

MICHIGAN ANGUS NEWS

The Official Publication of the Michigan Angus Association

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Angus Friends.

I hope this latest edition of the Angus newsletter finds everyone well and enjoying the summer. I hope your calf crop and crops are doing well and you have an abundant crop of hay put up. In this newsletter you will find information on a variety of upcoming events.

The Beef Showcase and Michigan Angus Preview show has come and gone and my congratulations go to the winners and those that participated. I hope those attending the National Junior Angus Show have a good trip.

In this issue you will find entry forms for the Fall Sale to be held October 2. The committee is working hard to make this an excellent sale. I hope you will give serious consideration to consigning. Please be aware of the genetic testing requirements and the new BVD requirements.

On August 21 Clifford Simmons and his family of Omega Farms is hosting the Michigan Angus Association Field Day in Williamston. I hope you all can attend.

As always, visit our website at www.michiganangus.org for information about the association, upcoming events and the Angus breed.

Chuck Preston

Establish a Presence Online

The Michigan Angus Association official website www.michiganangus.org offers banner advertisements to members and agri-businesses. Banner advertisements are a quick and easy way to promote a sale offering, a bull, or ag-related merchandise and services out there where they will be readily noticed by cattlemen.

Whether you have a farm website or not, you can take advantage of these great rates. For \$25/month your ad will be placed on the home page of the Michigan Angus website.

We can easily design a banner ad for you at no additional cost or use one you may have placed on other websites. Contact Rebecca VanDenBerg at support@michiganangus.org to get your banner ad placed.

Calendar of Events

July

11-17 National Junior Angus Show, Denver, Colorado

August

21 MAA Field Day, Omega Farms, Williamston, Michigan

September

1 MAA Board of Directors Meeting, MSU Turf Center 7 p.m.

1 MCA/MSU Bull Test Nominations Due

October

2 MAA Fall Sale, MSU South Barn

November

15-16 American Angus Association Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky &
North American International Livestock Exposition

Please help us keep our mailing list up to date! If you have recently changed your address or the mailings from MAA have a forwarding address label from the post office, please let us know. This will enable us to correct our mailing list and help keep postage costs down for remailing expenses. Thanks!

2010 MISS MICHIGAN ANGUS

Congratulations to Rachel Reid, daughter of Chuck and Linda Reid from Eaton Rapids on being selected as the 2010 Miss Michigan Angus. Rachel has been very active in the Michigan Junior Angus Association and in 4-H. Rachel was crowned during the annual banquet in March by our 2009 Miss Michigan Angus, Hope Bordner. Many thanks to Hope and to DeeAnne Merriman, our 2009 Angus Ebonette for everything they did as our Angus royalty.

IN MEMORY

Herman Bullard, father of Kurt Bullard of Bullard Farms in Elkhart, Indiana passed away recently. The Bullard's are long time Angus breeders and life members of the Michigan Angus Association. Herman was 88 years old and enjoyed riding along with Kurt when he delivered cattle.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD "BREEDER'S GAZETTES"?

Tom Burke is looking for old "Breeder's Gazette" publications, preferably from 1881 to 1914. If you have any leads on where he might find any of these, please contact Lois Foster at Seldom Rest Farm at 269-683-1776.

Great Lakes Angus Fall Classic Sale Consignment Form



October 2, 2010 • 1:00PM • MSU Livestock Pavilion - South Barn

Entry Deadline:

- Entries should be received by **August 1, 2010**.
- Entries postmarked after August 5, 2010 will be assessed a non-refundable fee of \$50.
- Please consign cattle of quality you would be willing to buy. Direct any questions to the sale committee chairman.

Health Requirements:

- All cattle must meet one of the following TB testing requirements
 1. Have a TB test within 60 days of the sale or
 2. Originate from an accredited TB free herd or
 3. Originate from an accredited TB free state.
- Cattle originating from the modified accredited zone must have a movement permit.
Cattle must test negative for BVD.

Entry Rules:

- MAA requires consignments to be tested for any known lethal genetic defect for which there is a commercial test available before entry deadline. Direct any questions to the sale committee chairman. **SEE MORE ON PAGE 2**
- All steers must be registered Angus. No crossbreds will be allowed.
- Cow/calf pairs are considered one lot. Cows must be 8 years old or younger.

Sale Committee:

- Please direct questions to the Fall Sale Committee:
 Merle Boehmer, Chair 517-896-3165 mboeh99@gmail.com
 Monte Bordner, 269-506-5109 monte@bordnerfarms.com
 Tim Ruggles 989-325-0521

Please Print or Type:

Consignor Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

| Registered Name | Birth Date MO/DAY/YR | Sex | Tattoo | Registration Number | If Registration Is Pending: | |
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Total Entry Fees (\$75/lot – Cow/calf pairs are considered one lot) \$75 x _____ lots \$ _____
 Non Michigan Angus Association Members, please add \$25 \$ _____
 Non-refundable late fee (\$50 if postmarked after August 5, 2010) \$ _____
 Total Fees: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Michigan Angus Association
Send Entries and fees to: Merle Boehmer
 2690 Holt Road
 Williamston, MI 48895

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SALE CONSIGNMENTS – SPECIAL NOTICE & CLARIFICATION ON GENETIC TESTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Sale consignments (Breeding Cattle) that are potential carriers of AM or NH must be tested free of the defect to be cataloged.
2. All other breeding cattle must show proof of no carrier ancestry to be cataloged.
3. If you are unsure of the status of your potential consignments call the American Angus Assn at 816-385-5500.

Consignors:

We are re-branding our fall sale. **The name of the Michigan Angus Association Fall Sale has been changed. The new name is the Great Lakes Angus Fall Classic.** As consignors, we need to make every effort to improve the quality and image of this sale to present a great opportunity to market your cattle to other Angus breeders. Please consign some of your best breeding stock for this sale. Also, please advertise your consignments in one or more of these publications: The Angus Journal, The Michigan Angus Association website, The Michigan Cattleman, The Farmers Advance, and The Michigan Farm News.

This re-branding of our fall sale is a great opportunity to present a strong set of cattle to market to Angus breeders, so please make every effort to promote our sale. We will need 40 entries to make this sale cost-effective. Please return your entries as soon as possible to catalog and advertise the sale effectively.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the other sale committee members.

Thanks, Merle.

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DRAFT OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The Michigan Angus Association Board of Directors have discussed the following proposed draft of by-law additions to be voted on at the annual meeting in March, 2011. Please provide any feedback to Dave Lutchka at 517-522-4596 by August 31st.

Add: Action without a meeting. Action may be taken by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof without a meeting if, before the action, all members of the Board or of the committee consent thereto in writing. The written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee and approved at the next Board meeting.

Add: Conference telephone. A member of the Board or committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participating in a meeting pursuant to this method constitutes presence in person at the meeting. This section applies to all meetings except the annual meeting. Members participating in this manner will not be counted towards the quorum.

Add: Section 9. Terms of office. Newly elected officers will take office at the first board meeting after the annual meeting in which they were elected.

2010 Michigan Angus Field Day

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Omega Farms

4900 M-52, Williamston, Michigan 48895

If you are an Angus breeder or cattle enthusiast, we hope you will join us for a day full of good friends, good food, and learning how to improve your cattle business! The theme for the day is **MARKETING!** You will not want to miss the exciting program which is being planned.

The day's events will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Omega Farms. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon, followed by educational programs and networking from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy the Simmons family hospitality at their Omega Farms and take a look at their renovated facilities and growing herd. There is no registration fee for the Field Day, but please RSVP so Omega Farms can accurately plan for the meal. To RSVP contact Clifford Simmons at chsimmons@omegafarms.com or call him at 517-468-3366. **Please RSVP by August 10.**

52nd ANNUAL MICHIGAN ANGUS FUTURITY SHOW AND SALE RESULTS

14 bulls and 14 females sold in the 2010 Michigan Angus Futurity at the Beef Expo. The 28 lots averaged \$2,027. The Champion Angus Bull and Supreme Champion Overall was consigned by Michigan State University and was purchased by Monte Bordner from Sturgis, Michigan for \$4,000. The Champion Angus Female was consigned by Sterling Hunter from Bath, Michigan and Zelinko Brothers from St. Charles, Michigan purchased the female for \$3250. The Reserve Angus Bull was exhibited by Vaassen Angus Farm from Ann Arbor, Michigan and Kyle and Clint Tillotson from Adrian, Michigan purchased the bull for \$2500. The Reserve Champion Angus Female was exhibited by Rains Angus from Mercer, Pennsylvania and she was purchased by Brenda Bigelow from Traverse City, Michigan for \$2800. Many thanks to all the consignors who brought out a good set of cattle and to all the buyers who supported the sale.

MICHIGAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Farm Name: _____

Owners Name: _____

Farm Manager (if applicable): _____

Juniors: (under age 21) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Farm Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail _____

Web Site: _____

Directions to farm: _____

I prefer to receive the Michigan Angus Newsletter: electronically via U.S. mail

I am interested in serving on a committee for the Michigan Angus Association (check as many as you wish to participate in):

Annual Banquet Awards Directory Field Day

Futurity Show and Sale Fall Sale Junior Activities

Preview Show Promotion and Membership

Dues are \$25.00 per calendar year. Make checks payable to: Michigan Angus Association.

Please send application and payment to:

Michigan Angus Association
Bonnie Canfield, Treasurer
8002 Freeport Avenue
Clarksville, MI 48815
616-868-6412

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1

PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND CHECK TO
TREASURER BONNIE CANFIELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MICHIGAN JUNIOR BEEF EXPO SHOW RESULTS

The Champion Angus Female at the 2010 MSU Block and Bridle Club Jr. Beef Show was exhibited by Danielle Foster from Niles. Tanner Lindorf from Niles exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Female. The Champion Angus Steer was shown by Dylan Kennedy from Nashville and Josh Clifford from Indiana showed the Reserve Champion Angus Steer.

CHELSEA RUGGLES EARNS BRONZE AND SILVER AWARDS

Chelsea Ruggles from Kingston has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA's) Bronze and Silver awards. Jerry Cassady, regional manager, presented the awards during the Michigan Angus Association banquet in March. The 17-year-old daughter of Tim and Julie Ruggles is a 2010 graduate from Kingston High School, a member of the NJAA and is currently the president of the Michigan Junior Angus Association. She is active in the showing, participating in regional, state and national shows and showmanship competitions. Chelsea has participated in the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) mentoring program as well as public speaking, quiz bowl, and photography contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. She was also a participant of the 2007 Raising the Bar Officer Training. Chelsea has also consigned cattle in the Michigan Beef Expo.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

The NJAA promotes the involvement of young people in raising Angus cattle, while also providing leadership and self-development opportunities for the nearly 6,500 active members nationwide.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDED

Sixteen Michigan juniors received the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement award at the 2010 Michigan Angus Association Annual Banquet. Recipients included Chelsea Ruggles, Kingston; Danielle Foster, Niles; Justin Kennedy and Dylan Kennedy, both of Nashville; Rachel Reid, Eaton Rapids; Hope Bordner, Sturgis; Kollin Johnson, Quincy; Tabitha Grochowalski, Ada; Kendra Merriman, Lowell; Katie Reid, Eaton Rapids; Dee Anne Merriman, Lowell; Justin Ruggles and Kyle Ruggles, both of Kingston; Tanner Lindorf, Niles; Sterling Reichenbach, Bath; and Patricia Vaassen, Ann Arbor.

PREMIER JUNIOR EXHIBITOR AND PREMIER JUNIOR BREEDER AWARDS

Michigan juniors receiving Premier Exhibitor awards at the 2010 Michigan Angus Association Annual Banquet included Danielle Foster, Niles, first; Justin Kennedy, Nashville, second; Kendra Merriman, Lowell, third; Patti Vaassen, Ann Arbor, fourth, Dylan Kennedy, Nashville, fifth; and Kollin Johnson, Quincy, and Dee Anne Merriman, Lowell, both winning honorable mention.

Premier Breeder award recipients included Danielle Foster, Niles, first; Justin Kennedy, Nashville, second; Kollin Johnson, Quincy, third; Kendra Merriman, Lowell, fourth; Dee Anne Merriman, Lowell, fifth; and Patti Vaassen, Ann Arbor, honorable mention. .

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBERS

Justin Kennedy from Nashville was named Outstanding Senior Member at the 2010 Michigan Angus Association Annual Banquet. Kollin Johnson from Quincy was selected as the Outstanding Junior Member

ADULT APPRECIATION AWARD

Rob Reid from Eaton Rapids received the Michigan Junior Angus Adult Appreciation Award at the 2010 Michigan Angus Association Annual Banquet.

MICHIGAN'S SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTANTS SELECTED

Erika Boehmer, daughter of Kris Boehmer of Charlotte and Earl Boehmer from Olivet, and Drew Bordner, son of Monte and Robin Bordner from Sturgis, will represent Michigan in the 2010 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest to be held during the National Junior Angus Show in Denver, Colorado. Erika and Drew were selected during the Michigan Jr. Angus Preview Show. The Michigan Angus Auxiliary coordinates and sponsors the showmanship selection class.

MICHIGAN ANGUS PREVIEW SHOW

Thirty-nine head of Angus cattle were exhibited at the 2010 Michigan Angus Preview Show held June 13 at the Michigan State University Pavilion. The Grand Champion Bull in the Open Show was TJ Foresight 915 exhibited by Tammy Klink-Frankovich from Rapid River. The Reserve Grand Champion Bull in the Open Show was also the Champion Jr. Show Bull, BAF Final Answer 003 exhibited by Hope Bordner from Sturgis. The Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Show Bull was BAF Fast Break 924W shown by Drew Bordner from Sturgis.

The Grand Champion Female in the Junior and Open Preview Show was the Junior Heifer Champion, Seldom Rest BA Bardot 427, exhibited by Danielle Foster from Niles. This heifer was also selected as the Supreme Champion Female of all breeds, as well as the Junior Show Champion Bred and Owned Heifer. The Reserve Grand Champion Female in the Junior and Open Shows was the Sr. Heifer Calf Champion, Seldom Rest Georgina 9189, also exhibited by Danielle Foster. This heifer was also selected as the Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Heifer. The Champion Cow/Calf pair was BAF Gabau 878-807 and her bull calf owned by Hope Bordner from Sturgis. The Reserve Champion Cow/Calf pair was BAF Bonnie Lass 878-334-617 exhibited by Drew Bordner from Sturgis. Other division champions were Senior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion, Seldom Rest BF Bardot 9051, owned by Danielle Foster. The Intermediate Heifer Champion was Dameron Bardot 9142, exhibited by Tanner Lindorf from Niles. Reserve Intermediate Champion was PLV Erica 0479, exhibited by Patti Vaassen from Ann Arbor. The Reserve Junior Heifer Champion was BWAFF Pride 901, shown by Chelsea Ruggles from Kingston. Dylan Kennedy from Nashville exhibited the Senior Heifer Champion, D&F Simply Forever 802.

The Champion Angus Steer was Dal-Den Gator II, exhibited by Katrina Klopfenstein from Galien. The Reserve Champion Angus Steer was Seldom Rest Zeke, exhibited by Dylan Kennedy from Nashville.

Showmanship classes were sponsored by the Michigan Angus Auxiliary. Champion Jr. Showman was Dylan Kennedy; Champion Intermediate Showman was Laryssa Bates from Sebawaing; Champion Sr. Showman was Patti Vaassen; and Erika Boehmer from Charlotte and Drew Bordner were selected to represent Michigan in the National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest.

MICHIGAN ANGUS AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual dues: \$2

Life Membership: \$15

Please make check payable to Michigan Angus Auxiliary and return this form along with your dues to:

Vicki Meiburg
6469 Booth Road
North Branch, MI 48461

Name _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Day Phone _____

Fax Number _____ E-mail Address _____

2010-2011 Michigan Angus Board of Directors

If you have questions or comments regarding activities and events sponsored and supported by the association, please contact any of the officers or directors.

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