

# NEXT GENERATION

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## POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



Josh Jasper

## Making It

*Making it can mean 100 different things to 100 different people.*

As a junior member, making it could mean walking home with a purple banner at the state fair or the coveted Janet Castle Crystal Award at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). As a cattleman, making it could mean turning a profit on this year's calf crop.

Making it in life depends on your goals and where you see yourself heading.

I made it when I heard my name called to serve on the National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB). I made it when I finished the 10 days of auctioneering school. I made it when I had the overall show animal of the year within the Kentucky Junior Angus Association (KJAA).

For me, making it looks like finishing my last year on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) board as well as becoming a well-rounded auctioneer in the Angus breed in the next five years.

These are all goals I set for myself when I was about 12 years old. These are all goals that I have continued to work toward.

Your goals can be anything you want, but they should be something you see yourself doing — something attainable. Know you won't be able to reach these goals tomorrow. When the sky is the limit, it takes time to reach where you are going.

I knew my end goal of being an auctioneer in the cattle business

wasn't going to happen overnight. I had to work for it, make sacrifices and remember my priorities.

With hard work and dedication, I promise you can reach your goals. The journey to your end goal, to the moment that you "made it," shouldn't be boring, disheartening or lack excitement.

I'm not saying there won't be days where you want to quit or give up right on the spot, because there will be. Yet, when you fight past those days and keep your focus on the goal, the exhilaration of making it will be that much sweeter.

— Josh Jasper

## Missouri Angus Ass'n Preview Show; June 13; Sedalia



Crowned as Angus royalty (from left) were Kyle Houston, Savannah, Angus ambassador; Ella Jordan, Savannah, Miss Missouri Angus; and Josey Meier, Jackson, Angus princess.



Junior Angus members qualified to represent Missouri at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show. Pictured (from left) are Garrett Schuering, Thompson, alternate; Nick Rhodes, Brookfield, representative; Ciara Raitel, Mexico, representative; and Allena Allen, Trenton, alternate.

## Bronze and Silver Awards

Jacob Krusemark, Burlington, Wis., has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze award, according to Jaclyn Upperman, events and education director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and

shows, using performance testing to improve their herd, and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

Jeremy Krusemark's 18-year-old son attends Burlington High School. **Jacob Krusemark** is a member of the NJAA and the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association (WJAA).

The Burlington, Wis., native has participated in shows at all levels. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Krusemark has participated in the quiz bowl, team fitting and livestock judging contests. He also served as a voting delegate.

Krusemark has consigned cattle to the Wisconsin State Angus Sale.

## Missouri Junior Angus Preview Show; June 12; Sedalia



Junior Angus members won top honors in their divisions of showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Sache Dowling, Fair Grove, junior champion; Ty Bayer, judge; and Mardee Sadowsky, Eagleville, senior champion.

## All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Show; June 12; Louisville, Ky.



Morgan Hutchins, Charleston, Ill., won premier exhibitor and premier junior breeder. Pictured (from left) are Lora Hutchins; Ellie Kidwell, Miss American Angus; Morgan Hutchins, recipient; and Brian Hutchins.



Winning top honors in the senior showmanship division are Eva Hinrichsen (left), Westmoreland, Kan., champion; and Gordon Clark, Gretna, Va., reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship division are Bryanna Smith (left), Russell Springs, Ky., champion; and Cody York, Palestine, Ill., reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the junior A showmanship division are Curtner Bergmann (left), Vienna, Ill., champion; and Logan Davis, Bidwell, Ohio, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the junior B showmanship division are Jacob Marksbury (left), Buffalo, Ky., champion; and Finley Yocham, Sapulpa, Okla., reserve champion.

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**All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Roll of Victory (ROV) Show; June 13; Louisville, Ky.**



Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan., won the McCorkle Challenge.



Morgan Hutchins, Charleston, Ill., won premier exhibitor. Pictured (from left) are Lora Hutchins; Miss American Angus Ellie Kidwell; Morgan Hutchins; and Brian Hutchins.

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**Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show; June 17-19; Ellensburg, Wash.**



Seth Cox (left), Eagle Point, Ore., won premier exhibitor. Also pictured is Kass Newell, judge.



Claire Murnin (right), Huntley, Mont., won overall showmanship. Also pictured is Kass Newell.



Juniors won top honors in the senior division of showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Kass Newell; Kacie Vejraska, Omak, Wash., champion; and Tyler Gifford,



Juniors won top honors in the junior B division of showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Kass Newell; Cooper Murnin, Huntley, Mont., champion; and Hadlee Hanson, Ellensburg, Wash., reserve champion.



Juniors won top honors in the junior A division of showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Kass Newell; Hadlee Beierle, Goldendale, Wash., reserve champion; and Claire Murnin, Huntley, Mont., champion.



## Ohio Angus Ass'n Junior Preview Show; June 20; Washington Courthouse



Maggie and Logan Davis, both of Bidwell, Ohio, tied for premier exhibitor. Pictured (from left) are Lindsey Hall, Maggie Davis, Logan Davis and Corbin Cowles.



Emma Grafft (left), Middletown, Ohio, won the herdsman award. Also pictured is Corbin Cowles, judge.



Winning top honors in the senior showmanship division are Jacob LeBrun (left), Lucasville, champion; and Samatha Wallace, Kansas, reserve champion.



Eagle Point, Ore., reserve champion. Juniors won top honors in the intermediate division of showmanship. Pictured are Anna Geddes, Connell, Wash., champion; and Seth Cox, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the intermediate division are Josie Kidwell (left), Walkonding, champion; and Payton Shepard, Napoleon, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the junior showmanship division are Maggie Davis (left), Bidwell, champion; and Hannah Millikan, Napoleon, reserve champion.