future of the Angus Foundation." 

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