

Carcass Champions

Winners named in NJAS carcass contest.

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Each year, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) allows Angus youth to gain a better perspective of the beef industry outside the showing through its carcass steer contest. This year, 21 contestants entered 26 animals in the competition at the 2006 NJAS July 9-15 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The contest was established in 1985 in an effort to increase awareness among junior Angus members of the important role that Angus cattle play in the beef industry. After being discontinued in 1991, the contest was reinstated in 1993.

Prize money is awarded to first through tenth places. First place receives \$1,000; second, \$750; third, \$500; fourth, \$400; fifth, \$350; sixth, \$300; seventh, \$250; eighth, \$200; ninth, \$150; and tenth, \$100. All cattle meeting the standards for *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) receive an additional 25% in premiums, and cattle processed through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIRSM) program also receive an additional 25% premium. The award for the champion state carcass group is \$100, and the reserve champion state carcass group receives \$75.



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► A junior Angus member leads his steer into the chute to get checked in for the NJAS carcass contest.

Flinton McCabe, Elk City, Kan., owned the grand champion carcass steer entry, which was sired by CA Future Direction 5321. The calf had a live weight of 1,123 pounds (lb.) and a hot carcass weight of 698 lb. The carcass had a dressing percentage of 62 and ribeye area (REA) of 14.4 square inches (sq. in.). The carcass graded low-Choice and had a Yield Grade (YG) of 1.47.

Reserve grand champion honors went to Sarah Butler, Bliss, Idaho. Her steer, sired by B/R New Design 323, had a live weight of 1,162 lb. and a hot carcass weight of 721 lb. The carcass had a dressing percentage of 62, a 13.5-sq.-in. REA and a 2.07 YG. It also graded low-Choice.

The Illinois juniors entered the grand champion state carcass group. Group members included Joseph Ring and Michael Ring, both of Oregon, and Laramie Chaffin, Roodhouse.

Reserve grand champion state carcass group honors went to a trio of girls from Kansas. Esther and Hannah McCabe, both of Elk City, and Mycah McColm, Baxter Springs, entered the winning trio.

Table 1: Top 11 placings in the 2006 NJAS carcass contest

Rank	Exhibitor	Entry	Wt., lb.	HCW, lb.	Dress, %	FT, in.	REA, sq. in.	KPH, %	QG	YG	CAB [®]	Index
1	Flinton McCabe	26	1,123	698	62.15	0.25	14.4	1.5	CH ⁻	1.47	N	107.09
2	Sarah Butler	23	1,162	721	62.05	0.30	13.5	2.0	CH ⁻	2.07	N	101.24
3	Clay Walser	9	1,080	653	60.46	0.40	12.4	2.5	CH ⁰	2.51	Y	100.36
4	Jacinda Dickinson	5	1,151	669	58.12	0.40	12.8	2.0	CH ⁻	2.35	N	98.06
5	Hannah McCabe	30	977	556	56.91	0.25	13.4	3.0	CH ⁻	1.55	N	97.67
6	Jordan Davis	19	1,022	639	62.52	0.25	12.3	2.0	CH ⁻	2.02	N	96.99
7	Jordan Barker	14	1,212	723	59.65	0.35	11.5	2.5	CH ⁻	2.94	N	89.12
8	James Pfeiffer	28	1,275	818	64.16	0.35	12.3	2.0	CH ⁻	2.95	N	88.42
9	Bailey Quam	4	1,242	775	62.40	0.20	12.5	2.0	CH ⁻	2.35	N	88.00
10	Joseph Ring	21	1,402	873	62.27	0.30	12.5	2.0	CH ⁰	2.97	Y	85.29
11	Mark Mitteness	22	1,177	759	64.49	0.40	10.0	3.0	CH ⁰	3.78	Y	81.46

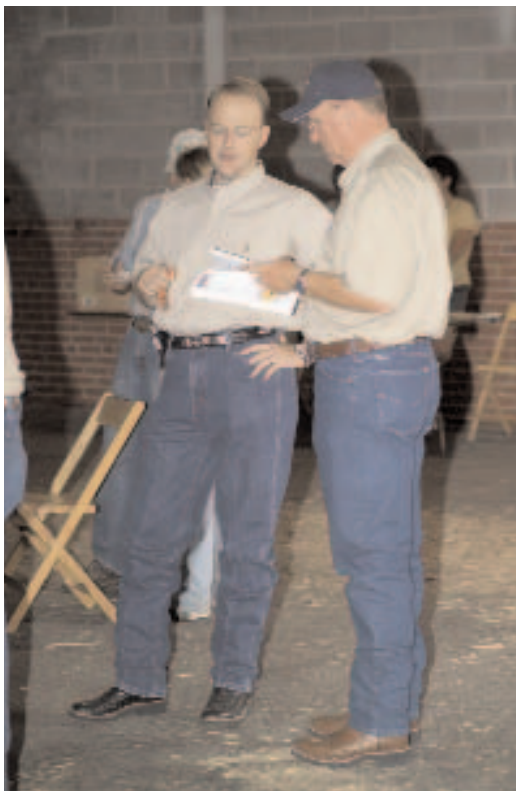


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► An Angus steer is loaded onto the trailer. Only three steers qualified for the CAB brand.



► Regional Manager Vern Frey tags a steer for the carcass contest.



► Mark McCully (left), CAB supply development director, and Don Laughlin, American Angus Association regional manager, visit during the carcass contest check-in.



► Regional managers and Association staff help check in steers, among a host of other assignments, while at the 2006 NJAS.

