# **Next Generation**

▶ Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by Katie Gazda.

# **Keep food supply secure**

Have you ever questioned the food that you eat? Have you ever wondered how that food was produced; how it was prepared; how it was handled? It seems as though the food system of the United States is something that has been taken advantage of. Many citizens take their food supply for granted.

## **Taken for granted**

Wherever you look, there is food. Regardless of the time of day or location, food is one of the easiest things to obtain. Compared to those in other countries,



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Americans spend the lowest percentage of their annual disposable income on food. America's food system sustains life, helps us grow, defines our culture, and is a part of almost every family's holidays and celebrations.

Food is a dominant piece of every person's culture; however, sustaining and protecting

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our food supply is something that is now becoming more important than ever.

Even though most don't think about the entire process of taking food from source to plate, our food supply goes through a very intricate and in-depth process. America's food supply starts with farm and input suppliers; is transported, stored, processed and distributed; placed into retail, grocery or restaurants; and then consumed by the individual. As you can see, the U.S. food supply is affected by many, and the opportunity for mistake is large. Our food system is vital to sustain life, and we often take it for granted.

Perhaps the biggest threat to our food system is associated with food safety. Our biggest concern happens to be preventing the risk of foodborne illness. Food safety includes protecting the food supply from microbial, chemical, and physical hazards or contamination that may occur during all stages of food production and handling — growing, harvesting, processing, transporting, preparing, distributing and storing.

According to Paul Mead, foodborne diseases are estimated to cause 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 5,000 deaths annually in the United States. The most common causes of foodborne illness, listed in decreasing prevalence, are: salmonella, listeria, toxoplasmosis and *E. coli*. The most common idea of foodborne illness is associated with *E. coli*, however, *E. coli* cases only account for 3% of all foodborne illness cases.

Unfortunately, most foodborne illnesses have to do with the preparation of the food; meaning most cases are self-inflicted. The disastrous impact to the agriculture industry is that consumers blame the producer for these problems instead of themselves. They think the problem originated from the food, instead of the way the product was prepared.

Our food system represents the most efficient, cost-effective and dependable

market in the world. The food the American public eats, and the occasions and special holidays during which that food is consumed, have become symbolic to the citizens of the United States. It has a massive economic impact on our economy. An attack on our food system could cause major public health concern. It could be used as a tool to instill fear and panic into the population.

One example of an attack on our food system occurred in January 2005. It involved an angry grocery employee in Michigan. He injected some ground beef with insecticide. It affected nearly 250 pounds (lb.) of ground beef and caused 148 consumers to become ill

Furthermore, an unknown suspect contaminated some cattle feed in Wisconsin. Four million pounds of feed had to be recalled and destroyed. Its impact had a total cost of around \$250 million dollars. The culprit still has not been found; however, after further analysis, chlordane was found to be the contaminant.

It's obvious the U.S. population would not be able to survive without food. There's no question, we tend to take our food supply system for granted, and it is always imperative that we appreciate from where our food comes.

It's almost unnerving to think about how easy it would be for a terrorist to contaminate our food supply, and if done with something truly toxic, the vast amount of the population could be affected. The U.S. food system is enormous and happens to affect everyone or thing that tries to survive in this world. Keeping the food supply safe and constant is an enormous task the world will have to deal with for the centuries to come.

- Garrett Knebel, Indiana

# ► Florida Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, April 30, Weirsdale

► Right: Recognized as Florida Angus royalty are (from left) Kallee Cook, Plant City, queen; and Erin Jones, Trenton, princess.



#### **► Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n Preview Show,** June 4, Hutchinson



► Serving on the Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) Courtenay DeHoff, Tonganoxie, past president; Meghan Blythe, White City, president; MacKenzie Flory, Baldwin City, vice president; Esther McCabe, Elk City, treasurer; Lauren Herman, Kingman, historian; (standing, from left) Hadley DeHoff, Tonganoxie, membership director; Megan Green, Leavenworth, director; Anna Carpenter, Wamego, director; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, director; Jennifer Hager, Stafford, director; Miles Pearson, Scott City, director; and Cody Theis, Leavenworth, membership director.



► Winning the junior sales contest are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, second; Anna Carpenter, Wamego, third; and Laura Carpenter, Wamego, fourth.

► Winning the junior quiz bowl division are (from left) Anna Carpenter, Wamego, first; Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, and Kady Figge, Onaga, tied for second; Laura Carpenter, Wamego, third; and Sydnee Shive, Mount Hope, fourth.



Cheney, third.



► Winning the peewee coloring contest and quiz bowl are (from left) Clay Pelton, first, and Jayce Dickerson, second, both of Paradise.

► Right: Winning Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarships are (from left) Jennifer Hager, Stafford, \$500; Miles Pearson, Scott City, \$1,000; and Lauren Herman, Kingman, \$1,000; presented by Lynne Hinrichsen, Kansas Angus Auxiliary.



► Winning the intermediate sales

contest are (from left) Luke Sankey,

Andale, first; Reid Shipman, Man-

hattan, second; and Kallie Lampe,

►Winning the editor's pick "On the Cover" photo contest are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, winter; Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, summer; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, spring, junior/youth activities and overall champion.





► Caleb Flory (center), Baldwin City, was named Junior Breeder of the Year. Also pictured is Esther Mc-Cabe (left), Miss Kansas Angus; and Anne Lampe (right), Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.



► Jennifer Hager (left), Stafford, and Hannah McCabe (right), Elk City, were selected as state showmanship delegates for the National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest.



► Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, won the junior division of prepared public speaking.



►Winning the junior division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, first; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, second; and Anna Carpenter, Wamego, third.



► Miles Pearson, Scott City, won the senior division of extemporaneous speaking.



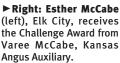
►Winning the intermediate quiz bowl contest are (from left) Cody Theis, Leavenworth, first; Esther McCabe, Elk City, second; Chelsey Figge, Onaga, third; and Megan Green, Leavenworth, fourth.



►Winning the senior quiz bowl contest are (from left) Miles Pearson, Scott City, second; and Lauren Herman, Kingman, third.



► Left: MacKenzie Flory (left), Baldwin City, receives the premier exhibitor award from Varee McCabe, Kansas Angus Auxiliary.







▶ Jennifer Hager (left), Stafford, and Miles Pearson (center), Scott City, receive Bronze and Silver awards from Matt Caldwell, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



► Esther McCabe, Elk City, took first place in the intermediate division of prepared public speaking.

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#### **Illinois Jr. Angus Preview Show,** June 11, Bloomington



► Lauren Adcock, Moweaqua, received the H. George Sperry Memorial Award. Pictured are (from left) Nicole Daugherty and Haley Daugherty, presenting; Lauren Adcock, recipient; and Linda Prox, presenting.



► Lauren Adcock (left), Moweaqua, receives the Joseph Bessler Memorial Award from Jennifer Ewing, Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n president.

# **Angus juniors recognized as BEST winners**

The 2010-2011 Ohio Cattlemen's Association BEST (Beef Exhibitor Show Total) Program wrapped up on June 4 with its Annual Awards Banquet at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. Several representatives of the program's sponsoring partners were on hand to help with the presentation of more than \$25,000 worth of awards in the form of U.S. Savings Bonds, luggage, jackets, cowhide tables, belt buckles and show materials.

The 2010-2011 BEST program featured 16 sanctioned shows and weaved its way across the state. More than 415 head of cattle and more than 310 youth were entered in the program.

The champion Angus heifer belongs to **Kerrie Miller** of Wapakoneta, Ohio. Kerrie's heifer, SCC Queen Beyonce 023, is a Feb. 6, 2010, daughter of BC Lookout 7024. Miller received an engraved belt buckle and a \$200 savings bond sponsored by the Ohio Angus Association.

The reserve champion Angus heifer belongs to Brook Roberts of

#### ▶ Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day and Jr. Preview Show, June 4, Woodville



► Serving on the Alabama Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (seated, from left) Andrew Pinyan, Auburn, president; Clayton McGuire, Waverly, vice president; Hannah Whitecotton, Pisgah, secretary; Joseph Adams, Union Springs, reporter; (standing, from left) Caroline Nichols, Graceville, Fla.; Reid McGuire, Waverly; Will Pinyan, Auburn; Paige Crowell, Elrod; and Carly Lindstrom, Huntsville.



► Hannah Barton (left), Dutton, and Caroline Nichols (right), Graceville, Fla., will represent Alabama as voting delegates to the National Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting in Harrisburg, Pa.



►Winning their divisions in the photography contest are (from left) Wyatt Hubbard, Union Springs, first junior—animals; Joseph Adams, Union Springs, first intermediate—animals and second intermediate—landscape; Daniel Adams, Union Springs, first intermediate—landscape and second intermediate—animals; and Tyler Wood, Holly Pond, first in both senior animals and landscape.



►Winning the coloring contest are (from left) first-place winners Abby McGhar and Audrey McGhar, both of Auburn; John Thrower, Arab; Aspen Adams and Layton Adams, both of Union Springs; and honorable mention contestants Megan Crowell, Elrod, Chelsea Langley and Charles Langley, both of Camp Hill; and Andrew Pinyan, Auburn.

► Joey Farmer, Collinsville, was the winner of the Donation Heifer. Pictured are (from left) Randy Crowell, Alabama Angus Ass'n first vice president, presenting; Joey Farmer; and Tandy and Tim West, Centre, donating the heifer.





► Alabama Angus royalty are (from left) Amie Hill, Holly Pond, queen; Mary Richburg, Alabama Angus Auxiliary president; and James Barton, Dutton, ambassador.



► Receiving Alabama Angus Auxiliary scholarships are (from left)
Keri Hyde, Wetumpka, recipient;
Richburg, presenting; and Andrew
Pinyan, Auburn, recipient.



► These Angus members donated cattle to John Croyle, Big Oak Boys Ranch, Gadsden. Pictured are (from left) Richard Dyar, American Angus Ass'n regional manager; Steve and Jennifer Lee, Daviston, contributors; Tillman Griggs, Gurley, contributor; Noel Vice and daughter Amber Vice, Big Oak Boys Ranch, recipients; Dale and Judy Parris, Albertsville, contributors; and Gregg Blythe, Decatur, contributor.

Mount Gilead, Ohio. Brook's heifer, Cooper's Miss Dunn C14X, is a Jan. 17, 2010, daughter of SAV Wall Street 7091 and was also named the reserve champion bred-and-owned heifer. For her accomplishments, she received an engraved belt buckle, embroidered jacket and a \$100 savings bond sponsored by the Ohio Angus Association.

**Aimee Bockelman,** Napoleon, Ohio, exhibited the fifth overall novice heifer and third overall bred-and-owned heifer. DBCCN Miss 1044 is a Jan. 31, 2010, daughter of DC Big Block 507. For her accomplishments she received a cowhide table and embroidered jacket.

The champion Angus steer was exhibited by **Brook Roberts**. Cooper's Traveler 004 104 was sired by Advance Mid 884 30T and was also named the champion bred-and-owned steer. For her accomplishments, Brook received an engraved belt buckle,

embroidered jacket and a \$200 savings bond sponsored by the Ohio Angus Association.

**Tylor Cooper** of Mount Gilead exhibited the reserve champion Angus steer. Tylor's steer, Cooper's Pride C27, was sired by Advance Mid 884 30T. For Tylor's accomplishments, he received an engraved belt buckle and a \$100 savings bond sponsored by the Ohio Angus Association.

BEST is a youth program of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association that recognizes Ohio's junior beef exhibitors through a series of shows. Juniors who participate in these sanctioned shows earn points for their placing at each show. The OCA BEST program promotes educating Ohio's juniors about the beef industry's issues and rewards the successful accomplishments and hard work of those junior beef producers. For further information call Stephanie Sindel at 614-873-6736.

#### ▶ Nebraska Jr. Angus Preview Show, June 12, Springfield

► Elected to serve on the Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (front row, from left) Jennifer Keyes, Springfield, director; Makayla Clowser, Milford, secretary-treasurer; Maci Lienemann, Princeton, second vice president; (back row, from left) Michelle Keyes, Springfield, historian; Melissa Keyes, Springfield, president; Tyler Bennett, Beemer, first vice president; Judson Hoffschneider, Arlington, director; and Savannah Schafer, Nehawka, director.





► Nebraska Angus royalty are (from left) **Cheyenne Lovett,** Bladen, 2011-2012 queen; and **Katie Nelson,** Ansley, 2010-2011 queen.

➤ Right: Receiving Bronze and Silver awards are (front row, from left)
Torie Egger and Lane Egger, both of Columbus; (back row, from left)
Caylie Egger, Columbus; Hannah Uden, Franklin; and Judson Hoffschneider, Arlington.



► Right: Garrett Borgelt (center) and Tyler Bennett (right), both of Beemer, were selected as state showmanship delegates for the National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest. Also pictured is Katie Nelson, 2010-2011 Miss Nebraska Angus.



# **Southern National Jr. Angus Show,** June 3, Perry, Ga.

► Selected to serve as officers and directors of the Georgia Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) Samantha Allen, Talmo; Christa Royster, Dacula; John Reasor, Wildwood; Katherine Throne, Lexington, president; Shelby Eidson, Arnoldsville, secretary; Haley Throne, Lexington, treasurer; Kellie Panter, Dahlonega; Lakyn Davis, Doerun; Kayla Whitehead, Colbert; and Abbey Gretsch, Crawford, vice president.



► Right: Shelby Eidson (left), Arnoldsville, Ga.; and Taylor Gazda, Athens, Ga., receive Georgia Jr. Angus Ass'n scholarships.







► Selected as state showmanship delegates for the National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Kyle Conley, judge; Mitchell McIver, Wray, Ga., delegate; Christa Royster, Dacula, Ga., delegate; and Katherine Throne, Lexington, Ga., alternate.

► Left: Winning the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary poster and photography contest are (from left) Savannah Page, Jefferson; Abbey Gretsch, Crawford; Shelby Eidson, Arnoldsville; Taylor Gazda, Athens; and Melissa Miller, Georgia Ladies Auxiliary vice president.

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#### Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview Show, May 27-29, Bentonville



► Serving as officers and directors on the Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) Audrey Taylor, Lavaca, president; Christine Taylor, Lavaca, vice president; Madeline Taylor, Lavaca, financial director; Taylor LaCour, Berryville, communications director; Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, membership director; (standing, from left) Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, senior director; Matthew Boecker, Bentonville, senior director; Jacy Alsup, Gravette, senior director; Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, associate director; Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, associate director; and Hunter LaCour, Berryville, associate director. Audrey Taylor and Will Pohlman are also National Jr. Angus Ass'n voting delegates.

▶ Winning herdsmanship are (front row, from left) Jeb Tweedy, Jake Tweedy and Jaden Tweedy, all of Imboden, peewee champions; (back row, from left) January Tweedy, Imboden, junior champion; Madeline Taylor, Lavaca, intermediate champion; and Matthew Boecker, Bentonville, senior champion.







Jane.



► Larry Bachman, Bachman Angus Farm, Lamar, donated B/A Frontier Lady 093, a March 2009 daughter of B/R New Frontier 095, as the draw-down heifer to the Arkansas Jr. Angus Foundation. Pictured are (from left) Tami Pohlman; Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, winner of the heifer; Larry Bachman at halter; Nicholas Pohlman; and Fred Pohlman. Will won the heifer by selling the winning ticket.



► Katlyn Tunstill (left), Fayetteville, was named Exhibitor and Showman of the Year; Will Pohlman (right), Prairie Grove, was named Junior Breeder of the Year.



► Winning the junior division of photography, Angus cattle, are (from left) Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, first; Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, second; and Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, third.



► Winning the intermediate division of photography, Angus cattle, are (from left) Madeline Taylor, Lavaca, first; Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, second; and Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, third.



► Winning the senior division of photography, Angus cattle, are (from left) Jessica Fritts, Huntsville, first; and Audrey Taylor, Lavaca, second.



► Winning the junior division of photography, landscape, are (from left) Dakota Fritts, Huntsville, first; Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, second; and Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, third.



► Winning the intermediate division of photography, landscape, are (from left) Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, first; Taylor LaCour, Berryville, second; and Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, third.



► Winning the senior division of photography, landscape, are (from left) Christine Taylor, Lavaca, first; Jessica Fritts, Huntsville, second; and Audrey Taylor, Lavaca, third.



► Winning the junior division of photography, people, are (from left) Dakota Fritts, Huntsville, first; Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, second; and Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, third.

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► Winning the intermediate division of photography, people, are (from left) Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; Madeline Taylor, Lavaca, second; and Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, third.



► Christine Taylor (center), Lavaca, won top honors in the senior division of photography, people. Also pictured are advisers Patti LaCour (left) and Tami Pohlman (right).



► Winning the junior division of photography, around the farm or ranch, are (from left) Dakota Fritts, Huntsville, first; Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, second; and Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, third.



► Winning the intermediate division of photography, around the farm or ranch, are (from left) Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; Taylor LaCour, Berryville, second; and Madeline Taylor, Lavaca, third.



► Receiving top honors in the senior division of photography, around the farm or ranch, are (from left) Christine Taylor, Lavaca, first; and Audrey Taylor, Lavaca. second.



► Receiving graphic design honors are (from left) Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, junior champion; and Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, intermediate champion.



► Winning the junior creative writing division are (from left) Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, second; and Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, third.



► Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, won the intermediate division of creative writing.



► Winning the junior division of posters, breed or association promotion, are (from left) Patty LaCour, advisor; Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, second; and Tami Pohlman, advisor.



► Winning the intermediate division of posters, breed or association promotion, are (from left) Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; and Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, second.



► Winning the junior division of posters, membership recruitment, are (from left) Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, second; and Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, third.



► Winning the intermediate division of posters, membership recruitment, are (from left) Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, first; and Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, second.



► Winning the junior division of posters, herd advertisement, are (from left) Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, first; Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, second; and Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, third.



►Winning the intermediate division of posters, herd advertisement, are (from left) Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, first; and Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, second.



► Winning public speaking are (from left) Nicholas Pohlman, junior division, and Will Pohlman, intermediate division, both of Prairie Grove.



► Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, won the junior division of extemporaneous speaking.



► Winning the intermediate division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; and Taylor LaCour, Berryville, second.



► Winning the junior division quiz bowl are (from left) Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, first; Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, tied for second; and Hunter LaCour, Berryville, tied for second.



►Winning the intermediate division quiz bowl are (from left)
Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove,
first; and Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, second.



► Left: Winning the senior division quiz bowl are (from left) Patty LaCour, advisor; Paige Tribble, Pocahontas, first; Jessica Fritts, Huntsville, second; and Tami Pohlman, advisor.

#### **Iowa Angus Summer Jr. Show,** June 18, Boone



► Selected to serve as directors on the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (front row, from left) Mallory Espenscheid, Traer; Katie Friederichs, Walcott; Lauren Haglund and Audra Haglund, both of Boone; Ryland McCormick, Pleasantville; (back row, from left) Tyler Becker, Diagonal; Kale Kiesewetter, Letts; Tyler Steele, Anita; Katelyn Holmes, Benton; Kara DeVore, Numa; and Ty Ruby, Greene.



►Elected to serve as officers on the lowa Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (from left) **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, president; **Mary Mardesen**, Oxford, first vice president; **Cole Greiman**, Garner, second vice president; **Tim Mardesen**, Oxford, treasurer; **Erin Steele**, Anita, secretary; and **Lauren Barker**, Monticello, and **Samantha Schermer**, Latimer, both historians.



► Receiving scholarships are (from left) Cole Greiman, Garner, first boy; Mary Mardesen, Oxford, alternate; Lauren Barker, Monticello, first girl.



▶ Chosen to attend the National Jr. Angus Show as voting delegates for Iowa are (from left) Lauren Barker, Monticello, alternate; Cole Greiman, Garner, delegate; Kyle Greiman, Garner, delegate; and Samantha Schermer, Latimer, alternate.



► Mary Mardesen (left), Oxford, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Wes Tiemann, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.

# ■ Indiana Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 12, Lebanon



► Selected as state showmanship delegates for the National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Madison Stockdale, Waynetown, representative; Amada Tresslar, Franklin, representative; Carol Jeffries, Rockville, first alternate; and Adam Jayne, Greencastle, second alternate.

►Katelyn Wilson, Orleans, receives her Bronze and Silver awards.

