

Retallick Joins AGI

Angus Genetics Inc. welcomes former NJAB director Kelli Retallick as the director of genetic service.

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Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) welcomes Kelli Retallick to its team as the director of genetic service. AGI is a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Angus Association and provides a conduit for developing and implementing new technologies in the beef cattle business.

Retallick was raised on her family's registered-Angus seedstock operation where she remains actively involved in decision making and marketing. Growing up, she was involved in 4-H, FFA and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), which fueled her passion to remain within the livestock industry. Retallick served on the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) for two years.

"I'm excited to have Kelli join the Angus team," says Dan Moser, AGI president. "She's highly qualified, with graduate training in animal breeding, experience as a breed association staff member, and a lifelong connection to the Angus business. She'll be

an integral part of AGI's efforts in education, service and innovation."

Retallick joined the Angus team March 21, and her primary duties include assisting in coordinating genetic education and outreach programs tailored to Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers. In addition, Retallick will work closely with American Angus Association entities to enhance strategic development of predictable supply chains using the available technologies and networks.

Most recently, Retallick served as director of member programs for the American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) in Westminster, Colo. During her time with the AGA, she worked closely with AGA breed improvement staff to enhance member services and programs provided by the organization, and to provide information and outreach to members on Gelbvieh and Balancer® cattle.

Retallick earned her bachelor's degree



in animal science from the University of Wisconsin–Madison where she was involved in the college's Saddle & Sirloin Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter.

Retallick went on to complete a master's degree in animal breeding and genetics at Kansas State University. Her graduate research focused on monitoring feed efficiency of growing beef cattle, specifically the optimum test periods to capture gain and intake data.

"The Angus breed continues to be the breed to aspire to, and in the ever-changing beef industry, it has endless opportunities as a business organization," Retallick says. "It's something I'm excited to be a part of."

