# A valuable resource at your fingertips

We get several requests for copies of stories that have been published in past Angus Journals and Angus Beef Bulletins. We love to get those requests because they show that the publications are indeed a valuable resource. Here's how to locate those articles yourself.

#### **Back issue search**

Both www.angusjournal.com and www.angusbeefbulletin.com feature a back issue search. To access the search, go to the publication home page. At the very top of the page, above the publication logo, you'll see a "Search back issues" link. Click it.

This will take you to the search page, which gives you two options. The first is an issue search. If you know in what issue the article you are looking for was printed, use the pull-down menu to select that issue. You can access *Angus Journal* issues back to January 1979. *Angus Beef Bulletin* issues since September 1998 are also available.

Once you've selected the issue, click "search." This will pull up the articles, by title, that were published in that particular issue. Clicking the title will download a PDF file of the article as it appeared in the publication, complete with page numbers. You can open and read the article using Adobe Reader.®

If you don't know in which month the article was published, use the keyword search. Type in a word or words that would be in the article you're looking for — *scours*, for instance. The search will produce a list of story titles with their publication dates. Again, clicking the title will download a PDF file of the story.

The more unique the word or word phrase is to the article, the fewer articles the search will produce. For instance, entering *bacterial scours* will result in fewer articles than entering *scours* in the keyword search. Entering the name of a source quoted in the story or the author of the story can also narrow your search.

This service can also be helpful when you don't have a story in mind, but you are just looking for information on a particular subject. The archives serve as a library to a multitude of production, management, marketing and industry topics.

#### Other valuable resources

Angus Production Inc. (API) hosts several Web sites that serve as portals to information on various topics. Visit:

www.angusjournal.com/drought www.beefcowefficiency.com www.cowbcs.info www.angusinternational.info www.countryoforiginlabeling.info

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Our meeting coverage sites provide the

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*www.4cattlemen.com* features coverage of the 2006 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show.

www.rangebeefcow.com features coverage of the 2005 Range Beef Cow Symposium.

www.nationalangusconference.com features coverage of the National Angus Conference & Tour.

### **Farewell**

It's time for the editorial team to bid farewell to Brooke Byrd, who has served as assistant editor for the past two years. Brooke has been a tremendous asset to the editorial team. She brought our readers a background in the seedstock industry, a bachelor's degree in English and a dedication to accuracy that was a perfect fit for our team.

Practical and useful to the reader, her article selections revealed her desire to help producers in the production and marketing of Angus genetics. In addition to writing and editing features and columns, Brooke has been project editor for the *Salering* and *Showring* inserts. Her attention to detail showed her knowledge of how important the coverage presented in these inserts is to the marketing programs of producers named therein.

Brooke has accepted a position as writer/editor with Electronic Data Systems in Sacramento, Calif. The move will take her a little closer to her roots, as her family owns and operates a registered Angus ranch, Byrd Cattle Co., in Red Bluff, Calif.

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