



# Newsmakers

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## IN THE NEWS

**Summitcrest Farms**, Summitville, Ohio, has been awarded the American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award. The award is presented to herds that have been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more, and owned by the same family.

Summitcrest Farms was founded in 1949 by Fred H. Johnson, Summitville, Ohio, who also owned the Summitville Brick Co. The founding cattle were purchased at district Angus sales and from breeders in northern Ohio, and in New York and Pennsylvania.

Today Summitcrest operations include more than 1,000 cows and have spread across the Midwest to include locations in Fremont, Iowa, and Broken Bow, Neb. All farm locations are wholly owned by the family of Fred H. Johnson II, including his sons Sam

Johnson and Jeff Johnson. Henry Bergfeld is the farm manager.

Summitcrest has participated in Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) since 1967 and has used artificial insemination (AI) for more than 30 years. Carcass data collection has also been a priority in managing the herd, with records dating back more than 20 years. Ultrasound carcass data has been collected on the farm since 1996.

The farm has been recognized as a leader in the beef industry and has received many awards, including the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Seedstock Producer of the Year award, the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Commitment to Excellence award and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Beef Business of the Century award.

**Allison Curtin**, Stonington, Ill., was drafted by the WNBA in April. She is playing for the Detroit Shock. Curtin is a former member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and is the daughter of Fred and Mary Curtin, Blue Ston Farms, Blue Mound, Ill.

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) program recently held a graduation ceremony for 30 Kansans who completed two years of training in the program. Among those graduating were American Angus Association members **Jeff Koch**, Koch Angus, Leavenworth, and **Ryan Ardery**, Satanta.

During the 2003 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) conference in Lexington, Ky., May 28-31, several awards were presented to outstanding producers and industry representatives.

The Outstanding Seedstock Producer Award went to **Moser Ranch** of Wheaton, Kan., owned by Harry and Lisa Moser. They raise Angus, Red Angus and Simmental seedstock. By using proven, predictable genetics and an extensive artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer (ET) program, the Mosers have built a

## STATE SPOTLIGHTS

### Alabama Angus Ass'n annual meeting, April 18, Cullman

► The 2003 Alabama Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Joseph King**, Nauvoo, president; **Jay Evers**, Birmingham, first vice president; **Tim Hopkins**, Ashford, second vice president; **David Ficken**, Huntsville, treasurer; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, secretary; (standing, from left) **Philip Paramore**, Notasulga; **Bill Wheeler**, Flat Rock; **B.C. Jackson**, Hope Hull; **Mahlon Richburg**, Auburn; **Scott Bonds**, Guntersville; **Jack Tate**, Boaz; **John Harrell**, Opelika; **Gregg Blythe**, Madison; **Thomas Maples**, Elkmont; **Tom Lovell**, Opelika; and **Rob Adams**, Union Springs.



### Mississippi Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, May 2, Raymond



► The Mississippi Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **C.W. Franks**, Mantachie, president; **Brian Garner**, New Hebron, vice president; **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, secretary; (standing, from left) **Joe Magee**, Mendenhall; **David Bailey**, Mantachie; **D.R. Ingram**, Water Valley; **Buddy Jones**, D'Lo; **Cary Childs**, Ripley; **Henry Wiltshire**, Mount Olive; **Mike Howell**, Baldwin; and **Jack Evans**, Winona.



► The Mississippi Angus Ass'n presented the Henry Wiltshire family its Family of the Year honor. Pictured are (from left) **Henry Wiltshire**, Mount Olive, recipient; **Cary Childs**, presenting the award; and **Sherry Wiltshire**, Mount Olive, recipient. In addition, the Mississippi Junior Angus Ass'n honored Henry and Sherry with an appreciation plaque for their years of service to the juniors in Mississippi.

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strong genetic base for their operation.

The Outstanding Commercial Producer Award was given to **Tailgate Ranch**, Tonganoxie, Kan., owned by Paul McKie. The main focus of the ranch has been developing and breeding high-quality replacement females. Feedlot and carcass data have been collected to help improve feed efficiency and product quality.

Pioneer awards are given to individuals who have made lasting contributions to the improvement of beef cattle. This year, awards were given to **Burke Healey**, Davis, Okla.; **George Chiga**, Tulsa, Okla.; and **Keith Zoellner**, professor emeritus at Kansas State University (K-State).

The Ambassador Award is given to a member of the media each year for his or her efforts in helping cattle producers understand cattle performance testing and genetic prediction tools. **Troy Marshall**, Burlington, Colo., this year's recipient, is the founder and editor of *The Seedstock Digest* and contributing editor of "Cow-Calf Weekly," an electronic weekly newsletter produced by *BEEF* magazine.

Continuing Service awards were presented to **Connee Quinn**, Chadron, Neb.; **Ronnie Silcox**, University of Georgia; **Ronnie Green**, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); and **Sherry Doubet**, American Salers Association executive vice president.

The BIF president for 2003-2004 is **S.R. Evans Jr.**, an Angus producer from Greenwood, Miss. The BIF board of directors includes **Ben Eggers**, who was elected to fill Frank Felton's term; **Ron Bolze**, **Craig Huffhines**, **Bill Bowman**, **Robert Williams**, **Bob Weaver**, **Loren Jackson**, **Chris Christensen**, **Lynn Pelton**, **Tommy Brown**, **Terry O'Neil**, **Lora Rose**, **Jimmy Holliman**, who was appointed vice president, **Richard**



► The Mississippi Angus Ass'n recognized Sedgewood Plantation, Canton, as its Progressive Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **William** and **Nancy Howard**, Canton, receiving the award; and **Brian Garner**, presenting the award.

**McClung, Don Trimmer, Renée Lloyd, John Pollack, Larry Cundiff, Herb McLane, Darrh Bullock, Sally Dolezal, Mark Enns** and **Twig Marston**.

For more information about the winners, visit [www.BIFconference.com](http://www.BIFconference.com). Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., this site includes the real-time coverage of the BIF meeting provided by API staff.

### ANNIVERSARY

**Billye Sue** and **James Roberts** of Roberts Angus Farm, Green Forest, Ark., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 14.

### IN PASSING

**William France Sr.**, Johnstown, Ohio, died April 26.

France was formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, and was a longtime resident of Lancaster, Ohio. He most recently lived in Johnstown and in Key Largo, Fla.

France was an alumnus of The Hotchkiss School and of Washington and Lee University. He worked for Society Bank; Prescott, Bell and Turbea; and Roulston & Co. in Cleveland. He was a partner of WPVL Painesville radio, and was the owner of WHOK and WLOH radio in Lancaster. He most recently shared ownership of Masterfare Ltd. in Johnstown with his wife, Kathleen.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, William Jr.; two daughters, Constance and Linda; and 11 grandchildren.

**Carl Bruce Garner**, 61, New Hebron, Miss., died at Hospice Ministries on April 16.

Garner, the son of Stanley and Eura (Johnston) Garner, was a native of New Hebron. He was a member of New Hebron Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a retired postmaster, working for the U.S. Postal Service for 32 years.

He was a cattle producer and a member of the American Angus Association, Mississippi Angus Association, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association and the Lion's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; one son, Brian; one daughter, Carla; and three grandchildren.

### INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Charlie Rosenkrans**, retired extension livestock specialist, Paris, Mo., was named Livestock Person of the Year by the University of Missouri-Columbia Block & Bridle Club.

In addition to working with livestock producers, Rosenkrans has taught young

people in livestock projects. He has coached 4-H meat judging teams from Monroe County and has also coached state champion livestock judging teams.

**Cooperative Beef Solutions™**, a new program designed to increase beef producer profitability, has been formed. The program includes four partners, each of whom contributes a piece to the program. Genex Cooperative Inc. offers its genetics to the program. Cooperative Resources International (CRI) subsidiary Central Livestock Auctions works in placement and sales of cattle in the upper Midwest. Midwest Microsystems LLC of Lincoln, Neb., adds its Cow Sense® software. The additional off-ranch cattle measurement, management, marketing and animal performance feedback function will be provided by the Accu-Trac® Electronic Cattle Management (ECM®) System from Micro Beef Technologies Ltd., Amarillo, Texas.

**Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine** will celebrate another milestone in its 111-year history: the dedication of its new Large Animal Teaching Hospital. The dedication will be Aug. 29 at 4 p.m.

Six AI sales representatives employed by KABA/Select Sires, Louisville, Ky., have been named members of the Select Sires President's Club. Among the 115 people throughout the country who earned this recognition are: **Kevin Armstrong**, Shelbyville, Ky.; **Phil Carter**, Bloomfield, Ky.; **Kenley Conner**, Junction City, Ky.; **Doug Geppert**, Columbia, Mo.; **Holland Smithson**, Everton, Mo.; and **Mike Tooley**, Bowling Green, Ky.

**ABS Global Inc.**, De Forest, Wis., received the 2003 Governor's Export Achievement Award from Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle at the Wisconsin International Trade Conference. Each year the governor recognizes firms and organizations that have achieved extraordinary results in international sales or that have contributed to Wisconsin's increased ability to compete in a global market.

**Pfizer Inc.** and **Pharmacia Corp.** have officially combined their operations, creating the world's largest research-based pharmaceutical company, according to a company news release.



■ Missouri Angus Ass'n annual banquet, Columbia, Feb. 22



► Clearwater Farm, Springfield, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are **Adam Owen** (left), herdsman, and **Jim Pipkin** (right), Springfield. Ernie Wallace, last year's winner, makes the presentation.



► The Missouri Angus Ass'n board of directors include (front row, from left) **Doc Wayne Smith**, Wini-gan, fieldman; **Dan Weigand**, Warrensburg, vice president; **John Moffitt**, Kirksville, president; **Jean Ryan**, Willard, treasurer; **Karen Jones**, Gainesville, president-elect; **Barbara McBride**, Centralia, secretary; **Kris Graupman**, Palmyra, director; **David Innes**, Armstrong, past president; **Ben Eggers**, Mexico, American Angus Ass'n director; (back row, from left) **Charles Gerloff**, Bland; **Brent Murphy**, Houstonia; **Rick Washam**, Pierce City; **Steve Birk**, Jackson; **Truman Wiles**, Willow Springs; **Max Creason**, Cowgill; and **Vernon Yager**, Sturgeon.



► The Brockman family, Brookfield, is inducted into the Missouri Angus Hall of Fame for their contributions to the Angus breed in Missouri. Pictured are (from left) Rance Long, Angus Hall of Fame; **Brian, Mrs. R.G.**, and **William Brockman**, all of Brookfield; and Tom Burke, Angus Hall of Fame.



► **Paul Raitel** (right), herdsman at Circle A Ranch, Iberia, was named Herdsman of the Year. Jim Pipkin presents the award.



► Leaders of the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Darla Eggers**, Mexico; **Shelly Kinne**, Eagleville; **De Etta Murphy**, Houstonia; **Joann Pipkin**, Springfield; and **Amy Iman Bellis**, Orrick, American Angus Auxiliary vice president.

**Tennessee Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Murfreesboro, March 7**



► The Steve May family, Hurricane Mills, was named Angus Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **Laura, Steve, Vivian and Josh May.**



► The Tennessee Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (seated, from left) **Bruce McDonald**, Fayetteville; **Alex Williams**, Gray, president; **Jim Hinton**, Trezevant, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Daniel Eldridge**, Johnson City; **Maurice Armstrong**, Eagleville; **Quintin Smith**, Lebanon; and **William Donnell**, Jackson, vice president.

**South Carolina Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Clemson, March 14**

► **Left:** The South Carolina Angus Ass'n dedicated the 2003 South Carolina Angus Futurity to **Roy and Elizabeth Heron**, Starr. The Herrons have been active members of the SCAA, and Roy has served in various leadership positions.



**Maryland Angus Ass'n**

► **Right:** **Cortney Hill-Dukehart** (center), of Sunrise Sunset Farm, Sykesville, Md., receives the Breeder of the Year award from the Maryland Angus Ass'n. **Charles** (right) and **Mary Sasscer** of Cedar Hill Farm present the award.



**Michigan Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Mason, March 9**



► Michigan Angus Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, president; **D'nece Coleman**, Niles, vice president and Miss Michigan Angus chair; **Vickie Meiburg**, North Branch, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Lois Foster**, Niles, historian; **Janel Horrocks-Boehmer**, Williamston, scholarship chair; and **Barb Sweeney**, Mason, awards chair.



► Michigan Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Steve Thelen**, Saline, president; **Phil Tuggle**, Ithaca, vice president; **Rebecca VanDenBerg**, Hudsonville, secretary; **Earl Boehmer**, Olivet, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Dave Hawkins**, Mason; **Steve Fitzner**, Bellevue; **Chuck Preston**, Prescott; **Bruce Foster**, Niles; **Rob Chapman**, Bellevue; **Amanda Powell**, Ionia; **Lawrence Bryson**, Bellevue; **Chris Jeffrey**, Webberville; **Lee Sweet**, Deckerville; and **Chuck Reid**, Eaton Rapids.

