



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by Kasey Miller.

## Challenging our lifestyles

*Every day we get up to take on the world, knowingly risking our own safety to get the day's farm work complete. Some of you may have your child, grandchild, or niece or nephew with you to help along the way. Growing up, not many of us thought twice about entering the bull lot, jumping into the tractor or hopping on the ATV to check pastures. Now, imagine every single one of those daily actions being regulated. This is exactly what the U.S. Department of Labor has proposed. As I am sure many have made notice, in November the U.S. Department of Labor proposed 13 new Hazardous Orders pertaining to the family farm. Even though children that are immediately related to the owner and operator of the farm are exempt from these newly proposed regulations, this type of legislation could drastically change the face of family operations.*

### Machinery regulations

In today's realm of agriculture, it is not uncommon for a child younger than 16 years of age to go help their uncle with harvest. The newly proposed legislation would stop those types of actions by prohibiting young people from operating and performing tasks with tractors. The Department of Labor would like to prohibit any youth from operating or assisting with agricultural tractors equipped with 20-hp PTO plus. Furthermore, the new legislation proposes a 90-hour training course for persons older than 16 to be certified for such usage. While growing up on the family farm, most agricultural youth are taught from a very young age the do's and don'ts around



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machinery. For many, it has been a common practice to feed cows, make hay and grind feed well before their 16th birthday.

### Animal handling regulations

However unsettling that hazardous equipment order may be, the one that caught my full attention was the legislation proposed regarding animal handling. The proposal suggests prohibiting any person 16 years old or younger from working with bulls older

than 6 months or cows with a calf at side, or implementing animal handling practices that may result in unpredictable behaviors. Individuals could also no longer take part in the moving of cattle to confined spaces via foot, horseback or ATV.

To me, this sounds absurd. Many of us have been working cattle for as long as we can remember. These daily practices initiated the great passion we have for this breed. The labor law not only prohibits extended family members from working with cattle, but also prohibits them from helping at the family's annual bull sale, taking shifts in the barn at night during calving season and showing Angus cattle — something that is near to all of us in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

By Dec. 1, to my great admiration, more than 20,000 comments in opposition to this new legislation were expressed. Some people expressed opinions on the wordage of the actual bill — “define unpredictable” — and others simply questioned how such laws were to be enforced. I do believe safety on farms definitely deserves attention; however, I am not sure instituting laws is the best way to approach the issue.

The challenge for all is to get informed, stay current and be ready to protect our lifestyles in this ever-challenging world.

— **Kelli Retallick, Wisconsin**



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## ► North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Bismarck, Nov. 19



► Crowned as North Dakota Angus royalty are (from left) **Katelyn Wendel**, LaMoure, 2011 North Dakota Angus queen; **Kaitlyn Kline**, Goodrich, 2012 North Dakota Angus queen; and **Renee Tokach**, Saint Anthony, 2012 North Dakota Angus princess.

## Juniors earn Certificates of Achievement

The 2011 Certificates of Achievement have been awarded to qualifying junior members for outstanding achievements by the American Angus Auxiliary.

The Certificate of Achievement is issued only for outstanding achievements at national, state and district (tri-county) levels. County-level achievements are not eligible. In a given year, a qualifying junior Angus member will receive one certificate, in recognition of their achievement record as reported during the year (from Oct. 1 of the previous year to Sept. 30 of the current year).

Achievements that qualify: champion or reserve champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) recognized competitions, including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards also qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time.

### ARKANSAS

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Tucker Henderson  
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Olivia Johnson  
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Kale Kiesewetter  
Will Kiesewetter  
Sarah Kinrade

Cody Klendworth  
Morgan Knapp  
Raylee Kruse  
Mary Kate Mardesen  
Tim Mardesen  
Reed McCormick  
Ryland McCormick  
Gretchen Norris  
Emily Orman  
Taylor Proesch  
Delaney Rife  
Ty Ruby  
Samantha Schermer  
Madison Skarda  
Erin Steele  
Courtney Younge  
Sydney Younge

### KANSAS

Lauren Herman  
Cale Hinrichsen  
Eva Hinrichsen  
Bryanna Hite  
Tanner Hite  
Esther McCabe

### KENTUCKY

Michael Benedict  
Blake Boyd  
Kelby Burks  
Austin Cole  
Caroline Cowles  
Landon Hall  
Jacob Haught  
Cody Jasper  
Maggie Jasper  
Reese Johnson  
Anna Kostbade  
Colby Myers  
Caleb Stephenson  
Addison White

### LOUISIANA

Gavin Oldham  
Joshua Scott

### MARYLAND

Michael Cropp

### MICHIGAN

Kelsey Casebere  
Kavina Johnson  
Kollin Johnson  
Dylan Kennedy  
Justin Kennedy  
Katrena Klopfenstein  
DeeAnne Merriman  
Kendra Merriman  
Taylor Ostrander  
Sterling Reichenbach  
Katie Reid  
Rachel Reid  
Chelsea Ruggles  
Justin Ruggles  
Kyle Ruggles  
Patricia Vaassen

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Rickey Cooper

### MISSOURI

Brittany Eagleburger  
Nathan Eagleburger  
Chris Kahlenbeck

### MONTANA

Kylee Bailey  
Olivia Barragree  
Zane Barragree  
Avery Bates  
Trista Bates  
Michaela Blevins  
Abbi Boggess  
Beau Bromenshenk  
Cortney Bromenshenk  
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Krista Callantine  
Jillian Frye  
Kyle Frye  
Ryan Green  
Anne Indreland  
Kate Indreland  
Abby Leachman  
Bentley McCullough  
Jonna McCullough  
Mick Mosher

Abby Mytty  
Kyla Olson  
Claire Stevenson  
C.J. Stevenson  
Wayne Stevenson  
Benjamin VanDyke  
Katie Vincent  
Kristen Vincent  
Jena Wagner  
Jordyn Wagner  
Whit Weingart

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Shaila Bennett  
Tyler Bennett  
Garrett Borgelt  
Michaela Clowser  
Aliesha Dethlefs  
Emily Dethlefs  
Caylie Egger  
Lane Egger  
Torie Egger  
Garrett Jacobs-Smith  
Jennifer Keyes  
Melissa Keyes  
Michelle Keyes  
Codie Kraus  
Maci Lienemann  
Taylon Lienemann  
Atlanta Maronde  
Ryan Nelson  
Taylor Nichols  
Savannah Schafer  
Reagan Skow  
Hannah Uden  
Brianna Walker

### NEW YORK

Gabrielle Glenister  
Kyle Glenister  
Spencer Glenister

### NORTH CAROLINA

Avery Faulkner  
Brooke Harward  
Catherine Harward  
LeAnn Harward  
Mattie Harward  
Marcie Harward  
John Heath  
Justin Wood

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Bethaney Enos

### OKLAHOMA

Karisa Pfeiffer  
Kassandra Pfeiffer

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Alexis Cash  
Laini Dean  
Shelby Dean  
Alana Eisenhour  
Andrea Foore  
Logan Foore  
Freddy Frey  
Hannah Grim  
Kate Livingston  
Kyle Livingston  
Morgan Livingston  
Sarah Lownes  
Cody McKean  
Rachel McKean  
Kayce Myers  
Daniel Rohrbach  
Alysha Sweitzer  
Amanda Thompson  
Elizabeth Trowbridge  
Maria Trowbridge  
Philip Trowbridge  
Lindsay Upperman  
Elizabeth Voight  
Hunter Voight  
Jacob Werner

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Madison Styles

### TENNESSEE

Beau Rowlett  
Hannah Rowlett  
JanLee Rowlett  
Lawson Rowlett

### TEXAS

Megan Ahearn  
Tanner Hash  
Stephanie Lastovica  
Stuart Lastovica  
Cutter Pohlman  
Katy Satree  
Wade Wells  
Brazos Williams  
Julie Williams  
Kate Williams  
Tye Williams  
Tylee Jo Williams

### VIRGINIA

Mark Alexander  
Morgan Alexander  
Caleb Boden  
Cody Boden  
Shane Clary



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### ▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Greenfield, Dec. 10



▶ Receiving Indiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship awards are (from left) **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans; **Benjamin Miller**, Gaston; and **Haylee Cooper**, Liberty.



▶ Officers and directors of the 2012 Indiana Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, past president; **Madison Butler**, Vincennes, president; **Kyrsten Retherford**, Indianapolis, vice president; **Sarah Innis**, Milroy, secretary/communications director; **Caleb Smith**, Whitestown, treasurer; **Kallie Knott**, Garrett, historian; **Krisha Retherford**, Indianapolis, membership director; and **Robbie Dragani**, Plymouth, Indiana Angus Ass'n representative.



▶ Crowned 2012 Indiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Ryen Kerr**, Bloomington, junior princess; **Krisha Retherford**, princess and **Kyrsten Retherford**, queen, both of Indianapolis.



▶ **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, receives the Jim Singleton Show Heifer of the Year award for PF Cher 031 KN, sired by SK Patton Freebird 430.



▶ **Kade Patton** (left), Frankfort, intermediate champion, and **Katelyn Wilson** (right), Orleans, senior champion, are recognized for winning the showmanship award at the Indiana State Fair Jr. Show.