

Angus Members Honored at BIF

Three Angus-affiliated individuals were honored at the Annual Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium and Convention June 20-23, in Loveland, Colo.

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Moser presented BIF Continuing Service Award

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) President and American Angus Association Director of Performance Programs Dan Moser was presented the BIF Continuing Service Award June 22, during the BIF Research Symposium and Convention in Loveland, Colo.

Continuing Service Award winners have made major contributions to the BIF organization. This includes serving on the board of directors, speaking at BIF conventions, working on BIF guidelines and other behind-the-scenes activities.

Moser was raised on a small seedstock cattle operation near Effingham, Kan. He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science from Kansas State University (KSU) and his master's and doctorate in beef cattle genetics from the University of Georgia (UGA).

For the first 20 years of his career,



Dan Moser (right), Angus Genetics Inc. president, receives the Beef Improvement Federation Continuing Service Award from Donnell Brown (left), 2017-2018 BIF president.

Moser served as a faculty member at UGA, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and KSU. He spent 15 years at KSU, where he taught genetics and animal breeding, conducted applied research, advised undergraduate and graduate students, and served as the faculty

advisor of the purebred beef unit.

In his current role, he oversees genetic evaluation programs, genomic testing services, business activities and member education efforts for AGI and the American Angus Association.

Moser has served the beef industry in a variety of leadership roles and is currently serving on the BIF board. He served as breed association liaison for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Carcass Merit

Project. He was also a member of the Ultrasound Guidelines Council (UGC), and he is a former board member of the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium.

Dan and his wife, Lisa, have two sons, Justin and Ryan, and a daughter, Allison.

Woolfolk Ranch named BIF Commercial Producer of the Year

Angus producers Kent and Tyler Woolfolk of Woolfolk Ranch LLC near Protection, Kan., were named the BIF Commercial Producer of the Year. This national award is presented annually to a producer to recognize their dedication to improving the beef industry at the commercial level.

Woolfolk Ranch is located in southwestern Comanche County in Kansas and northeastern Harper

County in Oklahoma. Kent Woolfolk and his son, Tyler, represent the fourth and fifth generations to operate the ranch. It encompasses about 17,000 owned and leased acres of grass and around 1,000 acres of cropland.

The Woolfolks maintain around 1,100 Angus-based cows that calve in the spring, starting about March 15. They also take in nearly 150 Angus cows year-round on a custom per

head basis. The cows are managed alongside their personal herd. Depending on moisture availability, the ranch will custom-graze 750 to 1,200 yearlings each year.

In 2014, the Woolfolk family began the process of constructing a feeding facility to use for weaning purposes and as a drylot for cows during the fall and winter months, which would allow them to feed a low-cost maintenance ration.



Woolfolk Ranch, Protection, Kan., was named the 2018 Beef Improvement Federation Commercial Producer of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Donnell Brown, 2017-2018 BIF president; Kent and Stephanie Woolfolk of Woolfolk Ranch; and Burt Rutherford of BEEF magazine, award sponsor.

The feedyard lets the Woolfolks develop and market their own replacement heifers, grow steers to feeder weight and custom-develop heifers for other ranches. It also is used as part of a drought plan put in place by the family, allowing the ranch to destock pastures much more quickly if the need arises.

The cow herd is rotated during the grazing months using a three-pasture rotation system. This provides adequate rest between grazing cycles prior to weaning, which begins in early September.

All cattle are handled on horseback using low-stress cattle handling techniques, which allows the

growing sixth generation to help when available. Woolfolk family members, while always looking for new management techniques and technology to improve cattle efficiency, still pride themselves on ranching traditions passed down from previous generations.

Butler wins BIF's Roy Wallace Scholarship

Fifth-generation Angus breeder Madison Butler, Vincennes, Ind., was awarded BIF's Roy A. Wallace Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship. This scholarship was established to encourage young men and women interested in beef improvement to pursue those interests with dedication and passion.



Madison Butler

Butler completed her bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in May and starts her master's at KSU in animal science, specializing in livestock breeding and genetics, in the fall.

While at OSU, Butler had the

opportunity to assist with a USDA-funded research project that studied the effects of water restriction in beef cattle. She measured respiration rates, panting scores, shade-seeking behavior and daily health data three times a week on 60 feedlot steers.

"This experience expanded my knowledge and allowed me to develop an increased passion for research," Butler says.

Prior to attending OSU, she attended Hutchinson (Kansas) Community College and was a member of the livestock judging team. Butler served a year as Miss American Angus and is currently

a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors. She retired from her role as NJAA Board chairman in July.

The Roy A. Wallace BIF Memorial Fund was established by Select Sires to honor the life and career of Roy Wallace, who worked for Select Sires for 40 years. He also served as vice president of beef programs and devoted his life to the improvement of beef cattle. He became involved with BIF in its infancy and was the only person to attend the first 40 BIF conventions. He loved what BIF stands for — bringing together purebred and commercial cattle breeders, academia and breed associations, all committed to improving beef cattle. **AJ**