## FOUNDATION IN FOCUS

*by Jaclyn Upperman Angus Foundation executive director* 



## Excitement builds ...

After returning from an outstanding, and maybe the hottest, National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), I can't help but be excited to be your new Angus Foundation director.

I remember being one of those junior members and how I could not wait to attend the NJAS. The anticipation to see my friends from all over the country, compete in the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef* (CAB) Cook-off contest, or show my bred-and-owned heifer in one of the most prestigious show rings.

My journey within the American Angus Association has come full-circle. From being a young, enthusiastic junior to wearing the coveted green jacket of the National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB) and receiving an undergraduate Angus Foundation scholarship, to now being able to serve in a position that allows me to take my passion and give back to an industry that has given so much to me. I am excited for this next chapter of my Angus journey.

The last couple of months have been full of excitement.

With our Angus Day of Giving on May 17, we celebrated 149 years since George Grant brought the first Angus bulls to America, and you, our membership, stepped up. Our goal was to reach \$20,000, and it was surpassed as \$56,000 was raised. A generous anonymous donor allowed for a match of \$20,000 and you accepted the challenge. I cannot say thank you enough for helping us surpass our goal and raise dollars for the Angus Fund.

At the NJAS, you answered the call to support our NJAS Golf Tournament and Silent Auction. Again, even in this challenging financial time, you, our membership, continue to support the future of the Angus breed.

I hope to continue to share my passion with the membership. I welcome input from our Angus family to discuss how we can build excitement together to ensure a long-lasting impact for the Angus breed.

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## 2023 Angus Foundation Heifer Package Announced

The generous donation of Coleman Chloe 173 (AAA+\*20076459) from Coleman Angus will set the stage for Angus events at 2023 Cattlemen's Congress in January. Larry and Dee Coleman of Charlo, Mont., have graciously given one of their elite bred heifers to support the Angus Fund and continue the legacy.

"We are honored to donate the female for the 2023 Angus Foundation Heifer Package," says Larry Coleman, owner of Coleman Angus. "To be able to give back — because we've been so fortunate — is exciting."

Coleman Angus is a family operation that prides themselves in placing emphasis on the power of the Angus cow. Through meticulous selection for maternal traits, they have grown a loyal base of customers who value their herd's genetics.

This year's offered female is backed by a pedigree represented by the operation's most notable cow families. She is the highest maternal weaned calf value (\$M)-valued Coleman Chloe female in the ranch's herd.

"We are thrilled Coleman Angus has offered this female from the iconic Chloe cow family," says Jaclyn Upperman, Angus Foundation executive director. "The Coleman family recognizes the importance of the Angus Foundation's mission as we work to ensure a bright future for the breed."

The sale of Coleman Chloe 173 will take place Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, prior to the start of the 84<sup>th</sup> National Angus Bull Sale during Cattlemen's Congress. The sale will start at 2 p.m. at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, Okla.