



# Angus Stakes

► by *Shauna Rose Hermel*, editor

## No lazy days of summer here

*The new fall babies are up and running — signaling the new opportunities before us as we close out another busy summer.*

### Meeting coverage

And it has been busy. To cap it off, Angus Productions Inc. (API) offered online coverage of the Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) symposium hosted in Joplin, Mo., in August and the National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) hosted in Athens, Ga. Both meetings offered exceptional programs.

Troy Smith, Wes Ishmael, Steve Suther and I attended the ARSBC meeting, which emphasized using current estrous synchronization and artificial insemination technologies, along with proven genetics, to meet a high-quality target that can earn premiums. As one speaker toward the end of the conference lamented, heterosis was mentioned only about twice during the whole meeting. The rest of the meeting offered research and real-herd data supporting the profitability of straight-breeding to proven, high-accuracy Angus sires that combine calving ease, maternal ability and carcass merit.

You can find highlights of the meeting in this issue (see page 250). For comprehensive coverage, visit the Newsroom at [www.appliedreprostrategies.com/2011/Joplin](http://www.appliedreprostrategies.com/2011/Joplin). There you'll find summaries of the sessions,

proceedings papers and PowerPoints presented by the speakers to accompany their presentations, and audio. Our thanks to The Beef Reproductive Task Force, SEK Genetics and LiveAuctions.tv for the sponsorship to make the coverage possible.

Katie Gazda, Kasey Miller and Scott Johnson covered the NAC&T for us. I've heard rave reviews of the conference program, especially of the presentations by Tom Field and Bruce Vincent. I look forward to using the online coverage at [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com) to catch up on what I missed. And again thanks to Land O' Lakes Purina Feed LLC for the sponsorship to allow us to make the conference program available to the entire membership, including those, like me, who couldn't attend.

### Welcome Kasey Miller

Please help us welcome Kasey Miller to the staff of the *Angus Journal*. Kasey begins as associate editor Oct. 24.

Many of you who attended the NAC&T in early September had the opportunity to meet her, and I'm sure you recognized quickly why we are excited to bring her on board.

Kasey is completing her master's degree in

agricultural leadership, education and communications at Texas A&M this fall. The Indiana native also earned a bachelor's degree in ag communications and journalism, with a minor in communication, at A&M.

If you didn't have a chance to meet her in Athens, you'll have another opportunity in Louisville at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). We'll see you there.

### Oops

We noticed too late. On page 106 of the September *Angus Journal* we incorrectly identified Blake Boyd as leading the grand champion bred-and-owned female at the National Junior Angus Show. Blake's heifer was actually reserve champion. Grand champion honors went to Kyle Greiman. Both heifers were correctly represented in the show report.

Also, on page 105 we left out one of the names of the six young ladies who were elected to the National Junior Angus Association board of directors: Megan Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas.

We apologize for the errors and congratulate the families for their achievement.

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