

# NEXT GENERATION

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Baxter Knapp

## Our Way of Life

*Ranching is a way of life, but it's not at all uncommon for many breeders to also work an off-farm job to stay in business. We all know the trials and tribulations we face in agriculture every day.*

It doesn't matter what facet of the industry you are involved in, it's not easy. That is especially the case within animal agriculture. Many times, farmers and ranchers must seek another form of outside income just to stay afloat.

With today's markets, unless you have the numbers, it seems rather difficult to live comfortably while having cattle as the single source of revenue. This proved to be the case with my family. As small-scale producers, both of my parents had off-the-farm jobs so that we could continue to raise and show Angus cattle. My dad, Brian, currently works as a wholesale dealer for Midwest BioAg while my mom, Karla, works as a veterinary technician.

Whatever the job may be, we as cattlemen have found a way to provide for our families and still maintain our operations at home. We do what it takes to keep the business running smoothly. For some, this task proves more and more challenging each day. My heart truly goes out to the farmers and ranchers who have been affected by natural disaster in the recent months. Whether it's the rising flood waters, freezing winters, piling snow, or blistering droughts; all can put strain on our herds, our hearts, and our pocketbooks. We raise livestock because we have a passion for doing so, even if at times the task isn't easy.

Producers work numerous hours on and off the farm just so they

may continue to do what they are passionate about. Cattle production has been a way of life for several generations of many families. Today, the typical ranch lifestyle may be slightly different than it was 50 years ago, but the goal still remains the same. We, as agriculturalists, strive to make a living producing livestock in a sustainable and responsible way. We do this while continuously informing and educating future generations, so that they too may carry out these practices and provide a wholesome food source for years to come.

— Baxter Knapp, Iowa

## 2019 Kentucky Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 1, Louisville



Crowned Angus royalty (from left) are Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Angus princess; and Abigail Smoot, Campbellsville, Miss Kentucky Angus.



Lilly Jeffries, Canmer, won the steer, cow-calf pair and owned heifer divisions of the points program final standings.



Selected to serve on the Kentucky Junior Angus Board of Directors (seated, from left) are Josh Jasper, Nicholasville, treasurer; Abigail Smoot, vice president; Kalli Flanders, Buffalo, president; Catherine Cowles, Rockfield, second vice president; and Lily Jeffries, reporter. Also serving on the board (standing, from left) are Jamie Gray, Buffalo, advisor; Mayson Toll, Lawrenceburg, director; Jacob Marksbury, Buffalo, director; Bryanna Smith, director; Maria Day, Nicholasville, director; Taylor Jeffries, Canmer, director; Lucy Jeffries, Canmer, director; and Paula Boyd, May's Lick, advisor.



Jacob Marksbury was named the Kentucky Junior Angus Association Premier Breeder and won the points program final standings in the B&O heifer division in addition to winning the points program final standings show animal of the year award.



Taylor Jeffries received the Kentucky Junior Angus Association Premier Exhibitor award, the junior champion owned bull while showing at the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes Show & Sale and won the points program final standings in the B&O bull division.



## Raising the Bar Conference

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) brought 67 junior Angus leaders together in Manhattan, Kan., March 21-24, to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Raising the Bar conference.

“Kansas State University is a popular location for Angus juniors to continue their education,” says Jera Pipkin, National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) Membership Director and Raising the Bar facilitator. “I know quite a few junior members attended hoping the conference would help them make their college decision.”

Sponsored by the Angus Foundation, the conference hosted Angus junior leaders from 23 state junior Angus associations. Participants toured the Kansas State University (K-State) campus, heard from industry experts, took part in leadership training workshops, participated in a challenge course and spent time networking with other participants.

The participants included the following junior Angus members:

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Kathryn Coleman  
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Catherine Cowles

### LOUISIANA

Lily Gisclair

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Alyson Schulze

Kyle Schulze

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Natalie Phillips

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Tyler Bush

## Missouri Agribusiness Academy

Four Angus juniors were recently selected to participate in the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Missouri Agribusiness Academy. Students selected will spend the first week of June in the Springfield region exploring various segments of Missouri agriculture.

Since 1988, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy has awarded more than 930 students through a competitive application and interview process. The 2019 MAbA marks the program's 32nd year of promoting careers in agriculture to high school sophomores. To be eligible for the Missouri Agribusiness Academy, students

must come from a farming family or be an active member of the National FFA Organization or 4-H. Angus juniors selected to attend include:

Lane Bollinger, *Jackson*  
 Carson Hoth, *Anderson*  
 Grant Norfleet, *Mexico*  
 Isaac Rhode, *Stewartsville*

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## 2019 Ohio Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 2, Wooster



Selected to serve as officers on the Ohio Junior Angus Association Board of Directors (from left) are Ellie Kidwell, Walhonding, secretary; McKayla Raines, Seaman, president; Ty Raines, Seaman, treasurer; Sarah Millikan, Napoleon, vice president; and Renee Hamilton, Pataskala, reporter.



Kidwell was crowned Miss Ohio Angus.



Erica Snook, Caldwell, (left) received the Girls Silver Show Award. Presented by McKayla Raines on behalf of Turkey Run Angus Farm, sponsor.

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Ty Raines (center) received the Boys B&O Silver Award. Presenting the award are Shawn and Christina Howell, Egnor Farms Angus, award sponsor.



Millikan (left) received the Girls B&O Silver Show award. Presented by Dan Wells, Wells Livestock, award sponsor.

## Bronze and Silver Awards

Hayden Hahn, Thurmont, Md.; Ellie Kidwell, Walhonding, Ohio; Josie Kidwell, Walhonding, Ohio; Maguire Rohr, Elbert, Colo.; Benjamin Mayfield, Pulaski, Tenn.; Zach McCall, Greenville, Va.; Kristina Scheurman, Warsaw, Ohio; Alyson Schulze, Woodbine, Md.; Abigail Smoot, Campbellsville, Ky.; and Rowdi Van Zee, Sioux Center, Iowa; have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association.

Charlotte Wood, Willow Spring, N.C., has earned the NJAA's Silver award. Brady Ford and Taylor Ford, both of Lake Wilson, Minn.; have earned the NJAA's Bronze award.

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**Brady Ford**, the 12-year-old son of Angela and Robert Ford, attends Murray County Central Elementary School and is a member of the NJAA and the Minnesota Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

**Taylor Ford**, the 15-year-old daughter of Angela and Robert Ford, attends Murray County Central High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Minnesota Junior Angus Association, where she has served as historian and royalty.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Ford participated in the livestock judging contest.

She has submitted weight data to the AHIR® and is actively involved with her local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

**Hayden Hahn**, the 10-year-old daughter of Chad and Nikki Hahn, attends Thurmont Elementary School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Maryland Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Hahn participated in the photography, livestock judging, skill-a-thon, quiz bowl and poster contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2016.

She has submitted weight data to the AHIR® and consigned cattle at the Maryland Angus Event.

**Ellie Kidwell**, the 16-year-old daughter of Korey and Kelly Kidwell,

attends Tri-Valley High School. She is a member of the NJAA and Ohio Junior Angus Association (OJAA), where she has served as reporter.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Kidwell participated in the photography, livestock judging, skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, and team fitting contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. In 2018, she was a participant in the mentoring program and served as a voting delegate. She also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2017 and 2018 and attended the 2018 Angus Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Kidwell has submitted weight data to the AHIR® and has consigned cattle at the Ohio Angus Super Star Sale and the Ohio Beef Expo. She is

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also actively involved with her local FFA chapter.

**Josie Kidwell**, the 13-year-old daughter of Korey and Kelly Kidwell, attends Tri-Valley Middle School. She is a member of the NJAA and OJAA.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Kidwell participated in the creative writing, livestock judging and quiz bowl contests. She was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2018.

Kidwell has submitted weight data to the AHIR®.

**Maguire Rohr**, the 16-year-old son of Mitch and Lea Rohr, attends Douglas County High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Colorado Junior Angus Association (CJAA) where he served as treasurer.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Maguire participated in the team fitting, quiz bowl, livestock judging and team sales contests. In 2015, he participated in the mentoring program.

He has also submitted weight data to the AHIR® and consigned cattle to the National Western Stock Show Female Sale.

**Benjamin Mayfield**, the 17-year-old son of Mike and Susan Mayfield, attends Giles County High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Tennessee Junior Angus Association, where he served as vice president and currently serves as president.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Mayfield served as a voting delegate in 2018.

He has consigned cattle at the McCabe Genetics sale.

**Zach McCall**, the 17-year-old son of Tom and Sarah McCall, attends

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Riverheads High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association (VJAA), where he served as director as well as a historian.

He has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, McCall participated in the livestock judging, quiz bowl and team fitting contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> Cook-Off. He also participated in the LEAD conferences in 2017 and 2018.

McCall has consigned cattle at the M C Livestock bull sale, the North Virginia Angus Association sale and the Ohio Beef Expo. He is actively involved with his local 4-H club and FFA Chapter.

**Kristina Scheurman**, the 17-year-old daughter of Kirk and Jeanette

Scheurman, attends Tri-Valley High School. She is a member of the NJAA, the OJAA, where she has served as treasurer and royalty, and the Eastern Ohio Angus Association.

She has participated in local, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Scheurman participated in the extemporaneous public speaking, quiz bowl, livestock judging, team sales, team fitting, and skill-a-thon contests. She also participated in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> Cook-Off. In 2018, she participated in the LEAD conference and attended the Angus Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

She has submitted weight data to the AHIR<sup>®</sup>.

**Alyson Schulze**, the 14-year-old daughter of Brett and Melissa

Schulze, attends South Carroll High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Maryland Junior Angus Association, where she served as membership director, royalty and currently serves as secretary.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Schulze participated in the extemporaneous speaking and quiz bowl contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2016.

She has submitted weight data to the AHIR<sup>®</sup> and consigned cattle at the Maryland Angus Event sale.

**Abigal Smoot**, the 17-year-old daughter of Randy Smoot, attends Taylor County High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Kentucky Junior Angus Association

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(KJAA), where she served as director, royalty and now secretary.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Smoot participated in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2016 and served as a voting delegate in 2018. She participated in the LEAD conference and the Raising the Bar conference in 2018.

Smoot has consigned cattle at the Kentucky Beef Expo sale and the

Hammer Head Dispersal.


**Charlotte Wood**, the 12-year-old daughter of Bobbie and Kathy Wood, attends McGees Crossroads Middle School. She is a member of the NJAA.

She has participated in local, state, regional national shows and showmanship contests. Wood is also actively involved with her local 4-H Club.

**Rowdi Van Zee**, the 19-year-old son of Ryan and Bridgette Van Zee, attends Dordt College, where he is studying animal science. He is a

member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Rowdi participated in the livestock judging contest. He also participated in the LEAD conference in 2017 as well as in 2018.

He has consigned cattle to the Iowa Angus Show and Sale. 

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