

# NJAS Teaches Youth Carcass Value

The carcass contest helps Angus juniors see a bigger picture of the beef industry.

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**H**undreds of quality Angus cattle made the trip to Kansas City, Mo., for this year's National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), but the steers entered in the carcass contest never made the trip into the showing. The contest, sponsored by Briarwood Angus Farms, is geared toward giving juniors a chance to analyze the animals' carcass data after processing and learn about the end product of the industry — beef.

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members weighed their steers and sent them to an area processing plant. The animals were ranked according to carcass merit, and the top steers were announced as part of the NJAS awards ceremony July 10 at the American Royal Complex.

“As with all of our NJAA contests, the educational value for our Angus youth participating in the NJAS Carcass Steer Contest is immeasurable,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “The harvest data collected from their steer’s carcass helps them gain a better understanding of the quality and economic value of the end product they’ve produced

from the labor, time and money they invested in feeding the animal. This is absolutely invaluable as a teaching tool for Angus youth and the generous financial

support from Briarwood Angus has helped make this educational experience for these Angus youth possible and rewarding.”

Luke Sankey, Andale, Kan., won grand



► **Luke Sankey** (left), Andale, Kan., receives grand champion carcass steer honors from Curtis Long, Briarwood Angus Farms, contest sponsor.



► **Elizabeth Otte** (left), Saint Mary, Mo., receives grand champion B&O carcass steer honors from Long.

**WINNER NOT PICTURED:**

► **Wyatt Schumann**, Lecompton, Kan., received reserve champion carcass steer honors.

**2013 NJAS Carcass Contest Results**

Rank	Name	State Group	Entry #	Live Wt. (lb.)	Dressing %	HCW (lb.)	Fat (in.)	REA (sq. in.)	Marb Score (400 = Small <sup>00</sup> )	% KPH	QG
1	Sankey, Luke	KS 2	1	1,310	64.0%	838	0.50	13.40	740	2.0	PR <sup>-</sup>
2	Schumann, Wyatt	KS 2	10	1,290	65.4%	844	0.40	13.50	580	2.0	CH <sup>0</sup>
3	Laughlin, Samuel	MO 1	48	1,335	63.1%	843	0.45	14.10	660	2.0	CH <sup>+</sup>
4	Skow, Reagan	NE 1	46	1,380	63.3%	874	0.30	13.10	540	2.0	CH <sup>0</sup>
5	Otte, Elizabeth	MO 1	40	1,370	61.3%	840	0.50	12.60	550	2.0	CH <sup>0</sup>
6	Mogck, Chase		29	1,250	66.5%	831	0.60	12.90	570	2.0	CH <sup>0</sup>
7	Smith, Rachel		4	1,105	64.5%	713	0.40	12.20	630	2.5	CH <sup>+</sup>
8	Lienemann, Maci	NE 2	41	1,295	65.1%	843	0.40	13.30	470	2.0	CH <sup>-</sup>
9	Crowe, Kinsey		21	1,130	58.9%	666	0.25	10.20	530	2.5	CH <sup>0</sup>
10	Bromenshenk, Cortney		9	1,310	61.5%	805	0.20	14.40	470	2.0	CH <sup>-</sup>

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► **Kinsey Crowe** (left), West Alexandria, Ohio, receives reserve B&O champion carcass steer honors from Long.



► **Kansas** won champion carcass group. Pictured are (from left) Luke Sankey, Andale, recipient for the Kansas team; Long, contest sponsor; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. Not pictured is Wyatt Schumann, Lecompton.



► **Missouri** won reserve champion state carcass group. Pictured are (from left) Long, presenting the award; Elizabeth Otte, Saint Mary, recipient for the Missouri team; and Jenkins. Not pictured are Samuel Laughlin, Rich Hill, and Chase Monte, Mexico.

champion carcass steer. His 1,310-pound (lb.) steer sired by Bohi Rito 2 878 Rito 7019 had a 3.0 yield grade (YG) with a low-Prime quality grade (QG). He earned a premium \$175.98 on the contest grid.

Wyatt Schumann, Lecompton, Kan., had the reserve champion carcass steer. The 1,290-lb. steer sired by EXAR Franchise 8687 graded average Choice with a YG 2.8, earning a premium of \$168.80.

In the bred-and-owned (B&O) carcass steer division, Elizabeth Otte, Saint Mary, Mo., won grand champion. The 1,370-lb. steer sired by SS Fast Track M719 graded average-Choice with a 3.3 yield grade, earning a premium of \$134.40.

Kinsey Crowe, West Alexandria, Ohio,

took home the reserve champion B&O carcass steer honors. Her 1,130-lb. steer sired by OSU Currency 8173 graded average-Choice with a 2.5 yield grade, bringing a premium of \$123.21.

"I enjoy the carcass contest because it gives the steers kind of a second chance," Otte says. "If they're not pretty on the outside, like mine was, then they get another chance to show what's on the inside."

In the state group division, the team from Kansas won overall. Team members were Luke Sankey and Wyatt Schumann. In second place was the Missouri 1 team, consisting of Samuel Laughlin, Rich Hill; Elizabeth Otte; and Chase Monte, Mexico.



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Rank	Team	Name	Entry #	PREM \$/HD	State Avg
1	KS 2	Sankey, Luke	1	\$175.98	
1	KS 2	Schumann, Wyatt	10	\$168.80	
1	KS 2	Sankey, Luke	2	\$90.09	<b>\$144.96</b>
2	MO 1	Laughlin, Samuel	48	\$168.60	
2	MO 1	Otte, Elizabeth	40	\$134.40	
2	MO 1	Monte, Chase	38	\$117.45	<b>\$140.15</b>
3	NE 1	Skow, Reagan	46	\$148.58	
3	NE 1	Lienemann, Sydni	31	\$119.10	
3	NE 1	Schafer, Savannah	3	\$115.57	<b>\$127.75</b>
4	NE 2	Lienemann, Maci	41	\$126.45	
4	NE 2	Skow, Reagan	8	\$114.60	
4	NE 2	Skow, Reagan	24	\$87.01	<b>\$109.35</b>
5	KS 1	Carpenter, Anna	35	\$98.28	
5	KS 1	Pearson, Miles	17	\$91.30	
5	KS 1	Wulfkuhle, Kelsey	23	\$86.46	<b>\$92.01</b>

	YG	CAB®	GRID PREM (\$/cwt.)	CARCASS PREM \$/HD
	3.0	Yes	21.00	\$175.98
	2.8	Yes	20.00	\$168.80
	2.7	Yes	20.00	\$168.60
	2.8	Yes	17.00	\$148.58
	3.3	Yes	16.00	\$134.40
	3.4	Yes	16.00	\$132.96
	2.8	Yes	18.50	\$131.91
	2.8		15.00	\$126.45
	2.9	Yes	18.50	\$123.21
	1.9		15.00	\$120.75