

Michigan Angus News

These Are Exciting Times for Angus Breeders

Do you remember in your younger years it seemed like time moved very slowly? The wait for Christmas, a birthday, or a special trip seemed to take forever to arrive. But the older I get, I am always asking "where has the time gone?" We are moving rapidly into 2016. For many, calving season is in full swing. For others, anticipation is at a high level as the calving season approaches. Regardless, this is a very exciting time of every year and we learn how the latest matings "worked." There are also many exciting activities of the Michigan Angus Association that are very close on the calendar.

The Annual Awards Banquet, along with meetings of the Junior Association and the Auxiliary, will be held on Saturday, March 5 at the Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer headquarters west of St. Johns. Several of our members asked to move this event off of a Sunday and the Board listened. An exciting program is planned where awards and accolades will be presented to our junior and adult members. In addition, Dr. Ron Erskine from the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, will deliver a presentation regarding the upcoming Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) that will be implemented by U.S.D.A. on January 1, 2017. Plan to arrive early so that you can tour the outstanding agricultural education exhibits that are at this facility. Please refer to specific information and reservation forms that can be found in this newsletter.

Also on the same date as the Banquet, the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House will be held at Plank Farms near Crystal from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Crystal is a short drive to St. Johns.

Try to make arrangements with a neighbor or friend to check the cows and do chores on Saturday evening and make a day of it. As always, there is an outstanding set of Angus bulls in the program that will be offered for sale on March 19, 2016.

The 58th Annual Michigan Futurity Show & Sale will be held on April 1-2, 2016 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. The event will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Beef Expo. We are anticipating a very strong offering of bulls, bred females (or with calf at side), and open heifers. ATTENTION JUNIORS: This will be a great opportunity to purchase an Angus heifer that you can show the next day in the Beef Expo Junior Show. Last year, the Angus bulls averaged over \$3,700 and the Angus females averaged over \$4,100. If you are planning to enter cattle and have not yet submitted your information, we must have it NOW in order to have your consignments in the catalog.

The Michigan Angus Association will also hold their 2016 Field Day. Plans are in the early stages but Michigan State University Purebred Beef Center faculty and staff have offered to host the event. The tentative date is August 20, 2016. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Michigan Junior Angus Association. It will be very fitting to have the Field Day at MSU because this is the site where our Junior Association started. This promises to be a very special Field Day.

Ken Geuns, President
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Ken Geuns

*** There are many opportunities in the near future to connect with your colleagues and friends, as well as purchase new Angus genetics for your operation. These are exciting times and opportunities await. We look forward to seeing you soon!**

angus calendar

February 1	Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale ENTRIES DUE!
February 13	Michigan Cattlemen's Assn. Annual Conference, East Lansing To register, call 517-347-8117 or visit www.micattlemen.org
March 5	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House, Plank Farms, Crystal
March 5	Michigan Angus Association Awards Banquet Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World HQ, St. Johns
March 19	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Sale, Plank Farms, Crystal
April 1 - 2	MICHIGAN BEEF EXPO, MSU PAVILION, EAST LANSING Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale
April 3	MSU Block & Bridle Club Junior Heifer & Steer Show

Have you remembered to renew your Michigan Angus membership for 2016? See page 8!

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Michigan Angus Association 2016 Dues

It's time to renew your membership for 2016. A current membership will ensure continuation of the newsletter, will allow a free listing on our website, provides the opportunity for free ad postings in the Angus Market section of the website, and to market cattle through the Angus Futurity and Fall Sale. Even if you are a life member, please complete the membership application in this newsletter or online at www.michiganangus.org and indicate if you want to receive the newsletter by mail or e-mail. We also receive frequent requests from people interested in purchasing cattle. If you would like to be contacted with these inquiries and other timely information be sure to list your e-mail address. If you have any questions about your membership please contact any of the officers or directors.

Annual Banquet – New Date, Location and Schedule

Mark your calendar and send in your reservation to come to the new Michigan Angus Association "Awards Banquet" on Saturday, March 5. The transition from a Sunday annual meeting to a Saturday awards banquet is the result of the survey and discussion held at our 2015 annual meeting. Michigan Angus Association's annual meeting will now be held at our field day in the summer. On March 5 we will also kick off the celebration of the 50th anniversary of MJAA and continue at Angus events throughout the year! There will be time in the afternoon to experience Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer's IQ Hub, a center for agricultural history, innovation, and exploration.

The form on page 3 outlines the complete schedule for the afternoon and evening event which includes meetings of Michigan Junior Angus Association, Michigan Angus Auxiliary and Michigan Angus Association board of directors. The evening includes a reception at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a featured speaker and the awards program. Plan to participate in the raffle, auction and silent auction to support the activities of our association and youth development.

show report

AGR Beef Preview Show - January 23 - 24, Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

The MSU Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity sponsored their third preview show on January 23 and 24th. All proceeds from this event went to the Michigan AgrAbility program. The Champion Angus Heifer was exhibited by Bailey Hoppa from Fremont and Kollin Johnson from Quincy exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer. Kollin also exhibited the Champion Angus Steer, while Austin Pillars from Martin exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer.

2016

*All members and Angus enthusiasts
are invited to attend!*

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awards banquet

New date, location & format!

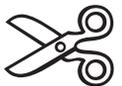
Saturday March 5

**AGRO-CULTURE
LIQUID FERTILIZERS
WORLD HEADQUARTERS**
3055 W. M-21, St. Johns, MI 48879
www.agroliquid.com

*Read about
AgroLiquid Headquarters
and the IQ Hub on page 4!*

- 1 p.m. **Michigan Junior Angus Association meeting – open to all**
- 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. **AGRO-CULTURE HQ FREE TOURS**
Tour the "IQ Hub"
*A unique center of agricultural history,
innovation and exploration for all ages.*
- 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. **Repeat Tour of "IQ Hub"**
- 3:30 p.m. **MEETINGS**
Michigan Angus Auxiliary annual meeting – open to all
Michigan Angus Association Board Meeting – open to all
- 5 p.m. **SOCIAL HOUR - Enjoy MJAA 50th anniversary cake!**
- 5:30 p.m. **ANNUAL BANQUET**
*Featuring Guest Speaker:
Dr. Ron Erskine, MSU, "Veterinary Feed Directive"*
Awards and Recognition Program
Michigan Angus Raffle & Auction and Silent Auction
Special recognition of MJAA past and current members
Crowning of Miss Michigan Angus

*You will not want
to miss touring
the IQ Hub!*



Banquet Menu Selections & Prices

	SMOKED BRISKET	CHICKEN	HAMBURGER
• Adult	\$20	\$20	\$15
• Junior (21 & under)	\$10	\$10	\$10
• Children (5 & younger)	no charge		

**PROMPT REPLY
IS REQUESTED**

**Reservations due
Thursday, February 25!**

Name of each person attending	2:45 Tour	3:30 Tour	Adult	Junior	Child	Brisket	Chicken	Burger	PRICE

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Michigan Angus Association
MAIL TO: Evan & Grace Boehmer
6125 Matthews Road, Olivet, MI 49076
517-652-3065

**TOTAL PAYMENT
ENCLOSED \$ _____**

2016 awards banquet

AGRO-CULTURE LIQUID FERTILIZERS WORLD HEADQUARTERS

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www.agroliquid.com



THE AGRO-LIQUID STORY

Started in 1963 in St. Johns, Michigan by Douglas Cook, it wasn't until 1983 that Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers was incorporated. At this time Troy and Jill (Cook) Bancroft joined the team to help turn Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers into the success it is today. The company also includes Troy's sons Nick, Albert and Gerrit Bancroft.

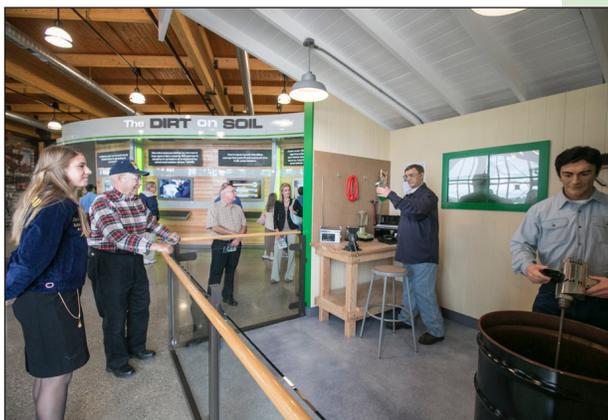
Over the years, the company has understood that advanced crop fertility products and agricultural practices come from intense agronomic research and applied technology, not guesswork. Everything learned through an extensive research program goes into the development and manufacture of the most efficient, environmentally responsible crop nutrient products available.

The company's entire line of fertilizers are formulated to help growers achieve the best possible yields while employing sustainable agricultural practices.

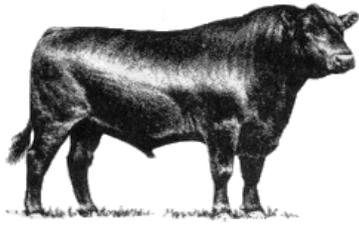
Five basic principals – Honesty, Integrity, Ethics, Quality and Giving Back – are incorporated into everything the company does.

AG HISTORY, INNOVATION & EXPLORATION

AgroLiquid's "IQhub" is a center for agricultural history, innovation and exploration located inside the company's world headquarters. Exhibits chronicle the advancement of agriculture from before the pilgrims set foot in the Americas through the science and technology of the present day. The 9,500 square foot ag education destination features "Kids' Korner" where even the youngest visitors can learn about the farm-to-fork connection. The "IQhub" is open to the public and admission is free.



Tours of the "IQhub" are scheduled for Michigan Angus breeders on March 5 at 2:45 and 3:30 pm.



2016 Michigan Bull Breeding Soundness Exam Clinics

The MSU Beef Extension Team is again organizing regional Bull Breeding Soundness Exam Clinics.

Last year, the program tested over 300 bulls for 110 different operations. By identifying these potential male fertility problems, producers were able to reduce the risk of a less than optimum breeding season.

The MSUE Beef Team encourages you to have BSE conducted on your breeding bulls every year. Contact your veterinarian or take advantage of the following Breeding Soundness Exam Clinics organized by MSUE.

Cost is \$60 per bull when done at one of the MSUE clinics. **To schedule an appointment at one of these BSE clinics, please call the appropriate contact person as soon as possible.** All Clinics start at 9:00 AM.

In addition, the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine regularly schedules in house appointments for BSE's. To schedule an appointment contact the MSU CVM Large Animal Clinic at 517-353-9710.

Location: Gary Voogt Farm, 2831 Hayes St, Marne MI
Date: Friday, March 11th, 2016
Contact: Kevin Gould @ 616-527-5357 or Gary Voogt @ 616-677-3680

Location: Matt Miller Farm, 2685 E. Bellvue Rd, Charlotte MI
Date: Saturday, March 26th, 2016
Contact: Beadle Lake Veterinary Clinic @ 269-441-9233

Location: Breault Beef Farm, 868 Hoffman Road, Gladwin MI
Date: Friday, April 8th, 2016
Contact: Kable Thurlow @ 989-426-7741

Location: MSU Lake City Experiment Station, 5401 W. Jennings Road, Lake City MI
Date: Friday, April 15th, 2016
Contact: Kable Thurlow @ 989-426-7741 or Doug Carmichael @ 231-839-4608

Location: Wernette Cattle Company, 9144 50TH AVE, Remus MI
Date: Saturday, April 16th, 2016
Contact: Kevin Gould @ 616-527-5357 or Dr. Kevin Todd 231-832-3680

Location: Upper Peninsula of Michigan
Date: April 25-29, 2016
Contact: Frank Wardynski @ 906-884-4386

Location: Chuck Preston Farm, 4780 County Line Road, Prescott MI
Date: Saturday, April 30th
Contact: Phil Durst @ 989-387-5346 or Chuck Preston @ 989-873-4164

junior association news

2015-16 Michigan Junior Angus Association

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Juniors Meet on March 5 to Celebrate Awards & Make Plans for 2016 Activities

The Michigan Junior Angus Association is currently planning for the upcoming membership meeting and banquet on Saturday, March 5. All Angus youth and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend. The membership meeting and banquet is a great place to get to know other juniors and get more involved in state and national youth activities. Reservation information is located in this newsletter.

The main focus of the meeting will be to plan for upcoming activities, including our 50th Anniversary and the 2016 National Junior Angus Show in Grand Island, Nebraska, July 3-9. All members who have participated in NJAS contests are encouraged to bring the entries they have exhibited as a way to showcase the opportunities at the NJAS even if the junior cannot attend the show. Michigan juniors are encouraged to consider participating in upcoming state, regional and national shows. Check the NJAA website for ownership and entry deadlines.

The junior association membership meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and will be completed by 3:30 p.m. so juniors can participate in the tour of the IQ Hub at Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer, the site of our meeting and banquet.

A social will begin at 5 p.m. and anniversary cake will be served during it. The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and past and current Michigan Junior Angus members will be recognized. Former members are also asked to bring any pieces of memorabilia and/or photos to display and share at the banquet. Many juniors will be recognized during the banquet awards program which includes the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards, as well as Outstanding Member awards. The juniors will also have a silent auction of baked goods - any member is welcome to bring an item.

50th Anniversary Logo Contest

Our Michigan Junior Angus Association was organized in 1966. As part of our celebration we are sponsoring a contest for a 50th logo for the anniversary. During the meeting we will be selecting the two top logos in honor of our 50th anniversary. The logos will be used on displays and other materials throughout the remainder of 2016. Any junior member can submit an entry - it should be brought to the meeting on an 8 1/2 by 11" sheet.

Show Box Fundraiser a Success

Junior members and advisors worked very hard selling raffle tickets on a show box or \$800 credit at Fair Acres Show Supply. The raffle was held at the Winter Classic Beef Show in December at MSU. Our lucky winner was Brady Zellmer. We hope to see Brady and that shiny new box at shows this spring and summer. Thank you to all those that purchased tickets and helped support the junior program. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to see all you on Saturday, March 5th at the banquet. Respectfully Yours, Austin Pillars

MJAA Seeking Past Junior Members

Help us reach past juniors by reaching out and sharing this information with them and invite them to the banquet. In addition, we are hoping to collect information on past members to complete the history of our organization and create new connections.

Please BRING this form to the banquet on March 5, or return the info by MAIL or E-MAIL by March 25 to: Jaycie Brown, MJAA Secretary, 21431 Spears Road, Pinckney, MI 48169 or jsjbrown@yahoo.com

Name _____ Years in MJAA _____

Highlights of your junior member experience (activities, awards, shows, leadership, etc.) _____

How did MJAA membership help you in life? _____

What is your career, business or special interest? _____

Mailing address _____

Email address _____ Phone/Text _____

Michigan Junior Angus Association Celebrating 50 Years

In the mid 1960's several Angus breeders – Herm Bakhaus, Richard Crissman and Herb Diuble, met with Dean Hurlbut from the American Angus Association to talk about the possibility of forming a junior Angus association in Michigan. The Angus breeders at that time had the foresight to want to provide an opportunity for young Angus breeders to learn leadership skills, promote the breed, train future leaders, develop interest in Angus cattle and become part of the "Youth Activities Department" of the American Angus Association.

The Michigan Junior Angus Association was organized July 24, 1966 at the Michigan Angus Field Day held at Michigan State University. Duane Feikema of Evert was elected as the first president. Other officers and charter directors were vice-president Jim Crissman; second vice-president Dennis Good; secretary-treasurer Pat O'Mara; and directors Bill Sheridan, Nancy Diuble, John Caviness, Dennis O'Mara, Sue Crissman and Mary Nagel. Regional association directors were Dennis Fellows, Dana Chester, Katie Crissman and Kay Railor. The first adult advisors were R. K. Crissman, Vic Cronk and Curtis M. Brown. The vision of the Michigan Junior Angus Association is to provide the opportunity for youth interested in Angus cattle to develop leadership skills and form lifelong relationships through activities associated with the Angus breed.

Bill Brittain, owner of Mahogany Farms, donated a heifer to the junior association. The heifer was sold in the 1967 Michigan Angus Futurity and the money from the sale of the heifer went into the junior Angus association treasury to provide funds for a beginning in Angus promotion. Kitty Kurtis Farms purchased the heifer for \$1050. The organization grew tremendously in both numbers and activities. The first Michigan Junior Angus Association field day was held at MSU in 1967 and it was open to juniors from all breeds of cattle. The first Michigan Junior Angus newsletter was written in 1969 and the first Premier Jr. Exhibitor Award was presented in 1969. The first Michigan Jr. Angus Association Preview Show was held in June, 1971 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion and the judge was Dr. Dave Hawkins. Other early activities the association helped to sponsor included a Michigan Junior Beef Education Day held in 1970 at MSU, a beef management clinic in 1974, a breeding certificates drawing for junior exhibitors, and the Michigan Junior All Breeds Heifer Show which has been held since 1978. The association also hosted the first Great Lakes Regional Jr. Angus Heifer Show in 1981.

Over the years the Michigan Junior Angus Association has continued to sponsor many activities and recognize members for their achievements. They have held socials at statewide shows, organized workshops focusing on youth and communication and record-keeping skills, as well as multi-breed workshops, hosted breakfasts at the National Jr. Angus Show, held workdays to prepare for national contests, participated in every contest at the National Jr. Angus Show and helped promote beef at various activities throughout the state. The association also developed a mentoring program which has resulted in many close and long-time friendships being developed between the members.

When the National Junior Angus Board was organized in 1980, a Michigan junior, Sharon Diuble, was elected to the first national board of directors. Since that time, nine other Michigan juniors have served two year terms on the board and carried on major leadership roles. They were Lisa Bohlen, Clifford Simmons, Christine Simmons, Lisa Hawkins, Jennifer Hawkins, Ryan Sweeney, Renee Thelen, Andrew Foster, and Danielle Foster.

Throughout the years the Michigan juniors have compiled an impressive record of accomplishments at the state and national level. Watch for more history coming soon, but in the meantime please join the Michigan Junior Angus Association as they kick-off their 50th year celebration at the annual Michigan Angus Banquet on March 5th in St. Johns. Past and current members will be recognized and are also invited to bring along photos and other memorabilia from their years of junior membership. There will be posters and displays full of history at activities throughout the year and a special program at the Michigan Angus Field Day in the summer.

auxiliary news

2015 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

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Twenty Michigan Junior members will be recognized with American Angus Auxiliary Certificates of Achievement during the annual awards banquet on March 5. Recipients are: Jaycie Brown, Pinckney; Tori DeMeyer, Niles; Kavina Johnson, Quincy; Kollin Johnson, Quincy; Amanda Kosal, Deckerville; Katrena Klopfenstein, Galien; Jonathan Lutchka, Grass Lake; Marie MacMaster, Harrisville; Matthew MacMaster, Harrisville; Kendra Merriman, Lowell; Austin Pillars, Martin; Blake Pillars, Martin; Sterling Reichenbach, Bath; Katie Reid, Eaton Rapids; Jack Reid, Eaton Rapids; Maggie Reid, Eaton Rapids; Rachel Reid, Eaton Rapids; Brady Zellmer, Nashville; Paige Zellmer, Nashville and Thea Zellmer, Nashville.

Auxiliary Scholarship Applications Due April 1

We know this time of year is very busy for all, however, we would like to extend an invitation to our junior membership regarding scholarship applications. Any Junior Angus member who will be graduating from High School this year is eligible to apply for a Michigan Angus Scholarship. Winners of our state scholarship will be eligible for consideration at the National Level. As always April 1st is the deadline to submit scholarship applications. The scholarship application process can be a little overwhelming, please take advantage of Mrs. Janel Horrocks-Boehmer's offer to assist. She has extensive knowledge regarding the application process and will gladly assist any member who contacts her. She can be reached at jhorrocks211@yahoo.com or at 517.449.7345

You are invited to join the Auxiliary!

The Auxiliary welcomes new members! If you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, contact Kris Boehmer 517-712-0421 or Sharon Vaassen 734-663-8071. A membership form is posted on the web site, and printed in the Michigan Angus Directory.

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 _____

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

_____ Communications: web site, newsletter, directory, advertising

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