

NJAA Recognizes an Illinois 'Show Mom'

Sherry Adcock named Advisor of the Year at the 2015 NJAS.

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Sherry Adcock of Moweaqua, Ill., is often the first in the barns at a cattle show. After years of service to the Illinois Junior Angus Association (IJAA), junior members are proud to consider her a “show mom” who is always prepared and willing to lend a hand.

A warm personality, coupled with a strong dedication to the Angus breed and its youth, are a few reasons why Adcock was recognized with the Advisor of the Year award during the 2015 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla.

“Sherry is one of those extraordinary leaders who will do whatever is necessary to achieve success, no matter the task,” says Gabrielle Lemenager, IJAA president and recently elected director of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). “She is best known as the organized perfectionist who does a great deal of the behind-the-scenes work that many of our juniors never realize occurs.”

Youth also say Sherry is devoted to each individual. She encourages juniors from their first year to their last to become more involved within the organization. Arriving before the show begins to get things started and leaving once everything is cleaned, Sherry has earned the moniker “show mom.”

“Sherry has touched the lives of so many kids in a positive way because of her selfless devotion of both her time and energy to the betterment of the IJAA,” writes the McClure family, Lawrenceville, Ill. “She sees the bigger picture well beyond just showing cattle and how these organizations can leave a lasting imprint on our youth.”

Though Sherry is known for being a positive influence for Illinois Angus juniors, she is also deeply involved within her community as a 4-H leader, past Central A&M School District nurse, member of her church and a local judging competitor.

“Sherry has an undeniable passion for Angus cattle, the Angus industry and Angus people,” says Keegan Cassady, IJAA secretary. “She expects everyone to do their share without complaining and treats all of us equally with praise and encouragement.”

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► **Sherry Adcock** (right) was named Advisor of the Year by the National Junior Angus Association. Pictured presenting the award is Jessica Radcliffe, retiring NJAA leadership director.



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(NJAA) presents the Advisor of the Year Award annually at the NJAS. Honorees receive a detailed portrait sketch that celebrates their commitment to the future of the Angus breed.

Introduced in 1980, the award recognizes the tremendous contributions of junior Angus association advisors. Any junior Angus association advisor is eligible for the award by sending in a letter of nomination.

The NJAA promotes the involvement of young people in raising Angus cattle, while also providing leadership and self-development opportunities for nearly 6,000 active members nationwide. For more information about the NJAS or the NJAA, look online or call the Association at 816-383-5100.



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