

AUXILIARY NOTES

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What Is a 'Standard,' and What Does It Look Like?

Auxiliary president offers a few standards to help Angus members stay positive during trying times.

I looked at this month's theme for the *Angus Journal* and went to my all-knowing friend for an idea. That friend, "Hey Google," didn't disappoint me.

According to Google, standards — like goals — are statements of what we should know or be able to do at a certain point. I also learned what standards look like. They are short one-sentence statements and begin with a phrase — you fill in the blank — such as "will be able to _____."

So, in light of the effect COVID-19 has had this year on the Angus world, I've set some standards I'll be more than happy to share:

We will be able to always first thank God for each day and ask for His wisdom.

We will be able to keep a good, creative attitude when we can't find toilet paper.

We will be able to be thankful for homegrown beef (and other food sources) when there is a pandemic panic buy.

We will be able to see something positive in social distancing

(which is hard if you are a hugger).

We will be able to, now more than ever, have the ability to back up and punt!


We will be able to remember to check our surroundings before we get on a Zoom call.

We will be able to embrace technology and try to keep up with it.

We will be able to wear masks cheerfully (at all times) when requested.

We will be able to, if we look, find humor in each day.

We will be able to be kind to all those around us, even the ones who aren't kind.

Looks like the standards set for the Angus world are achievable, aren't they? God bless, and get ready for the holiday season in 2020! 

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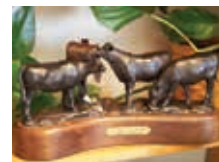
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