



Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for members** of our Angus family

► STATE HIGHLIGHTS

The **Indiana Angus Field Day**, Aug. 23, at Willer Timber Ridge Farm near Greencastle, hosted 150 Angus breeders. Four pens of cattle were presented with their performance and ultrasound data for judging. The cattle were judged on phenotype, performance, pedigree and ultrasound data by Bob and Cathy Watkins, Middletown, and Tom Younts, Fishers.

Willer Timber Ridge Farm now has 75 registered mother cows and uses artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer (ET) to enhance the herd. Ted Willer provided the crowd with an update of their program and the progress that has been made during the past seven years.

Chuck Brost, general manager of Anderson Circle Farm, Harrodsburg, Ky., gave an update on their philosophy and approach to raising Angus cattle.

Scott Johnson, director of the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) Department at the American Angus Association, presented introductory and

advanced sessions on the recordkeeping program.

Approximately 150 people attended the **South Dakota Angus Tour**, Aug. 22-23. The tour, which was hosted by the Rosebud Angus Association, was conducted in the south central part of the state. Tour stops included Assman Land & Cattle, Mission; Joseph Angus Ranch, Carter; Jorgensen Land & Cattle, Ideal; Stukel's Angus Ranch, Burke; Wonnenberg Angus, Dallas; Novotny Angus, Colome; Raven Angus, Colome; Littau's Angus Ranch, Carter; and Larson Angus, Hamill.

► IN PASSING

Hump Halsey, 82, Guthrie, Okla., died July 21 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Halsey was born May 28, 1921, in Seminole, Okla., to Neal and Edna Mae (Sandlin) Halsey. He graduated from Varnum High School, where he was active in 4-H. It was there he developed his love for cattle and rodeo.

Halsey worked his way through college as a member of the Oklahoma A&M [now Oklahoma State University (OSU)] Student Entertainers with his trick ropes and bullwhip act. He joined the U.S. Army Reserve while at Oklahoma A&M and was called to active duty in early 1943.

While clowning at a Labor Day rodeo in Guthrie, he met Eddie Lou Pritchett. They were married July 24, 1943.

After he was released from active duty in 1946, Halsey continued rodeoing and flying in the Air Force Reserve on weekends out of Tinker Air Force Base. He began farming and acquired a herd of Angus cattle. He also taught agriculture to veterans. He finished his degree in animal husbandry in 1954.

Halsey was called back to active duty with the Air Force for the Korean conflict. Because he had more than 2,000 hours in four-engine bombers, he was assigned to fly the largest bomber ever built — the 10-engine B-36. Halsey amassed 6,000 hours in the air.

Halsey was a great promoter of youth,

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► Chuck Brost, general manager of Anderson Circle Farm, Harrodsburg, Ky., offers insight to his approach to the Angus business.



► Scott Johnson explains the finer points of the AIMS program to Michael Kittle, Centerpoint, and his son.



► Ted Willer welcomes more than 150 Angus enthusiasts to his Willer Timber Ridge Farm near Greencastle.



► A father and son confer during the judging competition.

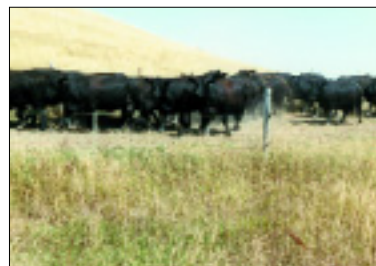
► South Dakota Angus Tour • Aug. 22-23



► Tour attendees listen to Matt Perrier, American Angus Association director of commercial programs, talk about the programs available through the Commercial Programs Department.



► Mike Assman (left), Mission, visits with Craig Conover, Mapleton, Iowa, about his ranch program.



► Jorgensen Land & Cattle, Ideal, displays several cows during the tour.



► Cody Jorgensen, Ideal, explains the Jorgensen program to tour guests.

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working closely with young people in showing and fitting cattle. His love of children led him to perform at Make Miracles Happen and for handicapped or ill children at the Children's Hospital of Oklahoma.

Halsey was a member of the Lions Club and the American Legion. He was a past president and longtime secretary fieldman for the Oklahoma Angus Association. He was a member of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, Oklahoma State Alumni Association and First Christian Church of Guthrie.

He is survived by his wife, daughter Lisa and two grandchildren.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Monica and Matthew Jordan, Saint Joseph, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter, **Ella Marie**, Sept. 30. She weighed 7 lb., 13 oz., and was 20½ in. long. Monica is the junior activities assistant at the American Angus Association. Grandparents are Julie and Frank Feeser, Taneytown, Md., and Joyce and Ron Jordan, Leavenworth, Kan.

Maggie and Josh Malson, Malson Angus Ranch, Parma, Idaho, announce the birth of their daughter, **Mackenzie Jo**, Sept. 19. She weighed 6 lb. and was 20 in. long. Maggie is the publisher of the Idaho Cattle Association's *Line Rider* and *News Brief* and is a freelance journalist. Grandparents are Brock and JoAnn Martin, Johnson, Kan.; Mark and Carla Malson, Parma; and Katrina Craig, Nampa, Idaho.

Sarah and Jason Schaffer, Indianapolis, Ind., announce the birth of their son, **Carter Paul**, Sept. 19. He weighed 6 lb., 14 oz., and was 20 in. long. Grandparents are Paul and Lynn Hill, Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, and Joe and Barb Schaffer, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chontelle and Jeremiah Brown, Fort White, Fla., announce the birth of their daughter, **Chesney Lee**, Sept. 4. She weighed 7 lb., 5.8 oz. and was 19¾ in. long. Chontelle is the secretary of the Florida Angus Association. Grandparents are Norman and Lenora Steadman, Fort White, and Bill and Sue Brown, Gainesville, Fla.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Colorado State University Department of Animal Sciences celebrated its 100-year anniversary Oct. 3.

Ultimate Genetics Inc., Franklin, Texas, hired **Brian Reed** to head sales, procurement and marketing for the full-service reproductive company. Ultimate Genetics provides bull collection and semen marketing services from its facility near Wheelock, Texas, as well as embryo collection and transfer services from its main clinic near Normangee, Texas.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) named **Tamara McCann Thies** as its new director of environmental issues. Thies will be working from the Washington, D.C., office. Thies has experience working on clean water law issues affecting producers, drafting legislation, organizing grassroots coalitions, negotiating with lawmakers and managing floor debates.

Clay Elliot is the new livestock judging coordinator for New Mexico State University (NMSU). He is also an instructor in the animal and range sciences department. Elliot was the head coach of Texas Tech's livestock judging team from 1995-2002.

Longtime Kansas State University (K-State) ag economist **Bill Tierney** left the university to take a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of the Chief Economist in Washington, D.C. He will serve as chair of the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee for grains.

Merlyn Sandbulte, Rock Valley, Iowa, received the District Sales Manager of the Year Award at the 2003 Beef Division Round Table Banquet. The award is based on a combination of sales units, sales revenue and percent increase in sales.

Janice Miller, USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) researcher, was inducted into the ARS Hall of Fame Sept. 17. Miller is being recognized for pioneering research in understanding, diagnosing and controlling bovine leukemia, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) and other chronic infectious or zoonotic diseases in ruminant animals.

A new tenderness test, **TenderGENE**, developed by scientists at the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (MARC) is being marketed by Frontier Beef Systems LLC (FBS), Lafayette, Colo. The Calpain marker is ready for release to the beef industry. Calpain, a naturally occurring enzyme, plays a major role in beef tenderness by weakening muscle fibers, thus increasing tenderization during the postmortem aging process.

