



Michigan Angus News

Greetings Michigan Angus Association members and friends!

As I sit down to write this article I'm hoping planting time is underway in your area. Between the weather, rising fuel, fertilizer, chemical and seed prices, the challenges and concerns are plenty.

As farmers and livestock producers, we will persevere as we always do. Cow-calf pairs are on grass, breeding season is underway, and we admire those baby calves and hope it's the best calf crop ever.

Michigan Angus Futurity

The Michigan Angus Futurity was held April 1-2 in conjunction with the Michigan Beef Expo. Although low in quantity, the quality exhibited by the consignors was high – outstanding! Demand for the bulls and females was incredible. My compliments to the consignors on bringing high quality animals to the sale.

A couple special thank you's need to be extended. First, to Bill Sheridan, Chairman of the Expo Committee, for pouring his heart and soul into seeing that the 2022 Beef Expo was a success! Second, to Evan Boehmer who once again collected the entries, organized the catalog, stalling and the show. Thanks to these two gentlemen for their efforts!

2022 MAA Expo Gathering

On April 2, Michigan Angus Association hosted a casual gathering at the Beef Expo for both fellowship and fundraising efforts. Pizza and subs were provided by the association.

Thanks to all those who bought ads in the 2022 Michigan Angus Directory and bid for and purchased live and silent auction items. Thanks to all who attended and supported this event.

Auxiliary Quilt Raffle

Michigan Angus Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets on a quilt. Thanks to those of you who bought tickets and a reminder that it's not too late to still get your winning ticket by contacting Rachael Coleman at 734-645-2304. See the quilt on page 5. Funds generated from the quilt raffle will support the Auxiliary's educational scholarships for Michigan Angus Juniors.

MCA/MSU Bull Test

This year's bull test was held at the Plank Farms in Crystal. Once again, Angus breeders entered an exceptional set of bulls and the demand for Angus bulls was strong throughout the sale. A special thanks to the Plank family for all their efforts in making this sale and previous sales at their facility a success. Watch for details on the 2023 bull test from MCA and in future MAA newsletters.

2022 Michigan Angus Field Day

As of this writing we are still searching for a host for our 2022 Field Day in late summer or early fall. We are exploring a couple ideas now. If you are interested in hosting, please contact me.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to reach out to me.

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Mark your calendar...

June 6 – 16
June 23 – 25

Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Chatham, VA
Michigan Cattlemen's Assn. Summer Round-up,
Hughston's Cow Camp, McBain, MI
Producer Education & Demonstrations, Farm Tour,
and BBQ & Dessert Competition
Visit micattlemen.org for info

July 2 – 9

National Junior Angus Show, Kansas City, MO

July 28 – 31

NJAA LEAD Conference, Lexington, KY

Sept. 1 – 5

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Show Reports...

by Nancy Thelen

Note to Junior Angus Exhibitors: With the many opportunities that juniors have to exhibit Angus heifers and steers at shows across the state, it is a challenge to collect reports on every show for the Michigan Angus News. We welcome show reports from any of our juniors! E-mail or text results (Champion and Reserve Angus Heifers and Angus Steers) to: Nancy Thelen, hillsideacres01@aol.com or 734-216-3617.

MSU Alpha Gamma Rho Beef Show – February 12-13

Junior Angus exhibitors led out six Angus steers and ten heifers at the MSU Alpha Gamma Rho Beef Show held February 12 and 13, 2022. Champion Angus Steer in Ring 1 was exhibited by Clayton Duff and he had the Reserve Champion Angus Steer in Ring 2. Kris Kosal showed the Champion Angus Steer in Ring 2 and his steer was the Reserve Champion Angus Steer in Ring 1. In the heifer show Lindsey Kavanagh exhibited the Champion Angus Heifer in both Ring 1 and Ring 2. The Reserve Champion Angus Heifer in Ring 1 was shown by Celena Eldridge. Aubrey Duff exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer in Ring 2.

MSU Block and Bridle Beef Expo Show – April 3

The MSU Block and Bridle Beef Expo Show was held April 3, 2022 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. The Champion Angus Steer was exhibited by Kris Kosal and Dylan Stoll exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer. The Champion Angus Heifer and the Supreme Champion Heifer over all breeds was exhibited by Tanner Green. His heifer was also the Champion Michigan Owned Heifer. Katelyn Dargus showed the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer and her heifer was also selected as the Third Place Overall Heifer and the Reserve Michigan Owned Heifer.

Michigan Junior Angus Preview Show – May 21

The 2022 Michigan Jr. Angus Preview Show was held at the Eaton Elite Beef Show on May 21 in Charlotte. There were eight Angus heifers and three Angus steers exhibited by ten juniors.

The Champion Angus Heifer was exhibited by Kris Kosal from Deckerville. His heifer, Seldom Rest Bardot 1118, is a May 1, 2021 daughter of Conley Express 7211. The Reserve Champion Angus Heifer was shown by MacKenna Geeseman from Evart. Her heifer, Latt Andi 2103, is a February 15, 2021 daughter of PVF Insight 0129.

The Champion Angus Steer was exhibited by Kaytlyn Harfst from Battle Creek. Her steer, HC Prince 108, is an April 28, 2021 son of PVF Insight 0129. Kaytlyn's steer went on to be selected as the Overall Grand Champion Market Animal and the Overall Grand Champion Bred & Owned Market Animal. The Reserve Champion Angus Steer was shown by Kyle Croll from Remus. His steer, FV DK KC DA Gus Gus 123, is an April 1, 2021 son of Silveiras Style 9303.

The Angus Showmanship classes were sponsored by the Michigan Angus Auxiliary. The Champion Jr. Showman was Charlee Klink from Garden, Champion Intermediate Showman was Blake Pillars from Martin, and the Champion Sr. Showman was Anika Stehlik from St. Johns. Kris Kosal from Deckerville was selected to represent Michigan in the National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest to be held during the National Jr. Angus Show, July 3-9 in Kansas City, MO.

Bull Evaluation... MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Enters New Era

by Dan Buskirk, MSU Beef Extension Specialist

The 2021-22 MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program was the 34th consecutive year of the program. The Plank Farm, Crystal, MI again furnished the development facilities and provided complete care and management for the consigned bulls. This year, 23 breeders from Michigan (19), Indiana (3), and Ohio (1) had their bulls evaluated. Ninety-eight bulls began the test in October 2021.

This was the 20th group of bulls that Brian Plank had managed for the program prior to his untimely death in November. Led by Eric Plank, Brian's brother, the entire family rallied with neighbors to care for the bulls and complete the evaluation. We know that Brian would have been proud of his family for rising far above expectations and seeing the program through.

Performance of the bulls met or exceeded expectations in all categories. Fourteen breeders consigned Angus bulls, with 55 of 57 completing the entire test (Table 1). Angus senior bulls included those born from 9/3/20 to 12/14/20 and juniors were born from 1/4/21 to 3/22/21.

Table 1. Performance measures of Angus bulls in the 2021-22 MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program, by age division

	n	Farm		Evaluation measures							Ultrasound, 365-d		
		Act. BW, lb	Adj. WW, lb	Initial wt., lb	Final wt., lb	ADG, lb/d	WDA, lb/d	Frame score	Scrotal cir., cm	Pelvic area cm ²	Fat, in.	REA, in ²	IMF, %
Senior Angus	15	77.6	732	1085	1551	4.15	3.18	5.6	34.9	241	0.21	12.8	2.80
Junior Angus	40	83.0	698	781	1196	3.71	3.27	5.6	36.6	204	0.33	13.3	3.87
All Angus	55	81.5	707	864	1293	3.91	3.25	5.6	36.1	214	0.30	13.2	3.58

The top gaining Angus bull was consigned by CFC Angus, Kalamazoo, MI and had an impressive 112-day ADG of 4.87 lb/day. He is a son of K C F Bennett Absolute, out of a Kesslers Frontman R001 daughter.

The high indexing Angus bull was consigned by Maplebrook Farm Holdings, Holland, MI. He is a son of Roseda Powerball23 F091, out of a Byergo/Double GG Blackstone daughter. He was also the high selling Angus bull at \$7,500, purchased by Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI.

A total of 40 Angus bulls achieved the criteria and were sold on March 19th for an average of \$3,662. The overall sale averaged \$3,783 on 68 bulls, setting the second highest sale average in the history of the program. A complete closeout report is available at mibulls.com.

The program will be entering an exciting new era this fall with development of a new facility at Wernette Cattle Co., Remus, MI. Karl Wernette will serve as station manager and will undoubtedly receive a lot of support from the entire Wernette family. The bull evaluation consignors, Michigan Cattlemen's Assoc. and Michigan State University Extension look forward to working with Karl in this new endeavor. Details for consignors to the next evaluation will be available in July at mibulls.com.

Junior Association News... by Justin Stoll

Hello Fellow Angus Enthusiasts!

My name is Justin Stoll. I'm from Grand Ledge and am the newly elected MJAA President. Anika Stehlik from Saint Johns is our Vice President, Katelyn Dargus from Buchanan is our Secretary, Blake Pillars from Martin is our Treasurer, and Dylan Stoll from Grand Ledge is our Awards Chairman. We are looking forward to growing as a board and working together to increase our membership.

This year the MJAA decided to hold a semen sale at the Michigan Beef Expo Sale. We would like to thank Ken Geuns, Troy Wilson, Prairie View Farms, Cattle Visions, and the Kosal Family for generously donating lots of semen. Thanks also to Reid Livestock for donating a C.J. Brown numbered print for the juniors to sell during the sale. We appreciate the support of Michael & Tiffany Sloan, Mark & Tandra Angus, Kosal Family, Stoll Family, Phil & Lisa Tuggle, and Brumfield Angus Farm for purchases during the juniors' section of the sale.

Congratulations goes out to all those who won an award in the 2021 show season! The placings are as follows: 2021 Premier Exhibitor 1st place, Blake Pillars, Martin; 2nd Place, Charlee Klink, Garden; 3rd place, Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge; 4th place, Dylan Stoll, Grand Ledge; 5th place, Katelyn Dargus, Buchanan; 6th place, Anika Stehlik, Saint Johns. 2021 Premier Breeder: 1st place, Blake Pillars, Martin; 2nd Place, Charlee Klink, Garden. Outstanding Senior, Blake Pillars, Martin. Outstanding Junior, Dylan Stoll, Grand Ledge.

As the spring jackpot show season comes to a close, Junior Angus members are preparing for county fairs and the National Junior Angus Show July 2-9 in Kansas City, Missouri. This year's theme is "The Biggest Show On Dirt."

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Our annual meeting was held over Zoom this year. Agenda items included the election of officers, scholarships, and planning for the future. A huge thank you to everyone that was able to join the call.

Miss Michigan Angus and Ambassador Crowned

We proudly crowned our 2022 Miss Michigan Angus during the Michigan Beef Expo. Congratulations to Anika Stehlik of St. Johns, MI. We also announced our 2022 Ambassador, Katelyn Dargus of Buchanan, MI. Congratulations again to these two wonderful young ladies who will represent the Angus breed throughout the next year.

American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement Awards

In the past, the Auxiliary Awards chair has submitted these forms, but they can be much more accurate and detailed when submitted by the exhibitor. Application forms are due November 1st, so make sure to track your accomplishments throughout the year, including educational contests, judging and even carcass class!

For more information about the awards, please visit the Auxiliary portion of the Michigan Angus website. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Diekevers at kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu.

2022 Michigan Jr. Angus Preview Show

This year, we held the Michigan Junior Angus Preview Show at the Eaton Elite Show in Charlotte, MI. The Michigan Angus Auxiliary sponsored the Angus showmanship classes.

2021 Advanced Education Scholarship

Junior Angus members who are upcoming college sophomores, juniors, or seniors are eligible to apply for the scholarship and can be awarded this up to two times. The scholarship can be found on the Michigan Angus Auxiliary website.

There are many junior members who are eligible for scholarships, and we highly encourage you to apply. Each year, Michigan Junior Angus members, who are seniors in high school, are invited to apply for the Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. The forms and directions are available to download from the American Angus Auxiliary website. For scholarship questions, please reach out to Kendra Diekevers at kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu.

You are invited to join the Auxiliary!

Our association continues to grow through new activities and members. If you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, please contact Sharon Vaassen at 734-663-8071. A membership form is posted on the website on the forms tab and also printed in the Michigan Angus Directory.

Why I Joined the Michigan Angus Auxiliary – by Nancy Diuble Thelen

I have had the unique opportunity to experience several “firsts” during my years of involvement with Angus cattle. I remember when the Michigan Angus Auxiliary was organized in 1967. As a teenager I admired the many women who worked so hard to make the Michigan Angus Auxiliary a reality and provided so many opportunities for young people to participate in learning activities. From being selected as the first Miss Michigan Angus in 1967 to participating in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, receiving the Michigan Scholarship and then the national scholarship and being named the 1970-71 National Angus Queen, the Auxiliary worked continuously to be able to offer activities for young people and promote our Angus breed.

When I aged out of Junior Angus Association leadership roles, it was a natural step to get more involved in the Michigan Angus Auxiliary and the American Angus Auxiliary. I wanted to be a part of the program which gave me so much during my youth, including mentors and lifelong friends. Over the years many juniors, including our two daughters, have been fortunate to benefit from Auxiliary programs which have positively affected my life and hundreds of others directly and indirectly.

I continue to stay actively involved in the Auxiliary as I want juniors to have the same opportunities that I had, and our two daughters had, growing up in the Angus family. I encourage anyone with a desire and passion for helping young people to be involved in our Auxiliary.

Each newsletter will feature an Auxiliary member (past or current) answering the question: Why Did You Join the Michigan Angus Auxiliary? If you are interested in responding to this question, please contact Rachael Coleman at itsmerachael@gmail.com.



Auxiliary Quilt Raffle

Supporting Scholarships for Angus Youth

The Michigan Angus Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets for this beautiful Angus-themed HANDMADE, QUEEN SIZE QUILT!

All proceeds from this raffle will help the Auxiliary award more scholarships to deserving Michigan Angus Juniors. The winning ticket will be pulled at the Michigan Angus Field Day, or by October 1, 2022.

**\$10 per ticket – 200 tickets will be sold
As of press time, there are 83 raffle tickets left!**

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Rachael Coleman
E-mail: itsmerachael@gmail.com or Phone/Text: 734.645.2304

2022 Michigan Expo Angus Sale Top-selling Lots

Lot 101 Female, \$5,900 • Consigned by Seldom Rest Farms • Purchased by DeLong Cattle Co.

Lot 107 Female, \$5,300 • Consigned by Double C Angus • Purchased by Scott Fettig

Lot 109 Bull, \$5,100 • Consigned by Barker Creek Cattle Co. • Purchased by Scott Zeilke

Lot 113 Bull, \$5,100 • Consigned by Paradise Angus • Purchased by Ralph Deshetsky



Thanks to Consignors, Bidders and Buyers!

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Barker Creek Cattle Co., Bath • Hutchings-Kenyon Registered Angus, Bellevue

Michigan Angus Association appreciates the time and effort of the Sale Chair, Evan Boehmer.
Thanks also to dedicated association members who assisted in making this event a success!

Michigan Angus Assn. Membership Application

BY MAIL

Make check payable to: Michigan Angus Assn.
Mail application and form to: Lisa Bohlen
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County: _____ Farm Manager (if applicable): _____

Junior Members (under age 21): _____

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