



Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for** members of our Angus family. *Compiled by Linda Robbins.*

IN THE NEWS

Evenson Angus Farm of Hettinger, N.D., has been recognized by the American Angus Association with the Historic Angus Herd Award, presented to Angus breeders or immediate families who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

Will Evenson founded the family homestead in 1907 and became the first of what would be four generations on the ranch.

Will's son, Ernest, and his wife, Lillian, purchased the existing ranch in 1945 and began a dairy operation. In 1952, they purchased 12 registered Angus females from the famous Henry Henke herd of Hannover, N.D. This purchase patented the Ernest Evenson and Sons registered Angus herd. In 1972, Ernest and Lillian sold the ranch to their sons, Bill and Wally.

Since then, the farm has expanded to approximately 11,000 acres, and, since 1980, has hosted 31 annual production sales. The Evensons have also consigned numerous top-performing and top-selling bulls to the annual North Dakota Angus Bull Sale. The herd sire, Rally New Frontier 523, was selected as the second-ranked bull of the 2006 Midland Bull Test Sale and went on to be a proven Pathfinder® Sire.

Throughout the ranch's development, the Evensons have used technology, including artificial insemination (AI), performance testing and ultrasound, to improve their herd. The family has collected carcass data on 55 head of homebred, raised and fed steers, which achieved 97% Choice or higher, 20% Prime and 46% *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®).

In November 2011, the historic Evenson

Angus Complete Cow Herd Dispersal marked the first-ever Angus registered females sold as breeding stock. The 2010 and 2011 heifer crops were retained to carry the program in the seventh decade. Today, the herd consists of 400 registered Angus cows for breeding stock and another 150 purebred Angus cows managed as commercials.

The operation continues to be family-owned by Bill and Eleanora Evenson, Trevor and Carrie Strand, Wally Evenson and Rodney Evenson.

Knop Angus Farm, Ida Grove, Iowa, has been recognized by the Association with the Historic Angus Herd Award. The farm began in 1941 with a 4-H purebred heifer project. The first cattle, bought in Nebraska and Iowa, contributed to a long line of showing success for Fred Knop's lineage.

The Knop family exhibited cattle at several major shows and earned some prestigious accomplishments along the way. One top honor was showing the junior champion bull and the reserve grand champion heifer at the 1974 International Live Stock Show in Chicago, Ill. Eugene Knop's daughter, Sheryl, received the top showman title and son Dennis showed the grand champion owned heifer at the 1981 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Nashville, Tenn. A year later, the family claimed the grand champion bred-and-owned heifer at the 1982 NJAS in Milwaukee, Wis.

The ownership changed to Eugene and Colleen Knop in 1969 and grew to 250 cows with two production sales per year. There are currently 50 cows in the herd owned and managed by Eugene and his son, Dan.

Hickory Knoll Angus, Gary Eichhorn and family, Tipton, Iowa, has been honored with the Historic Angus Herd Award.

The operation began in 1949, when Gary's grandfather, James Nowack, and father, Stanley Eichhorn, took him to the Lakewood Dispersion. Gary bought his first Angus heifer sired by Prince of Lakewood. His second Angus heifer purchase was in 1951 at the spring Hawkeye Angus Sale.

The base of the herd grew into a 250-acre farm and partnership, Hickory Knoll Angus, Stanley Eichhorn and son. Eichhorn lineage has been added to the partnership

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Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 9



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►The Louisiana Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Chris Roussel**, Gramercy, president; **Lee Robbins**, Ruston, vice president; **Dale Schexnayder**, Port Allen, treasurer; **Ray Gendron**, Baton Rouge, secretary; (standing, from left) **Lana Myers**, Jennings; **Drew Hall**, Ethel; **Dave Means III**, Gloster; **Warren Bryan**, Ruston; **Greg Tate**, Ville Platte; **Edward Hymel**, Vacherie; **David Billingsley**, Keithville; and **Charles Chicola**, Deville.

►Several members received awards for top-selling bulls at the Louisiana Angus Ass'n Bull Sale. Pictured are (from left) Faith Guice, Louisiana Angus princess; **Dave Means III**, Roseneath Plantation, Gloster, consignor of the over-20-month-old bulls; **Edward Hymel**, Sugarland Cattle Co., Vacherie, consignor of the under-20-month-old bulls; **Ray Gendron**, Moonshine Angus, Baton Rouge, consignor of the top-indexing bull at the Louisiana State University Bull Test; and Nancy Bickham, Louisiana Angus queen.



► **Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Springfield, Feb. 24**

► The 2012 officers and directors for the Illinois Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Kevin Cassidy**, Ancona, president; **Luke Lemenager**, Hudson, vice president; **Aaron Schafer**, Owaneco, secretary; **Stan Prox**, Macomb, business manager; **T.J. Curtin**, Blue Mound, past president; (standing, from left) **Lee Stremsterfer**, Pleasant Plains; **Rick Dickinson**, Congerville; **Wayne Conrady**, Lincoln; **Ryan Schlipf**, El Paso; **Kevin Eathington**, Avon; **Richard Hurst**, Dorsey; **Nancy Harsy**, Murphysboro; **Dale Rhode**, Kingston; **Joel York**, Palestine; **Michael Prescott**, Springfield; **Kevin Rose**, Salem; **Steve Kieseewetter**, Farmington; **Annie Ruyle**, Roodhouse; **John Kirchner**, Oregon; **Cheryl Day**, Cerro Gordo; and **Rob Fanning**, Cordova.



► **Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Dells, Feb. 11**

► Officers and directors for the Wisconsin Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Andy Mindemann**, Oconomowoc, president; **Scott Gaffney**, Barneveld, vice president; **Ardel Quam**, Lodi, secretary-treasurer; **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, Auxiliary president; **Jessica Radcliffe**, Weston, Junior Angus president; (standing, from left) **Jenny Kilpatrick**, Tomah; **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore; **Dustin Henningfeld**, Wauwatosa; **Jaelyn Bevan**, Platteville; **Justin Diefenbach**, Mineral Point; **Dale Heagle**, Seymour; **Jim Hawthorne**, Westby; **Becky Henderson**, East Troy; and **Cody Quam**, Lodi.



► **3D Angus**, Calvin and Jayne Dalton, Pardeeville, and **Bill Hilleman**, Hilleman Angus, Richland Center, received the Top Producer Award. Pictured are (from left) Cal and Jayne Dalton, Hillman, and Mel Niemann, presenting the awards. Hillman received an award for the top-performing bull at the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Bull Test. The Daltons received an award for the top-performing bull at the St. Croix Valley Bull Test.



► **Lone Willow Angus**, Fennimore, received the Breeder of the Year Award and the 2011 Show Bull of the Year Award for LW Lookout 2140. Pictured are (from left) Courtney Jentz, Kayla and Casey Jentz, representing Lone Willow Angus, and Andy Mindemann, presenting.

► **Right:** The WJAA presented **Chad** and **Becky Henderson**, East Troy, with the Advisor of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) Chad and Becky Henderson; and Jessica Radcliffe, WJAA president, presenting the award.



► **Left:** Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, president; **Mary Kohl**, Waterloo, vice president; and **Renee Radcliffe**, Weston, secretary-treasurer.

► **Right:** **Country Lane Farm**, Ringle, received the Exhibitor of the Year Award and the 2011 Show Heifer of the Year Award for Mindemann CLF Miss USA 1065. Pictured are (from left) Mia Bayer, representing Country Lane Farms, and Mindemann, presenting.



WINNER NOT PICTURED

► **Bockhop Angus**, Belmont, received the award for the 2011 Cow-Calf of the Year, HBL Marleigh 929.

throughout the years using AI, and by adding Teri Baird; Sean, Angela and Jaclynne Driscoll; and Tyler Baird.

The herd is now in its fifth generation of family operation and is managed by Gary. The herd consists of 40 head, and each year a calf crop is sold as breeding stock. It all goes back to the beginning, though, and the Eichhorn family credits Nowacheck for their passion and success in the cattle industry.

Before this operation, Nowacheck

had a herd of his own, which began in 1912. Nowacheck purchased a \$20 lifetime membership to the American Angus Association and began registering cattle. However, during the Depression era, Nowacheck ceased registration and continued with a commercial Angus herd.

Gary L. Minish has been named the 2012 Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery inductee by officials of the Kentucky State Fair Board.

The gallery serves as the livestock industry's hall of fame. For those involved in animal agriculture, this selection is one of the highest honors one can receive. It is bestowed by the Saddle and Sirloin award committee based on service to and impact on the industry.

Minish began his teaching career in 1962 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where he was



Gary Minish

ultimately named head of the Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences in 1994. During his 40 years of service, he has been a teacher, intercollegiate livestock judging team coach, student mentor and extension specialist. He served as dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Southern Illinois University from 2004 until his retirement in 2010. He is the recipient of numerous agriculture education and industry awards and widely recognized for his improvements to academic programs for animal science and agriculture. Today, he and wife Roberta live in Plano, Texas.

During his career, Minish contributed significantly to the livestock industry in the United States and abroad, as well as to higher education at every level. Early in his career he recognized the need for leaner, more heavily muscled and faster-growing cattle. He set out to educate the industry on the benefits of changing from the smaller, fatter cattle of the 1950s and 1960s. He wrote and spoke extensively on the subject, including co-authoring a textbook about beef production and management that supports the type change.

Because of his expertise and passion, he became one of the most sought-after beef cattle show judges in the 1970s and 1980s. He officiated at national shows for 10 breeds of cattle in more than 30 states and in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Scotland and Uruguay. He judged at nearly every leading American show, including the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago, the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver and the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville.

Minish has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1957.

IN PASSING

Robert "Bob" McGuire, 80, died Feb. 27 at the University of Alabama (UAB) Hospital in Birmingham, Ala.

Bob was born Aug. 7, 1931, to Ralph

Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jackson, March 11



► Elected to serve as Michigan Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Scott Foster**, Niles, American Angus Association director; **Monte Bordner**, Sturgis, president; **Merle Boehmer**, Williamston, vice president; **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, secretary; **Lisa Bohlen**, Salem, treasurer; **Chuck Preston**, Prescott; (standing, from left) **Kirk Sterzick**, Lowell; **Bob Zellmer**, Nashville; **Ed Dawson**, Jackson; **Dave Lutchka**, Grass Lake; **Kevin Beckington**, Merritt; **Tim Ruggles**, Kingston; **Heather Everett**, Lake Odessa; **Ken Geuns**, Bath; and **Clifford Simmons**, Williamston.



► **Kirk Sterzick** (right) receives the Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n 2012 Adult Appreciation award from Justin Kennedy.



► Officers and committee chairwomen for the 2012 Michigan Angus Auxiliary are (seated, from left) **Kris Boehmer**, Charlotte, president; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, vice president; **Sue Merriman**, Lowell, historian; (standing, from left) **Sharon Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, nominations chair; **Janel Horrocks-Boehmer**, Williamston, Miss Michigan Angus chair; and **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, awards chair.



► Left: **Merle Boehmer** and **Janel Horrocks-Boehmer**, Williamston, received the Heritage Award for their involvement and contribution to the Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n and the Angus breed. Pictured are (from left) Janel; Merle; and Bob Zellmer, banquet MC, presenting the award.

and Sallie McGuire in Brevard, N.C. He graduated from Brevard High School in 1950, where he lettered in football and was active in the Future Farmers of America organization. He attended Brevard College and was a member of the football team.

He married Ann Cudd June 20, 1954, and they moved to Raleigh, N.C., so he could resume his college studies. With Ann's help and support, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from North Carolina State University (NC State) in 1957.

He served as assistant county agent in Durham County, N.C., then was an instructor of animal science at NC State, where he earned a master's degree in animal science in 1960. He worked as an extension animal husbandry specialist in the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. He earned a doctorate in animal physiology from the University of Kentucky in 1965.

After returning to positions at NC State, he served four years at the University of Georgia as an extension animal scientist. His career culminated with 19 years of service at Auburn University as head of extension animal science. He was named professor emeritus of animal science upon his retirement from Auburn in 1994.

Bob was an active member of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), serving on committees and the board at the national and regional level, including as president of the Southern Section in 1977-1978. Many family vacations revolved around attending the annual ASAS conferences, hosted at land-grant colleges across the country.

He served as superintendent of the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago for four years in the 1960s and later served on the National 4-H Animal Science Program Development Committee. He judged livestock shows throughout the United States, including the NWSS.

In Alabama, he instituted the Alabama Purebred Beef Breeds Council and contributed extensively to the development of the Stocker-700 program. He served as president of the Lee County Cattlemen's Association, was named Father of the Year by the Lee County CattleWomen, was recognized with his family as the Alabama Angus Association Family of the Year in 1986, received the Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Richard Deese Award in 1993, was named Alabama Limousin Breeder

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► Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Louisville, March 2



►The Kentucky Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Jamie Marksbury**, Buffalo; **Jason Crowe**, Irvine; **James Coffey**, Hustonville, vice president; **Kenley Conner**, Hodgenville, president; **Anne Stewart Clark**, Frankfort, secretary-treasurer; **Mark Warren**, Lebanon, past president; **Joe Goggin**, Danville; (standing, from left) **Gregory Stone**, Danville; **Tom McGinnis**, Shelbyville; **Eddie Burks**, Park City; **Keith Johnson**, Slaughters; **William Jasper**, Nicholasville; and **Gil Cowles**, Rockfield.

►**Right: The Shaw family**, Hodgenville, received the Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (front row, from left) Chris and Cathy Shaw; Mark Warren, Kentucky Angus Ass'n president; Jim Shaw; and Josh, Jacob, Jamie and Ellee Marksbury; (back row, from left) Jimmy and Holly Shaw.



►**Thomas Cox**, Danville, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Pictured are (from left) Jimmy, Cassie and Caitie Winn; Jeanne Cox; Warren; Thomas Cox; Beverly Breyette; Stephanie Cox; and Nicole Breyette.



►**The Boyd family**, Mayslick, received the Performance Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Blake Boyd; Warren; Logan Boyd; and Charles and Paula Boyd.



►**Paula Boyd** (left), Mayslick, and **Jamie Marksbury**, Buffalo, serve as junior advisors.

South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Anderson, March 16



►The South Carolina Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Neil Boyd**, Clover; **Frankie Mullikin**, Pendleton, president; **Windy Bartee**, Clover, secretary; **F. Lewis Smith**, Pendleton, outgoing president; **Jesse Adkins**, Pelzer; (back row, from left) **Ted Bourne**, Donalds, vice president; **Larry Olson**, Blackville; **Mike Johnson**, Kinards, treasurer; and **Steve McPhail II**, Inman.



►**Ted** (center) and **Windy Bartee** (right), **Tumble T Bar T**, Clover, were inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. Pictured presenting the award is **Walter Shealy III**.



►**F. Lewis Smith** (right), Pendleton, receives the outgoing president award from **Frankie Mullikin**, incoming president.



►**Jesse and Debbie Adkins**, **Hurricane Creek Angus**, Pelzer, receive the 41st Annual Carolina Angus Futurity dedication honor.



►**James Herron**, **Glo-Bar Farms**, Starr, was inducted posthumously into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. Accepting the award in honor of James are his children. Pictured are (from left) **Walter Shealy III**, presenting the award; daughters **Diane Johnson** and **Gloria Kelly**, and son **Levis Herron Jr.**

of the Year in 1994, and was named Alabama Angus Association Breeder of the Year in 2001.

He was inducted into the Alabama Livestock Hall of Fame in 1997, was honored as a Lifetime Director of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, and was recognized by the Alabama Angus Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

Bob traveled to every county in Alabama, was a well-known speaker, making hundreds of presentations to agricultural organizations across the state, and wrote a popular monthly column for 19 years in the *Alabama Cattleman* magazine.

A lifelong Christian, educator and cattleman, Bob was an excellent husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He loved all of God's creation and never met a stranger. He coached championship Little League baseball teams and enjoyed all sports from NC State basketball to Atlanta Braves baseball to Auburn football.

Bob was ordained as a deacon at St. John's Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C. He also served as a deacon at Auburn First Baptist Church, where he and Ann were longtime members of the Fishers Sunday School class.

After his retirement, Bob focused on McGuire Cattle Co. with his son, Mike, and pursued his hobby of raising mules, donkeys and horses. He restored his grandfather's wagon and participated in many wagon-ride events with family and his many friends.

Throughout his career and his active retirement, Bob's life truly embodied the ideals of the Extension Service creed. He continued as an avid supporter of youth livestock events and was proud of the participation and achievements of grandsons Clay and Reid.

Bob is survived by daughters Karen and Jan; son Mike; his wife, Jo Ann Baynard McGuire; sisters Margaret and Clara; and two grandsons.

Maralee Johnson, 61, Springfield, Ill., died March 21 at Saint John's Hospice.

She was born April 10, 1950, in Greenfield, Ill., the daughter of Raymond and Eileen (Opper) Mears.

Maralee worked at the Illinois Beef Association for 23 years, where she served as executive vice president for the past 13 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Springfield, served on the ACES Alumni Association Board for the University of Illinois and on the Pleasant Plains School Board, serving as president.

Maralee is survived by son Brent;

daughter Lindsay; her mother; brothers Larry and Leland; and grandsons Owen and Max.

Mark Perez, 58, Crows Landing, Calif., died March 24 at his residence.

Mark was born in Modesto, Calif., and grew up in the Crows Landing area. He attended local schools and was senior class president at his high school. He received a bachelor's degree in agricultural business at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Upon graduation, Mark went to work for the Perez Family Business, in charge of produce sales, spending time in Firebaugh, Calif., and Nogales, Ariz., selling cantaloupes, strawberries, tomatoes, melons and other vegetables. He also sold asparagus in the Tracy area.

In the last several years he was in charge of tomato sales for San Joaquin Tomato Growers in Crows Landing. He was on the board of the Western Growers Association, California Tomato Farmers, California Angus Association, Fresno Madera Farm Credit and West Side Equipment.

His hobbies included cattle, which started as a 4-H club project and worked into a business starting with commercial cattle and moving to a registered Angus herd. He was an occasional golfer and enjoyed getting together with friends and playing gin rummy. He also enjoyed watching sports, especially baseball.

Mark was a fun-loving guy who enjoyed life to its fullest. In the midst of his struggle in the past year, he remained positive with great courage and strength. He has been an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a loyal and supportive friend, father, son and brother.

Mark is survived by son Mark Jr.; daughter Ashley; father Thomas; and sister Tina.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Mark and **Miranda Reiman**, Cozad, Neb., announce the birth of their daughter, **Cassidy Catherine**, on Nov. 12, 2011. She weighed 7 lb., 1 oz., and was 20-1/2 in. long. She was welcomed home by brother Carson and sister Brooklyn.

Grandparents are Mark and Karla Malo, East Chain, Minn., and Ed and Cathy Reiman, Butte, Neb.

Miranda is assistant director of industry information with Certified Angus Beef (CAB) LLC.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Brian Curless, Pittsfield, Ill., a first-time

entrant in the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC), won the fourth and last quarterfinal competition in Groesbeck, Texas, to qualify for the 2012 WLAC championship, scheduled for June 16 at the Turlock Livestock Auction Yard Inc., Turlock, Calif.

Reserve champion was **Bailey Ballou**, Elgin, Okla., and runner-up champion was **Tanner Ragan** from Sulphur Springs, Texas. The other top finishers from the Groesbeck competition were **Justin Abell**, Signourey, Iowa; **Greg Goudeau**, Anderson, Texas; **Jake Jacobs**, Yoakum, Texas; **B.J. Monk**, Weatherford, Texas; and **Billy Younkin**, Cecil, Ala.

The WLAC was created and is conducted by the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA). This year, 33 contestants (eight from the four quarterfinal contests plus the international winner) from 17 U.S. states and three Canadian provinces will compete for the 2012 championship.

Tom Whitten has joined Vets Plus Inc. in the position of technical field support. Utilizing his nearly 30 years of experience as a veterinarian for large and small animals, he will oversee the composition and development of editorial and technical articles for the company, and assist in field trials and in research and development. He will also serve as a national accounts manager for assigned customer accounts.

Tim Bettington has been promoted to vice president of sales and marketing for all of Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc. (BIVI) business segments, including pet, swine, cattle and equine. In this newly created position, Bettington is responsible for the execution and success of all species business priorities. For the last two years, Bettington has been executive director of swine sales and marketing for BIVI, a position he will continue to fill in conjunction with his new role. The promotion was effective April 1.

Katie Johnson, Pepin, Wis., has joined R&D LifeSciences as an animal nutritionist. She will also serve as the northern territory manager for the company.

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Radale Tiner Joins the Association as regional manager

The American Angus Association welcomes Radale Tiner of Hempstead, Texas, as regional manager for New Mexico and Texas. As a regional



Radale Tiner

manager, Tiner becomes one of the most valuable resources for a beef producer with Angus or Angus-influenced genetics.

"The whole network the Angus family has to offer is exciting," Tiner says.

"There are so many opportunities with the breed, and I am looking forward to getting out there and helping producers connect and market their cattle."

Expect to see Tiner at Angus events and sales throughout the region. He is available to answer any Association or cattle questions that may arise. In addition to assisting producers, Tiner says he is excited for the chance to work with young cattle enthusiasts and be a part of their experiences.

"There is no doubt that Radale will do a fantastic job as the new regional manager for Texas and New Mexico," says Bryce Schumann, the Association's CEO. "We look forward to the improvements Radale will bring to the business breed, and it's a privilege to work with such a passionate and talented individual."

A native of Texas, Tiner studied general agriculture at Sam Houston State University and is a graduate of the Missouri Auction School. He has previously served as a field representative for *The Brahman Journal* in Hempstead, Texas, where he was responsible for advertising sales and campaign development. Tiner has also worked for Camp Cooley of Franklin, Texas, and gained experience marketing Angus, Brangus and Charolais bulls. He was a ranch manager for Fluharty Farms of Gause, Texas, as well.

Just prior to joining the Association, Tiner was an area sales manager for BioZyme/VitaFerm of Saint Joseph, Mo. During his time there, he made valuable connections in the region and across the livestock industry.

"Angus is one of the most well-known breeds in the world," Tiner says. "Angus plays a huge role in so many people's lives, and with a combination of other things, that is why I enjoy the breed so much."

Contact Tiner at rtiner@angus.org or 979-492-2663 for help locating Angus seedstock or to answer questions about Association programs and services.