

# FOUNDATION IN FOCUS

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## The Angus cow

*As the sunsets come earlier each day with the end of summer, I must reflect on the monumental year of celebrations to commemorate the arrival of the Angus bulls 150 years ago.*

The success of the last century and a half cannot be based on the animal itself, but the cattlemen and women serving as stewards of the Angus breed. The value of the Angus cow is illustrated in the 2023 sale book from the McMahon Family.

Mary Ann McMahon states, “The Angus cow brought us together as a family. She gave us challenging goals, and new learning experiences, and taught us to be good cattle managers. Most of all, the Angus cow provided opportunities for us to make lifelong friends.”

Wow! Is that not the truth?


The Angus cow continues to bring the Angus family together to celebrate the legacy and the future of *The Business Breed* specifically through education, youth and research. Continuing our success isn’t just celebrating the past. There is still work to be completed to ensure the future of the Angus cow and the Angus family for generations to come.

This year a group of dedicated Angus breeders generously stepped up as “George Grant Challengers,” each donating \$15,000 to support our “A Legacy Built” campaign and honoring their “George Grant” who brought Angus into their lives.

With 2023 marking 150 years since the arrival of the breed in the United States, the sustaining fund celebrates this milestone by asking donors to pledge \$12.50 monthly or

\$150 annually to continue the Angus legacy for the future.

The Angus Foundation set a goal of reaching 1,000 donations to “A Legacy Built” by Dec. 31, 2023. The “George Grant Challengers” will double the impact of this goal by matching dollar-for-dollar the first 1,000 donations of \$150 in 2023.

This \$12.50 month or \$150 annual donation can be used to honor the people who made you a better steward of your cattle business. Imagine the effect 1,000 gifts can make to ensure a successful future of education, youth and research programs in the Angus breed. All the successes and friendships continue because of the Angus cow! 

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### Thank you to our George Grant Challengers:

44 Farms, Bob and Dana McClaren,  
Cameron, Texas

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Connie Sydenstricker, Mexico, Mo.

## 2024 Angus Foundation Heifer Package

*Yon Family Farms of South Carolina offers next year's female.*

The 2024 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will be donated by Yon Family Farms of Ridge Spring, S.C. The heifer, Yon Sarah K1233 (AAA \*20450734), is safe in calf to Yon Toccoa F1054 (AAA +\*19306162), with an anticipated due date of March 21, 2024.

The heifer will sell Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at the start of the 85th National Angus Bull Sale during Cattlemen’s Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla. Funds raised will support the Angus Foundation’s mission of furthering Angus education, youth and research efforts.

“It was very humbling for our family to even be asked to donate the heifer package to the Angus Foundation,” says Kevin Yon. “The Sarah cow family is one of those families here at Yon Family Farms that has done extremely well.”

Kevin and his wife, Lydia, started the business in 1996 and now work alongside their children, Sally, Drake and Corbin.

“We feel incredibly fortunate to have the Yon family offer this bred female from their proven donor, Yon Sarah D668,” says Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. “The Yon family is a testament to our mission, having participated in many opportunities supported by the Angus Foundation themselves. We can’t thank them enough for their dedication to the future of our breed.”

For more information, contact Boester or visit [www.AngusFoundation.org](http://www.AngusFoundation.org).

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