

Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for** members of our Angus family

IN THE NEWS

► Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Stillwater, May 2



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► Oklahoma Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors for 2009 are (seated, from left) **Mark Johnson**, Mulhall, president; **Bill Majors**, Ponca City, vice president; **Richard Samuelson**, Chester, secretary/treasurer; **Carol Smith**, Claremore, past president; **Jarold Callahan**, Edmond, American Angus Association Board member; (standing, from left) **Alan Armbruster**, Burlington; **Rod Channel**, Miami; **Will Cabbage**, Oologah; **Coy Farmer**, Prague; **Mike Nault**, Enid; and **Pat Merrick**, Blanchard.



► **Col. John Riffle** (right), USAF retired, Pleasant Hill, Mo., was reappointed to the Missouri Land Reclamation Commission by Gov. Jay Nixon. Pictured at the Missouri Senate confirmation hearing are (from left) Sen. David Pearce, Missouri 31st District, Jean Riffle and Col. Riffle.

► Western National Angus Futurity Super-Point Roll of Victory Show, Reno, Nev., April 26-27



► **Troy VanRoekel** (left), North Plains, Ore., 2009 Western States Angus Association (WSAA) president, and **Doug Worthington**, Modesto, Calif., outgoing WSAA president, were recognized for their service to the WSAA.



► **Carol Smith** (left), Claremore, receives the Mr. Angus and President awards from Bill Majors.



► **Left: John H. Pfeiffer**, Orlando, was posthumously inducted into the Oklahoma Angus Hall of Fame. Pictured are (from left) Clarence Frey; Alline Pfeiffer, Orlando, accepting the award; and Carol Smith.

► Mississippi Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Raymond, May 1



► **Left:** Mississippi Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors for 2009 are (seated, from left) **Buddy Jones**, D'Lo, vice president; **Mike Howell**, Baldwin, president; **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Brian Garner**, Newhebron; **Jack Evans**, Winona; **Jimmy Levens**, Wiggins; **Robbie Woods**, Benton; **Cary Childs**, Ripley; **William Howard**, Canton; and **Gary Tanner**, Ellisville.



► **Left: Rick Howell**, Belden, and **Mike Howell**, Baldwin, were recognized as the Mississippi Progressive Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Caroline and Rick Howell, Mike Howell and Buddy Jones, presenting the award.

► **Right:** The **Williams family**, Quitman, was recognized as the Mississippi Angus Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Randy, Connie and Haley Walker, presenting the award; and Kayla, Edward and Lori Williams, recipients.



IN PASSING

Harold Ferguson, 82, East Liverpool, Ohio, died at Saint Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio, May 10 from a sudden illness and resulting complications with a long-standing heart condition.

Harold was born in Wellsville, Ohio, May 17, 1926, to Ralph and Rose (Krieger) Ferguson. He attended Walker School and then East Liverpool High School until the age of 16.

Harold was united in marriage to Mary Louise (Prince) Ferguson Oct. 19, 1942, in Wellsburg, W.Va. The couple moved in 1948 to rural Wellsville, where they established Halmarson Farm. In 1963, they moved the family to Calcutta Farms, where he resided until his death.

He served in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, 87th ABAT Battalion, as a glider trooper and was stationed in Germany and France during World War II. He was at Berchtesgaden during the fall of the Third Reich.

Harold was a member of the Wellsville First United Methodist Church.

Harold was a machinist by trade and was employed through the years by Hall China, Treadwell Industries, and Weirton Steel, from which he retired as a master mechanic in 1974. He then independently contracted in the mechanical construction and maintenance field with several companies, including Cardinal Stone, Ohio Valley Stoneware, Kingwood Ceramics and Dover Ceramics.

He was a farmer his entire life. As a widely respected farmer, stockman and breeder of registered Angus cattle, he received many awards during his lifetime. Included in these awards was Calcutta Farms being nationally recognized as a Historic Herd by the American Angus Association.

Harold enjoyed attending and participating in cattle exhibitions and was competitively recognized at the county, state and national levels. He took pride in marketing his Angus breeding cattle to other cattle producers throughout Ohio, the surrounding states and in Kansas.

He was a member of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, the Ohio Angus Association, and a life member since 1962 of the American Angus Association. He was a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and a charter member of the Columbiana-Mahoning-Trumbull Cattlemen's Association.

Harold had a deep love of family, farming and Angus cattle. His avid interests also included the breeding and training of Border Collie stock dogs.

Harold is survived by sons H. Rodney and William; daughters Janet, Linda, Paula and

Mary; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Paul Engler and the late **William D.**

"W.D." Farr have been honored as the inaugural inductees into the newly established Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame in recognition of their vision, inspirational efforts and leadership.

While each inductee has a list of accomplishments that spans decades, Engler, 79, is most recognized as founder and chairman of Cactus Feeders, the largest privately owned fed-cattle producer in the United States. Farr, who passed away in 2007 at age 97, was considered by many to be the pioneer of Colorado agriculture because of his innovative work in cattle feeder business management and environmental stewardship.

Engler and Farr were chosen by fellow cattle feeders for the honor from among a group of 12 distinguished individuals nominated by members of the industry.

The headquarter offices of the American Society of Animal Sciences (**ASAS**); the Federation of Animal Science Societies (**FASS**); the International Embryo Transfer Society (**IETS**); the National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research (**NC-FAR**); the Poultry Science Association (**PSA**); the American Dairy Science Association (**ADSA**); the Animal Equestrian Trade Association (**AETA**); the American Meat Science Association (**AMSA**); the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (**ARPAS**); and the Feed Analysis Consortium (**FeedAC**) have moved to a new location. Beginning May 7, the new address is 2441 Village Green Place, Champaign, IL 61822. Their respective phone and fax numbers will not change.

Rayne Pegg has been appointed as administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (ARS), beginning in early July. Pegg most recently served as the deputy secretary of legislation and policy for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Colorado State University has named Purdue University department chairman **Craig Beyrouy** as the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. Beyrouy will begin his new job on or around July 10. Beyrouy succeeds Marc Johnson, who left Colorado State in June 2008 for a position at the University of Nevada-Reno.

Suzu Demeester has been appointed Northeast Area ruminant manager for

Novus International Inc. Demeester's primary responsibilities will be to build new relationships, serve current clients, add additional value to the market beyond product sales and build the Novus International brand in the ruminant market.

Elizabeth Parker, chief veterinarian for NCBA, was named as the chair of the Animal Agriculture Alliance Board of Directors May 14.

Victor Vasquez has been appointed to serve as deputy undersecretary for Rural Development at the USDA in Washington, D.C. Most recently, Vasquez served as deputy assistant commissioner for the Department of Transitional Assistance for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Fan Liu of Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China, is the overall undergraduate winner, and **Tung M. Che**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the overall graduate winner of the 4th annual Alltech Young Scientist Award. Che and Liu were awarded prizes of \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

