

Michigan Angus News

There are Opportunities at Every Turn

That is the message that I just sent out to the feed dealers in my territory. The same holds true for Angus breeders. I often times hear some of my dealers state that there are no livestock left in their area and that their business is very slow. The real numbers do not indicate that. Michigan is holding steady with beef cow and other livestock numbers. Expansion of the beef cow inventory is building, but will be slow given the current feeder calf and fed cattle markets.

There are opportunities for seedstock producers to produce and market quality bulls and replacement females. However, (as I tell my dealers) you cannot expect that customers will just walk in your door or drive on your farm to purchase products. Generating business (and customers) takes hard work. Are you ready for the challenge?

We have a committed, hard working board of directors that you have elected to serve the Michigan Angus Association. Each of the board members is ready to assist wherever needed. There have been several examples of that in recent weeks. I am very pleased to serve with them.

The upcoming Michigan Angus Association Field Day at Single Tree Farms near Charlotte will be a great opportunity to connect with cattle producers from throughout the state. Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 15 and be prepared for a very

enjoyable day. The field day program starts at 1:00 p.m. Kris, Evan, and Grace Boehmer and others have planned an excellent event with activities for youth as well as adults. Dr. Dan Moser of Angus Genetics, Inc. will be the featured speaker. He will share information on genetic evaluation and genomic enhanced EPD's. Gather your family, invite a neighbor or two - and certainly extend this invitation to interested youth in your area - and plan to spend the afternoon with fellow Angus enthusiasts at Single Tree Farms. Angus Prime Rib is on the menu! Please turn to page 3 for additional details and note that the Boehmers ask for your reply by August 7. The Michigan Angus Association appreciates the financial support of Zoetis, VitaFerm, and Kent Nutrition who are co-sponsoring this event.

Michigan Angus has been invited to join the Michigan Simmental Association for their Fall Sale on Saturday, October 31 in St. Louis, MI. This sale will focus on bred cows and bred heifers and a few, select show heifer prospects. Last year, a couple of our MAA members consigned cattle and were very pleased with the results as it was a very strong sale. Additional information for this event is on page 4, and an entry form is on page 5.

As I closed in our last newsletter, and I stress again, if there is anything on your mind concerning the Michigan Angus Association, please contact me at 517-230-8502 or email to geuns@msu.edu.

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✱ **Why not extend the OPPORTUNITY of MEMBERSHIP in Michigan Angus Association to a neighbor or customer? Invite a new member to join us by sharing the form on page 6, or make a gift of \$25 annual dues! It's also easy to enroll a new member on the website.**

angus calendar

August 6 to 9	NJAA LEAD Conference, Seattle, WA
August 15, 1pm	Michigan Angus Field Day, Single Tree Farms, Charlotte RSVP by August 7. See page 3 for details.
September 1	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Nomination Due Info on website: www.mibulls.com
September 4 to 7	Michigan State Fair, Novi Info on website: www.michiganstatefairllc.com Entries close August 1.
September 11	Deadline for consignments to Michigan Angus Fall Sale See pages 4 and 5 for details.
October 31	Michigan Angus Fall Sale, United Producers, St. Louis, MI
November 3 to 5	AAA Convention of Delegates, Overland Park, KS

**Plan to attend
Michigan
Angus
Field Day
at Single Tree Farms
Charlotte, MI
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 15
(RSVP by Aug. 7)**

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state preview show results

The Michigan Angus Open and Junior Preview Shows were held on June 14 at MSU in conjunction with the Michigan Beef Showcase. Judge Dan Kiesling placed the 24 head of bulls, females and steers. The Champion Bull was Precision Foundation 1401 exhibited by Kendra Merriman from Lowell. Blake Pillars from Martin owned the Champion Cow/Calf Pair, Seldom Rest Princess 780 and her heifer calf Clay Knoll Angus Precious 501. The January, 2015 calf was also the Senior Heifer Calf Champion. The Intermediate Heifer Champion in the open show was PPP Ms Ebony 011 owned by Kyle Smith from Columbus. The Reserve Intermediate Heifer Champion in the open show and the Intermediate Heifer Champion in the junior show was BWA Pride 03B owned by Amanda Kosal from Deckerville. Kollin Johnson from Quincy exhibited the Reserve Intermediate Heifer Champion in the junior show, Fernvale Skymere 122-426. Austin Pillars from Martin owned the Junior Heifer Champion, FF Rose 438 and she was also selected as the Grand Champion Female of both shows. The Reserve Junior Heifer Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female of both shows was FF Roxanne 406 exhibited by Blake Pillars from Martin. The Champion Bred and Owned Female was Reidoca Pride R410, owned by Rachel Reid from Eaton Rapids. Blake Pillars' heifer calf, Clay Knoll Angus Precious 501 was selected as the Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Female. The Grand Champion Angus Steer was Clay Knoll Angus Payne owned by Austin Pillars from Martin. The Reserve Grand Champion Angus Steer was BCCC Consensus B415 owned by Jaycie Brown from Pinckney. The Champion Junior Showmanship award went to Jaycie Brown, while Amanda Kosal from Deckerville won Champion Intermediate Showman, and Kollin Johnson from Quincy won Champion Senior Showman. Rachel Reid from Eaton Rapids was selected as Michigan's representative in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held during the National Junior Angus Show.

auxiliary recognizes champions

Michigan Angus Auxiliary is collecting the names of youth exhibitors of Champion Angus at a county fair, state fair, or district or statewide preview show. The names of each winner will go into a drawing to be held at the Michigan Winter Beef Classic at the MSU Pavilion in December, 2015. The lucky recipient will receive a show halter from the Auxiliary. Information needed includes: name of exhibitor, age, address, email address, phone, name of the fair or show where the champion award was received, and the contact info for the show or fair. Information should be sent by November 1st to Nancy Thelen at 7821 Weber Road, Saline, MI 48176 or emailed to hillsideacres01@aol.com.

MICHIGAN ANGUS FIELD DAY 2015



JOIN US

AUGUST 15, 2015

1:00 PM AT

Single Tree
FARMS

Presentation by Dr. Dan Moser, President of Angus Genetics, Inc. 

Dr. Moser will speak about the world of genetic testing, genomic enhanced EPD's and where our industry is headed through the use of genomic testing.

FIELD DAY 2015 WILL INCLUDE:

- Junior Programs with the following contests:
judging contest, poster contest, quiz bowl contest,
graphic design & photo contest
- Pasture Tour at Single Tree Farms
- Prime Rib Dinner to be provided

Please RSVP to Evan and Grace Boehmer at singletreefarms1@gmail.com or 517-281-1131 by August 7th to accomodate meal planning.

Single Tree Farms is located at:
4939 Marshall Rd., Charlotte, MI 48813

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2015 michigan angus fall sale

Presented in cooperation with Michigan Simmental Association

**NEW DATE AND
NEW LOCATION!**

**Saturday, October 31
United Producers • St. Louis, Michigan**

**SALE MANAGER: Ruble Cattle Services, Jeremie & Marshall Ruble
(406) 581-7940 rublecattleservices@gmail.com**

**SALE COORDINATOR, Michigan Angus Association:
Monte Bordner (269) 506-5109 monte@bordnerfarms.com**

SALE INFORMATION

ENTRY FEE

- Entry fee \$100/lot (applied to final sale expense)
Make check payable to Ruble Cattle Services
- Current Michigan Angus Assn. membership
If dues are not current as of 9/1/15, \$25 will be deducted at settlement

HEALTH & GENETIC REQUIREMENTS

- Cattle must be tested BVD negative (ear notch test).
- All cattle must follow the State of Michigan TB regulations.
- Michigan Angus Assn. policy requires breeding cattle consignments that are potential carriers of any known lethal genetic defect (for which there is a commercial test) to be TESTED FREE of the defect in order to be cataloged.

SALE CATEGORIES

- Bred Female (cow must be 8 years or younger)
- Cow/Calf Pair (cow must be 8 years or younger)
- Bred Heifer
- Open Heifer
- Genetics Lot – Confirmed Pregnancy
- Genetics Lot – Embryo Package
- Genetics Lot – Semen Package

SUPPLY PHOTOGRAPHS & FOOTNOTE INFO

- Quality photograph of sale lot, sire, dam or offspring
- E-mail high resolution digital files in JPG format
- Detailed production and performance information
- Complete breeding information including AI or service dates, pregnancy status, service sire name and registration number

AAA GENOMIC EPDS ARE A POWERFUL TOOL THAT ADD VALUE TO YOUR SALE CATTLE – START THE PROCESS NOW!

- Angus Genetics, Inc. has developed Genomic Enhanced Expected Progeny Differences (GE-EPDs) to be the best estimate of an animal's genetic worth as a parent. These values make use of known pedigree, performance and genomic information about an animal, its progeny and other relatives.
- Adding a genomic test to GE-EPDs:
 - Enhances predictability of current selection tools and increases EPD accuracy on young animals
 - Characterizes genetics for traits where it's difficult to measure the animal's own performance
 - Allows EPDs to be calculated for animals that may have had blank boxes previously

Genomic trait testing is available through your AAA Login account. For more info: www.angus.org; Angus Genetics Inc.

MESSAGE from the SALE MANAGER

Ruble Cattle Services is excited to be managing the 2015 Michigan Angus Association Fall Sale. Building on the success of last year's fall sale for Michigan Simmental Association, we welcome Angus breeders to this cooperative seedstock marketing event and look forward to serving you and the association in our role as sale manager.

*In last year's sale we were able to market cattle and genetics in numerous states throughout the country, and we have continued to open up marketing opportunities for you across the U.S. This year's cattle market is as high as ever and with your help we can make this the best fall seedstock offering in the state of Michigan. **What we need from you is your BEST!** This is an opportunity to showcase your program to Michigan and the nation. We are looking for top end bred cows, pairs, bred heifers, open heifers, pregnancies, embryos, and semen.*

Please make sure to have high quality pictures for the ads and sale catalog. We need entries and pictures by September 1 or sooner for ads. Please let us know as soon as possible how many lots you are planning to consign to the sale. Feel free to call us with questions or to ask for our input on selecting your sale lots. We are really looking forward your participation!

2015 michigan angus fall sale entry form

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill-in consignor info at top of form and copy this sheet for each lot you enter.
Complete the entry form for each Female or Genetics Lot you wish to consign.
Write footnote info for each lot on another page and send with entry forms.
E-mail high resolution photos to sale manager; ID photos with registered name.

**ENTRIES
DUE
SEPT. 1**

MAIL: Ruble Cattle Services
1525 140th St., Corydon, IA 50060
E-MAIL: rublecattleservices@gmail.com

CONSIGNOR NAME

FARM NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

SETTLEMENT CHECK payable to: Consignor Name Farm Name

FEMALE REGISTERED NAME

AAA REG. #

DATE OF BIRTH

SALE CATEGORY

- ☐ Bred Cow
☐ Cow/Calf Pair
☐ Bred Heifer
☐ Open Heifer

SIRE REG.#

DAM REG. #

DATE BRED

SERVICE SIRE NAME

SERVICE SIRE REG. #

SEX OF CALF AT SIDE

DATE OF BIRTH

REG. #

SIRE OF CALF

SIRE REG.#

GENETICS LOT

SALE CATEGORY

- ☐ Pregnancy
☐ Embryo Package # _____ eggs
☐ Semen # _____ straws

EMBRYO/PREG - SIRE REG.#

EMBRYO/PREG - DAM REG.#

PREGNANCY DUE DATE - SEX

RECIPIENT TATTOO/TAG NUMBER

SEMEN LOT - AI SIRE NAME

REG. #

ENTRY FEE

- ☐ \$100 per lot payable to
Ruble Cattle Services

PHOTOGRAPHS IN CATALOG

- ☐ ID _____
☐ ID _____

FOOTNOTE INFO INCLUDED

- ☐ Breeding
☐ Production & Performance

Michigan Angus Association Membership Application

BY MAIL

Make check payable to: Michigan Angus Assn.
Mail application and form to: Lisa Bohlen
20 Fairwood Blvd., Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

ANNUAL DUES

\$25.00

ONLINE @ www.michiganangus.org

Submit (or update) your farm contact
information using the online form.
Complete your payment through PayPal.

Farm Name: _____ Owner's Name: _____

County: _____ Farm Manager (if applicable): _____

Junior Members (under age 21): _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Farm Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

Directions to farm: _____

• Michigan Angus News: Electronically _____ U.S. Mail _____ • Freezer Beef Sales Listing: Yes _____ No _____

• Check all committees that interest you:

_____ Marketing and Promotion: bull test, fall sale, futurity show & sale, commercial opportunities, preview show

_____ Education and Mentoring: new members, junior members, field day, annual banquet, member recruitment, educational articles

_____ Communications: web site, newsletter, directory, advertising

_____ Policies and Procedures: responsibility of board of directors; check if you are interested in serving on the board in the future

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