



We're Old Enough



Two future NJAA members fit, show and judge a calf in the Texas aisle of the barns at the NJAS in Tulsa, Okla.

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The judge moves around the calf.



Missed a spot



Joking with the judge

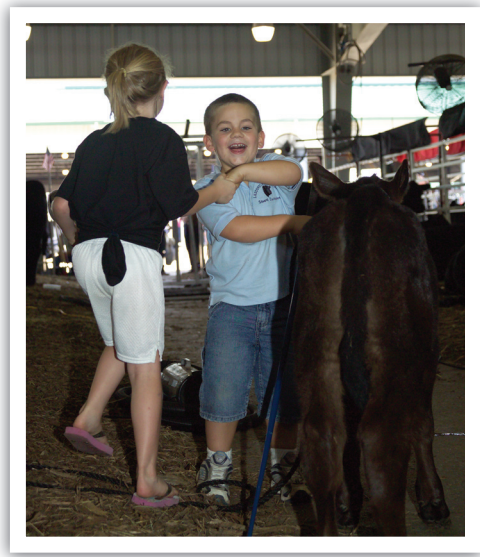
Stuart Lastovica of Fredericksburg, Texas, and Abby Geye of Rising Star, Texas, aren't waiting until they turn 9 to get involved in showing Angus cattle. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla., the two youngsters showed they are old enough by fitting and showing an Angus calf in the barns.

They took turns being the showman and the judge. Since it was the only calf in the show, of course it always won champion. When this happened, the youngster playing judge would slap the calf and shake the hand of the showman. With manners beyond his years, Lastovica even practiced taking off his hat when shaking Geye's hand. Then they'd switch roles, showing the calf and selecting it champion all over again.

There's no doubt that when their time to show in the ring at the NJAS comes, Lastovica and Geye will have had plenty of practice. They have a few years to wait, which must be hard for these two, who seem to be out to prove they're already old enough.



Pre-show primping



Shaking the champion's hand



Slapping the champion



The winning handshake



All eyes on the judge



After a hard day's work