



► State associations gathered their members to participate in opening ceremonies Saturday evening.



► **Above:** Those serving from the Nebraska Junior Angus Association and those eating enjoyed the ice cream social that followed opening ceremonies.

► **Below:** Junior Angus members took time out from the week's work to participate in a worship service in Hale Arena Sunday morning.



Show Dedication

Curtis and Ann Long have shown decades of dedication to the Angus breed.

The Missouri Junior Angus Association is honored to dedicate the 2013 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to Curtis and Ann Long, owners of Briarwood Angus Farm, Butler, Mo. For nearly 50 years, the Longs have made substantial commitments to improving the quality of the Angus breed, as well as the development of Angus youth. This vision and dedication began with their support of Missouri youth and programs, but over the past decade has expanded to the national level with support of the Angus Foundation and NJAS.



“Doc” Long was born in Ironton, Mo., and moved to Festus, Mo., early in his childhood. He enrolled in the University of Missouri (MU) School of Agriculture in 1952 and received a bachelor’s degree in agricultural biochemistry. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and helped start a foundation to support the university’s chapter.

After graduation, Long went home to work as a cattle buyer in his father’s meatpacking house, an experience that taught him the importance of carcass quality and later would have significant impact on his life. Two years later he married Ann Hammack and moved back to Columbia to attend the MU Medical School. He graduated in 1963, after intensive surgical training at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, and then completed an internship at General Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., with an emphasis in obstetrics and surgery.

Impacting lives

In 1964, the Longs moved to Butler, Mo., where Doc established his medical practice — which is still serving the community nearly 50 years later — and began raising Angus cattle. He joined the American Angus Association in 1967, and the Missouri Angus Association in 1974 — serving as its president from 2001-2002. He later was inducted into the Missouri Angus Association Hall of Fame.

Briarwood Angus Farm includes more than 1,900 acres of native prairie, cropland and permanent pasture where the Longs manage more than 200 registered-Angus cows and host an annual production sale.

Years of involvement in state and national activities helped the Longs become strong advocates of junior Angus programs and the Angus Foundation. They established the Missouri State Fair Angus Carcass Contest in 1998 and continue to fund scholarships with the Missouri Angus Association today.

Because the Briarwood herd has always placed significance on the value of carcass information, Doc and Ann were inspired to establish a permanent endowment to support the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) carcass contest awards each year at the NJAS. Their gift was used for the first time in 2008 to provide cash awards to the top 10 carcasses, as well as premiums to all other qualifying entries. All carcasses that met *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) standards received an additional 25% in premiums. By providing this permanent endowment, the Longs hope to increase awareness among Angus youth about the economic benefits of producing outstanding beef carcasses.

Doc’s level of dedication to the Angus breed can only be compared to his commitment to providing medical care to rural communities. He performed the first laparoscopic surgery in the state of Missouri, developed a new technique for tonsillectomies, and for many years, delivered about 100 babies per year. Named Missouri Physician of the Year in 2010, Long also was recognized by the MU School of Medicine for developing a residents’ training program that teaches new physicians the skills necessary for bringing comprehensive health care to rural areas.

The Longs have two sons, Curtis W. Long Jr. and Kent Long, as well as two grandchildren.

Doc and Ann Long are dedicated to helping Angus youth become the next generation of leaders for the Angus breed, as well as focus on the end product. They believe in their steadfast commitment to the longstanding reputation of Angus genetics and developing Angus youth that will contribute to the success of Angus genetics in the nation’s cow herd. The NJAA thanks them for their decades of dedication to junior Angus programs and betterment of the Angus breed.

Congratulations to Doc and Ann Long and Briarwood Angus Farm on this special honor.