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► Cattle line up in the morning's dramatic shadows before Denver's famous carload and pen competitions.

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Angus genetics showcased in the Yards at 2016 National Western Angus Carload & Pen Show.

Angus producers competed for top honors during the 2016 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Carload & Pen Show Jan. 16 in Denver, Colo. Six carloads and 43 pens of three were showcased in the Yards during the 110th NWSS. Arlen Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Doug Slattery, Chappell Hill, Texas; and Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., evaluated the bulls and heifers and selected champions.

Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., claimed grand champion carload, with 10 January 2015 bulls sired by EXAR Denver 2002B, Sitz Top Game 561X, Deer Valley All In and Connealy Black Granite. The group weighed an average of 1,463 pounds (lb.) and posted an average scrotal circumference of 40.3 centimeters (cm).

Vin-Mar Cattle Co., Gordon, Neb., exhibited the reserve grand champion carload with January and February 2015 bulls sired by SAV Hot Iron 0941, Vin-Mar Johnny Cash 3513, Vin-Mar Monumental 3575, SAV Resource 1441, Bush's Triple Threat 851, SAV Pursuit 0160 and EXAR Denver 2002B. The 10 bulls posted an average weight of 1,399 lb. and an average scrotal circumference of 39.0 cm.

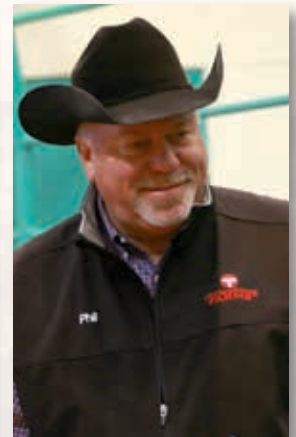
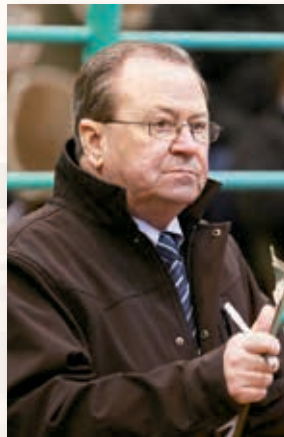
Frey Angus Ranch, Granville, N.D., showcased the grand champion pen of three

bulls with September 2014 sons of Young Dale Xcaliber 32X. The trio posted an average weight of 1,720 lb. and an average scrotal circumference of 41.0 cm. The bulls first won champion yearling pen.

Krebs Ranch, Gordon, Neb., captured the reserve grand champion pen of three bulls after first claiming early calf champion. The January and February 2015 sons of Barstow Cash and CFCC Black Jack 001 posted an average weight of 1,450 lb. and an average scrotal circumference of 38.2 cm.

McCurry Angus Ranch, Burrton, Kan., showcased the grand champion pen of three heifers with September and October 2014 daughters of SAV Bismarck 5682. The trio posted an average weight of 1,147 lb. The heifers first won champion yearling pen.

Bear Mountain Angus, Palisade, Neb., captured the reserve grand champion pen of three heifers after first claiming early calf champion. The January 2015 daughters of PVF Insight 0129 posted an average weight of 998 lb.



► Doug Slattery (left), Arlen Sawyer (center) and Phil Trowbridge (right) evaluated the pens and carloads.



► Teams prepare cattle in the Yards for an event that is only hosted in Denver.



► This year was the inaugural year for heifers in the pen-of-three show.

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NWSS Angus Carload & Pen Show

Jan. 16 • No. entries: 49 • Judges: Arlen Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Doug Slattery, Chappell Hill, Texas; and Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y.

GRAND CHAMPIONS



► **Left:** Grand champion carload, by **Express Angus Ranches**.

► **Below:** Grand champion pen of three heifers, by **McCurry Angus Ranch**.

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► Grand champion pen of three bulls, by **Frey Angus Ranch**.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS



► **Left:** Reserve grand champion carload, by **Vin-Mar Cattle Co.**

► **Below:** Reserve grand champion pen of three heifers, by **Bear Mountain Angus**.



► Reserve grand champion pen of three bulls, by **Krebs Ranch**.



DIVISION WINNERS, PEN SHOW (not pictured)

► Late calf champion pen of three bulls, by **Express Angus Ranches**. The Feb. 2015 bulls posted an average weight of 1,293 lb. and are sired by AAR Ten X 7008 SA, GAR Prophet and EXAR EZX 3772B.

► Reserve late calf champion pen of three bulls, by **Mogck Angus Farms**, Tripp, S.D. The Jan. and Feb. 2015 bulls posted an average weight of

1,288 lb. and are sired by MAF Tanker 23 and Barstow Cash.

► Reserve early calf champion pen of three bulls, by **Hoffman Ranch**, Thedford, Neb. The Jan. 2015 bulls weighed an average of 1,387 lb. and are sired by Musgrave Big Sky.

► Reserve champion yearling pen of three bulls,

by **Werner Angus LLC**, Cordova, Ill. The Dec. 2014 and Jan. 2015 bulls posted an average weight of 1,478 lb. and are sired by Connealy Capitalist 028 and Connealy Black Granite.

► Reserve early heifer calf champion, by **Bobcat Angus LLP**, Galata, Mont. The Feb. 2015 heifers posted an average weight of 923 lb. and are sired by Musgrave Big Sky.

