



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by **Kasey Brown**, special projects editor.

## The future of agriculture

*“I believe in the future of agriculture ...”*

*The first line of the FFA creed has always inspired me to be an advocate for agriculture literacy. Today, with a public that is, on average, four to five generations removed from the family farm, it is important to educate others about agriculture. One way to inform the public and change their perception is to tell your ag story. Here is mine.*

### My ag story

My father grew up raising and showing Charolais cattle. My mom, on the other hand, showed and raised sheep. However, when it was time for my older brother to start showing cattle, he chose black Angus, and since then, we haven't looked back. My parents gave me my first Angus cow when I was a year old, and I was hooked on the breed. I started showing in the peewee class whenever I had the chance.



**Macy Perry**

Once I turned 9, I was finally able to start my junior career. I grew up traveling up and down the state of California, showing at jackpots and breed shows year-round. In 2007, I showed at my first National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla., and it has become our family vacation every summer since.

I wasn't limited to just showing Angus cattle, though. I also showed market lambs in 4-H and FFA at our county fair for nine years and a market hog for one. I was also a

very active member of FFA in high school. Having a mom as an agricultural education teacher greatly influenced my love for the FFA and my desire to wear the blue and gold corduroy jacket and my passion to advocate for this industry.

I continue to stay involved in agriculture at Oklahoma State University, competing on the 2015 meat and 2016 horse judging teams and being involved in various clubs. I also continue my involvement in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) by serving on the junior board.

I have grown up in the agricultural industry, and it has been one of the most influential aspects of my life. Agriculture is very near and dear to my heart like I know it is to many of you. I want to do all that I can to protect this industry because I know how vital it is. I share with you my ag story so that you will hopefully be motivated to share yours with others, including the public that is so far removed from what we do. So, here is my ag story. What's yours?

— **Macy Perry, California**

### Bronze and Silver Awards

**Tyler Bush**, Britton, S.D.; **Haley Greiman**, Perry, Iowa; **Kolin Huth**,

Richland Center, Wis.; **Ellie Kidwell**, Walhonding, Ohio; **Chase Mogck**, Olivet, S.D.; **Ty Mogck**, Olivet, S.D.; **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys, Pa.; **Lexi Stevenson**, Argyle, Texas; and **Riley Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, announces Jaclyn Clark, Association education and events director.

**Tyler Bush**, the 18-year-old son of Scott and Jo Bush, attends Britton-Hecla High School and is a member of the NJAA and the South Dakota Junior Angus Association, which he has served as vice president, treasurer and secretary.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Tyler participated in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. He was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2014-2016 and served as a voting delegate in 2012-2015.

He has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

**Haley Greiman**, the 18-year-old daughter of Tina and Kurt Greiman, attends Dallas Center-Grimes High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, which she has served as historian, secretary and royalty. She currently serves as first vice president.

She has participated in local, state and

► **Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet**, Jan. 21, Athens



► Crowned as Georgia Angus royalty are **Jaden Gretsche** (left), Lexington, Miss Georgia Angus; and **Hannah Williams** (right), Milan, Georgia Angus princess.

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national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Haley participated in the livestock judging and team sales contests and the Cook-Off. She also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference in 2015 and 2016 and in the Raising the Bar conference in 2016.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle at the Iowa Angus Association Performance Tested Bull Sale.

**Kolin Huth**, the 17-year-old son of David and Jayne Huth, attends Ithaca High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Kolin participated in the livestock judging, team fitting, quiz bowl and career development contests. He also participated in the Cook-Off.

He has consigned cattle in the Kershner Cattle Co. sale and is actively involved with his local FFA and 4-H club.

**Ellie Kidwell**, the 14-year-old daughter of Corey and Kelly Kidwell, attends Tri-Valley Local Schools and is a member of the NJAA and the Ohio Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in state and regional shows and showmanship contests and has submitted weight data to AHIR.

**Chase Mogck**, the 18-year-old son of Charles and LeAndra Mogck, attends Scotland High School and is a member of the NJAA and the South Dakota Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Chase participated in the livestock judging and team fitting contests and the Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2007 and 2010.

He has consigned cattle in the Mogck and Sons Angus sale.

**Ty Mogck**, the 15-year-old son of Charles and LeAndra Mogck, attends Scotland High School and is a member of the NJAA and the South Dakota Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Ty participated in the livestock judging and team fitting contests and the Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2012 and the LEAD conference in 2016.

He has consigned cattle in the Mogck and Sons Angus sale.

**Daniel Rohrbaugh**, the 17-year-old son of Doug and Cathy Rohrbaugh, attends Susquehannock High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association, which he has served as reporter and treasurer.

► **Kansas Angus Futurity Jr. Show, Jan. 21-22, Hutchinson**



► Novice showmanship winners are (from left) **Cohen Navinsky**, Easton, champion; and **Kade Osborne**, Kingman, reserve champion.



► Junior showmanship winners are (from left) **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth, champion; and **Jayce Dickerson**, Paradise, reserve champion.



► Intermediate showmanship winners are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, champion; and **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo, reserve champion.



► Senior showmanship winners are (from left) **Sarah Loomis**, Council Grove, champion; and **Megan Green**, Leavenworth, reserve champion.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Daniel participated in the graphic design, photography, public prepared and extemporaneous speaking, creative writing, team sales, video, poster, quiz bowl, livestock judging, marketing and career development contests, as well as the Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2011 and 2015 and the LEAD conference in 2014 and 2015.

Daniel is also active in his local 4-H Club.

**Lexi Stevenson**, the 17-year-old daughter of Mike and Melissa Smoot, attends Argyle High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, which she has served as first vice president and treasurer.

She has participated in local, state, regional

and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Lexi participated in the photography contest and the Cook-Off. She participated in the mentoring program in 2013 and 2014. She was also a participant in the 2015 LEAD conference and the 2014 Raising the Bar conference.

Lexi has submitted weight data to AHIR and is actively involved with her local 4-H club, which she serves as first vice president.

**Riley Wood**, the 13-year-old son of Kathy and Robbie Wood, attends McGees Crossroads Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests and is actively involved with his local

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4-H Club, which he serves as vice president. Riley has also consigned cattle in the Wood Angus Sale.

### Texas Youth Cattle Conference dates announced

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) announces that dates for the second annual Texas Youth Cattle Conference have been set for June 12-15 and July 5-8. The June conference will take place in Central and South Texas regions, and the July conference will be located in the Panhandle. Students can apply to attend the session of their choice. The conference is designed for youth who have a desire to expand their knowledge about the Texas beef industry.

Attendees will explore the beef industry by focusing on beef's role in the food industry, nutrition, beef cattle science, management and marketing in that region of Texas. Students will hear from industry experts and have the chance to learn through hands-on activities throughout the conference.

"Building off of the success and momentum from our conference last year, we're adding an additional conference for Texas youth to attend this year that will take place in the Texas Panhandle," said Brandi Richards, TBC board member and feedyard owner from Hereford. "The Texas Youth Cattle Conference is designed to empower our young men and women with the knowledge and tools needed to become successful members and advocates of the beef community."

This checkoff-funded program is free. Students will only be responsible for their travel to and from the starting locations for either conference. Texas youth involved in junior cattle breed associations, the Texas FFA Association or Texas 4-H are encouraged to

apply online at [www.texasbeefcheckoff.com/texasyouth](http://www.texasbeefcheckoff.com/texasyouth). Applications are due March 10, 2017. A limited number of students will be accepted to attend each conference. Applicants must be at least 16 years old as of January 2017.

### K-State offers youth animal science learning opportunity

Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and

related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University (K-State) Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA). The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in ninth through 12th grades.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored

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### Upcoming events

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members can look forward to a number of activities and events in the upcoming year, and there's no better time to start making plans for 2017. That's according to American Angus Association Director of Events and Education Jaclyn Clark, who is encouraging NJAA members to reference their "green books," which were distributed through the mail, to submit event registration in a timely manner.

"We're looking forward to hosting Angus juniors for two Raising the Bar conferences in March and April, as well as during annual events such as the National Junior Angus Show and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development conference," Clark says.

Made possible through donations to the Angus Foundation, the NJAA's Raising the Bar conferences are an opportunity for junior members to experience college campuses across the country, learn about careers in agriculture and connect with other cattle enthusiasts.

This year, Raising the Bar conferences will be hosted in Baton Rouge, La., March 2-5 and in Des Moines, Iowa, April 6-9. The tentative schedule for both conferences includes a campus tour, educational workshops, farm and ranch tours, as well as social activities and games.

Before attending their first NJAA event of the year, junior members must submit a signed NJAA Code of Conduct to ensure positive values and behavior during all junior activities and events. A copy is also available within the green book, or online. The forms must be returned to the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Avenue, Saint Joseph, MO 64506, with attention to the Events & Education department.

For more information on these events or to see more registration deadlines, visit [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info). A summary of deadlines follows.

### Upcoming 2017 NJAA events and deadlines

- March 1 — Raising the Bar: Des Moines, Iowa, registration deadline
- March 1 — Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year nomination deadline
- March 2-5 — Raising the Bar: Baton Rouge, La.
- March 10-12 — Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
- March 31-April 2 — Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Reno, Nev.
- April 6-9 — Raising the Bar: Des Moines, Iowa
- April 15 — Atlantic National Junior Angus Show ownership and entry deadline

—by Jena McReil, Angus Media

### ▶ Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 6, Harrisburg



▶ **Alexis Cash** (left), York, receives the Outstanding Girl Award from Cathy Rohrbaugh, junior advisor.



▶ **Logan Foore** (left), Seven Valleys, qualified to represent Pennsylvania at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Pictured presenting the award is Mindy Seese, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n board of directors.



▶ **Alysha Sweitzer** (left), Wellsville, qualified to represent Pennsylvania at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Pictured presenting the award is Wendell Landis, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president.

by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in the field.

"The experiences gained through KASLA will help develop your understanding of the industry and ignite your potential as a young leader in agriculture," said past participant Molly Bertz of Mayview, Mo. "I would highly recommend participation. Whether you come from a strong agricultural background or are curious to learn more about the industry, KASLA is providing students with an inside view of the food production system."

This year's program will take place June 14-17 in Manhattan. Applications are due April 1, 2017, and can be found at [www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu).

The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal science professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

The program also focuses on developing personal leadership skills through workshops and activities.

"One of my favorite parts of KASLA was learning more about our individual strengths through the Strengths Finder Assessment," Bertz said. "As we learned more about our strengths, we were also able to learn how to capitalize on them and use them effectively in group settings such as the agriculture issues team project. KASLA truly developed us as leaders in the agriculture industry both inside and out."

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**▶ Northern Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 21, Warrenton**



▶ **Lauren Beasley** (right), Bluemont, receives the Top Junior Award from Linda Alexander.

## Certificates of Achievement

The American Angus Auxiliary has awarded the 2016 Certificates of Achievement to qualifying junior members.

The Certificate of Achievement is issued 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 fiscal year (from Oct. 1 of the previous year to Sept. 30 of the current year).

Achievements that qualify include 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 competitions recognized by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time.

### ILLINOIS

Laramie Chaffin

### INDIANA

Hunter Carrico  
Bryce Hofing  
Kallie Knott  
Austin Nowatzke  
Kayden Nowatzke

### IOWA

Jordan Barker  
Cassidy Becker  
Colton Becker  
Craig Becker  
Alexis Bradshaw  
Kassidy Bremer  
Abby Collison  
Emily Collison  
Brooklyn Curtin  
Tanner Curtin  
Evan Dietz  
Taylor Duckett  
Grace Greiman  
Haley Greiman  
Shelby Greiman  
Madeline Herring  
Cale Jensen  
Jack Johnson  
Jordan Johnson  
Olivia Johnson  
Makayla Jones  
Brady Klendworth  
Baxter Knapp  
Lexi Knapp  
Morgan Knapp  
Roni Kruse  
Bryce Lafrenz  
Kenton Lain  
Will Lapke  
Tim Mardesen  
Maggie Maas  
Michael Maas  
Carson Mather  
Keegan Mather  
Reed McCormick  
Hannah Mitchell  
Nathan Moen  
Lexie Moore  
Jude Moser

Korey Moser

Lucas Moser  
Paige Owens  
Nicholas Prevo

Elsie Rogers  
Jacob Schermer  
Jerad Shires  
Alivea Skarda  
Abe Troyer  
Emma Troyer  
Maddy Udell  
Coryn Wilson  
Kaden Wilson  
Courtney Younge  
Sydney Younge

### KANSAS

Ethan Dickerson  
Grady Dickerson  
Jayce Dickerson  
Sydnee Shive  
Nicholas Siemens

### LOUISIANA

Faith Guice  
Kara LeBeouf  
Lani LeBeouf

### MICHIGAN

Dalaney Bates  
Hunter Brown  
Jaycie Brown  
Mike Brown  
Kavina Johnson  
Kollin Johnson  
Katrena Klopfenstein  
Amanda Kosal  
Kristopher Kosal  
Austin Pillars  
Blake Pillars  
Sterling Reichenbach  
John (Jack) Reid  
Maggie Reid  
Jason Zeilke  
Brady Zellmer  
Paige Zellmer  
Thea Zellmer

### MISSOURI

Brittany Eagleburger  
Katelyn Holmes

### MONTANA

Avery Bates  
Trista Bates  
Beau Bromenshenk  
Garrett Bromenshenk

Tyler Brown  
Wes Brown  
Conner Cook  
Jake Cook  
Parker Cook  
Sydney Cutler  
Allison Dubs  
Kade Friede  
Shane Friede  
Jillian Frye  
Leighton Green  
Rilee Green  
Ryan Green  
Jada Hartman  
Isabel Jeffrey  
Abby Leachman  
David Lowry  
Claire Murnin  
Kane Olson  
Jacob Reisig  
Ashley Sitz  
Abigail Stevenson  
Claire Stevenson  
Craig Stevenson  
Faith Stevenson  
Leisa Stevenson  
Nicole Stevenson  
Rachael Stevenson  
Bree Swanson  
Tanner Vanek  
Brooke Vincent  
Kristen Vincent  
Jordyn Wagner

### NEBRASKA

Caitlin Havelka  
Dakota Lovett  
Montana Lovett  
Kasey Meyer

Kyra Meyer  
Nicole Nichols  
Savannah Schafer  
Reagan Skow  
Rachel Smith

### NORTH CAROLINA

Lynae Bowman  
Colton Cox  
Taylor Glover  
J. Caleb Heath

### NORTH DAKOTA

Kourtney Schaff

### OHIO

Lydia Dance  
Ellie Kidwell

### PENNSYLVANIA

Conner Grim  
Claudia Hissong  
Kyle Livingston  
Dakota Mayle  
Samuel Parr  
Daniel Rohrbaugh  
Elizabeth Trowbridge  
Hunter Voight  
James Voight  
Elizabeth Voight  
F. Hayden Weaver  
Madison Weaver

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Madison Styles  
Sawyer Styles

### TEXAS

Colter Pohlman  
Cutter Pohlman

### VIRGINIA

Lauren Beasley  
Cody Boden  
Ryan Borer  
Catie Hope

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Only 20 students will be accepted to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a \$50 deposit to reserve his or her space. The Livestock and Meat Industry Council provides all other sponsorships.

Contact Sharon Breiner, academy director

at [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu) 785-532-6533 with any questions.

### Scholarships available through FCS financial

Since 2004, FCS Financial has provided \$464,000 to Missouri high school seniors seeking higher education. Up to 35 scholarships, each at \$1,500 will be awarded to children or grandchildren of FCS Financial members. The scholarship deadline is March 1 and recipients will be notified in April.

Applicants must be a graduating senior at a Missouri high school, a child or grandchild

of an FCS Financial member, and attain a 2.5 or higher GPA, an ACT score of at least 26 or rank in the top 20% of their senior class. The scholarship applicants are then judged by a non-partisan committee on leadership roles, work experience, community involvement and essays.

Apply online at [www.myfcsfinancial.com](http://www.myfcsfinancial.com). Click on Scholarships at the top of the web page. Relatives of FCS Financial board members or employees are not eligible.

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### ▶ Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 21, Hutchinson



▶ **Chelsey Figge** (left), Onaga, and **Reid Shipman** (center), Manhattan, receive the Kansas Angus Ass'n producer scholarship from **Stuart Rose**, 2016 Kansas Angus Ass'n president.



▶ **Megan Green** (left), Leavenworth, receives the **Kenneth & Lorene Moore** memorial scholarship from **Ann Sankey**, Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairperson.



▶ Kansas Angus royalty are (from left) **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, 2017 Miss Kansas Angus; and **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kansas Angus Ambassador.