



# Michigan Angus News

## Happy Holidays, Michigan Angus Breeders!

As we move through the last month of 2024 I look back fondly on my two years as president of our association. We have had a good couple of years in all phases of the cattle business and predictions are good for a continued strong market. There is still a strong demand for quality Angus genetics. I am happy to have served as the president of our organization during this time.

In September, we had a lovely field day hosted by Scott and Catherine Collins of Black C Farm. It was an excellent day of Angus fellowship. At the annual meeting there, we elected Bruce Buckmaster and Scott Collins as new directors to our board. Our new directory became available at the field day and was dedicated to Nancy and Steve Thelen. We have been very blessed by the people who have provided past service to the breed through our association and are fortunate in those who work toward its continued success in the future.

My tenure had come to an end and I am excited to introduce Andrew Foster of Seldom Rest Farms as our new Michigan Angus Association President. Andrew has a wealth of lifelong experience, knowledge, connections, and ideas to draw on and I know he will lead the association effectively. I would also like to welcome Dan DeMeyer, Vice-President, Amanda Kosal, Secretary, and Austin Pillars, Director to our association's leadership team.

Best wishes for health and happiness in the new year,

Lisa J Lutchka  
Past President and Chairman of the Board



## It's time to renew your membership!

Use the form on page 6 to pay by check, or visit the website to pay online. Show appreciation to a new customer or a good neighbor with a Michigan Angus gift membership.



## Showcase your breeding program in the 2025 Michigan Beef Expo!

**Entry deadline: December 13    Photo deadline: January 3**

2024 was an excellent year for selling cattle in general and that includes the Michigan Beef Expo! The change of date to February showed improvement in both attendance and sale averages. If you have considered consigning to the Expo, now is the time to get involved!

## 2025 Michigan Beef Expo Schedule

*(Check MCA social media and the Expo sale catalog for updates and additional events and times.)*

### Thursday, February 20

8:00 A.M. MSU Pavilion opens for consignor stalling and trade show set-up  
8:00 P.M. Stalling and Trade Show set-up closes

### Friday, February 21 – Breed Shows & Friday Night Lights Auction

9:00 A.M. Breed Shows in Main Arena  
Show Order: Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Chi-Maine, Simmental, AORB  
Noon Junior Cattle early stalling in Main Barn available  
Trade Show opens  
2:00 P.M. Parade of Champions & Supreme Champion recognition in Main Arena  
5:00 P.M. Michigan Cattlemen's Reception in Hospitality Lounge  
5:30 P.M. Block & Bridle Livestock Judging Contest in Main Arena  
7:00 P.M. "Friday Night Lights" Auction in Hospitality Lounge

### Saturday, February 22 – Breed Sales

9:00 A.M. Trade Show opens  
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Junior Skill-A-Thon Contest  
10:00 A.M. Breed Sales in Auditorium  
Order of Sales: Angus, Shorthorn, AORB, Hereford, Chi-Maine, Simmental  
4:00 P.M. Junior Exhibitors can enter through Southeast Pavilion entrances  
6:00 P.M. Block & Bridal Showmanship Contest

### Sunday, February 23 – Junior Show

8:00 A.M. MSU Block & Bridle Market Animal & Breeding Heifer Show

## EXPO CONSIGNOR PACKET & CONSIGNMENT FORM

To improve the efficiency of collecting consignment information, Expo entries can now be submitted using an ONLINE CONSIGNMENT FORM.

Access the consignor packet and online form two ways:

- (1) Scan the QR Code at right
- (2) Visit the MCA website: [www.micattlemen.org](http://www.micattlemen.org)



For your convenience, a copy of the PRINTED CONSIGNMENT FORM is also on page 3 of this newsletter.

You may pay your entry fee online at the link on MCA website or download a form from the MCA site to mail with a check.

**Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need assistance!**

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Mark your calendar...

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|----------------|---|
| December 13    | Michigan Beef Expo ENTRY DEADLINE                   |
| January 3      | Michigan Beef Expo PHOTO DEADLINE                   |
| January 7-11   | Cattlemen's Congress Super ROV Show, Oklahoma City  |
| January 16-18  | National Western Super ROV Show, Denver             |
| February 20-23 | Michigan Beef Expo & MSU Block & Bridle Junior Show |
| March 1        | MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House, Remus           |
| March 15       | MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Sale, Remus                 |

[www.michiganangus.org](http://www.michiganangus.org)

**2025 MCA Coop Advertising**

It's time to assemble our 2025 Michigan Angus Association group ad for Michigan Cattlemen Magazine – Deadline January 10

For \$100, your business card style ad will appear in four issues of Michigan Cattlemen Magazine. Circulation of the quarterly magazine is approximately 3,000. The magazine serves as a communication tool for all facets of Michigan's cattle industry including cow/calf and seed stock producers, cattle feeders, stockers, agribusiness, the Animal Science Department of Michigan State University, MSU-Extension, state breed associations, national organizations, the Michigan beef check-off and the Michigan Cattlemen's Association. We will invoice you if you participate - we don't require payment in advance. We do require you are a member of the Michigan Angus Association.

If you are interested in advertising, please contact Lisa Bohlen at [lbohlen@previewproperties.com](mailto:lbohlen@previewproperties.com) or 810-599-5680 by Friday, January 10, 2025.



**Air Fryer Crispy Beef Bites**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1-1/2 pounds Certified Angus Beef® cooked chuck roast
- 1/2 cup pepper jelly
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- non-stick cooking spray

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1– FRY. Cut chilled chuck roast into 1-inch cubes. Lightly coat with nonstick spray. Air fry at 400°F (200° C) for 8 to 10 minutes until crispy.
- 2– MAKE SAUCE. In a saucepan over medium-low heat, combine pepper jelly, soy sauce and cider vinegar. Bring to a simmer, stirring to combine ingredients for 30 seconds; remove from heat.
- 3– FINISH and SERVE. Pour sauce into a medium mixing bowl; add air-fried beef cubes and toss well to coat. Serve with toothpicks.

*You'll love this easy party appetizer using leftover pot roast! Air frying and tossing in this spicy and sweet sauce transforms yesterday's dinner into a delicious appetizer or snack. Serves 6*

Author: Certified Angus Beef® brand Test Kitchen  
[www.certifiedangusbeef.com/recipes](http://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/recipes)



# CONSIGNMENT FORM

Animal (Donor) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg #: \_\_\_\_\_

Tattoo #: \_\_\_\_\_ Location:  R  L  B

**Entries due December 13 Photos due January 3 Nomination Fee: \$100/head or lot**

Check One:  Open Heifer       Bred Heifer       Bull       Cow  
 Embryos       Semen       Flush       Pregnancy

Check Appropriate:  Polled       Horned       Scurred       Purebred or % \_\_\_\_\_

AI Bred: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Reg Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sire Reg #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pasture Exposed from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sire Reg #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reg Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include copy of registration certificate.**

Sire's Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg#: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg#: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire's Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg#: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam's Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg#: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg#: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam's Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg#: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Picture included with form

Save space in catalog picture which will be sent by: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of picture file sent and caption: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of additional picture files sent and explanation of relationship to consignment: \_\_\_\_\_

(note: naming your electronic files the same name as the animal's name increases catalog accuracy)

Consignor Catalog Name:	Consignor Contact Name:
Mailing Address:	Email:
Main Contact Phone:	Second Contact Phone:

Description to include in catalog including breeding/due date. Please limit to approximately 55-65 words.

Please note all frozen lots will be sold in the "Friday Night Lights" an Elite Frozen Genetics Opportunity on Friday 2/21/25 while all live cattle will be sold on Saturday 2/22/25

Return this form to the MCA Office. Please enter footnotes on the back. Make copies as needed.

Office Address:  
12800 Escanaba Drive, Suite A  
DeWitt, MI 48820

Office Phone Number:  
517-347-8117  
(Sara)

# Bull Evaluation... MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Update

by Dan Buskirk, MSU Professor  
and Beef Extension Specialist

The MCA-MSU Bull Evaluation is in full swing! Now in its 37th year, the program brings together a diverse group of breeders and top-quality bulls from Michigan and Indiana. The first week in October, 19 consignors, including 12 Angus breeders, delivered 76 bulls—45 of them Angus—to the Evaluation Facility at Wernette Cattle Co. in Remus, Michigan.

## Precision Tracking Like No Other

Following their arrival, the bulls had an acclimation period to get used to their pen mates and surroundings. After three weeks, we began the official evaluation period, recording feed intake over 49 days and average daily gains over 98 days. This process isn't just meticulous—it's unmatched in our region for accuracy and scale.

How precise? To date, each bull has been weighed three times with our chute scales, but thanks to the SmartScale system, which records each bull's weight every time it drinks, we've gathered more than 19,500 weight data points – and we are just one-third of the way through the evaluation! Figure 1 shows daily weight tracking, averaged by pen, and highlights our commitment to optimized, steady development.

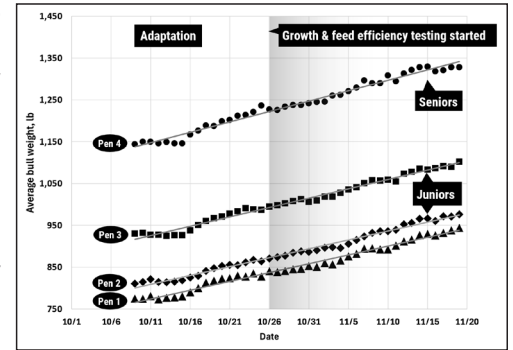


Figure 1: Initial Bull Gains 2024–25

## Save the Dates: March 1 and March 15, 2025

Mark your calendars! Get a sneak peek of these exceptional bulls during our open house on March 1, and don't miss the sale—both on-site and online—on March 15. Follow the exciting evaluation progress at [mibulls.com](http://mibulls.com).

## Auxiliary News...

by Rachael Coleman

### 2024–25 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

President - Rachael Coleman

Vice President - Ricka Boehmer

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Historian - Lori Pillars

Awards Chair - Kendra Diekevers

Miss Michigan Angus Chair - Ricka Boehmer

Scholarship Chair - Kendra Diekevers

Past President (Advisor) - Julie Thelen Conover

### Miss Michigan Angus 2025 Applications Due February 1

Would you like to represent the Auxiliary, Association and Junior Association as Miss Michigan Angus? The honor of serving as our queen is open to active Michigan Junior Angus members who are at least 14. You will be responsible for attending state shows and are invited to attend the Michigan Angus Field Day, Angus sales and the National Junior Angus Show in Madison, Wisconsin. This is a fun experience, and an opportunity to grow in confidence as you represent our breed. Additionally, we also have positions available for Angus Ambassadors who will assist the Queen. All candidates submit an application with a short essay and will be interviewed. The 2025 Queen will be crowned in the spring. Applications are due February 1. Contact Ricka Boehmer at 517-719-3158 for more information.

### Auxiliary Scholarship Applications Due April 1

As the cost to attend college continues to rise, now is the time to be thinking about applying for scholarships. The Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship is open to 2025 high school graduates. Winners of our state scholarship are eligible for consideration at the national level. To apply, or for more information, please contact Kendra Diekevers at [kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu](mailto:kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu).

\*As a reminder, to be eligible to receive the state or national Auxiliary scholarships, you must have already received your Bronze and Silver Awards from the American Angus Association prior to applying.

### 2025 Advanced Education Scholarship Applications Due June 1

Congratulations to Blake Pillars for being awarded the 2024 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.

For scholarship questions, please reach out to Kendra Diekevers at [kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu](mailto: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 734-223-3918. A membership form is posted on the website on the forms tab and also printed in the Michigan Angus Directory.



# Junior Association News...

**2024-25 Michigan Junior Angus Assn. OFFICERS**  
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by Dalaney Bates

The Michigan Junior Angus Association has had an exciting year, and as we begin to round it up we have a few exciting highlights to share! In July we had multiple juniors compete at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show bringing "Motown to Madtown" in Madison, Wisconsin. One of our very own, Blake Pillars, was elected to the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors. Dalaney Bates also represented the state of Michigan in showmanship at the national level and was awarded an honorable mention.

We had a wonderful Great Lakes Preview Show held in Midland in conjunction with the MJHA in June in preparation for NJAS where we elected a new junior board. Our new junior board consists of; Dalaney Bates - President & Award Chair, Katelyn Dargus - Vice President, Charlee Klink - Secretary, Tori DeMeyer - Treasurer, Blake Pillars, Kris Kosal, Landon Marvel, Kaden Buher, Kaytlyn Harfst, and Justin Stoll - Director.

Preview winners were as follows; Tori DeMeyer showed the Grand Champion Female. Dalaney Bates showed the Reserve Champion Female. Champion Steer was exhibited by Lily Schroeder. Champion Bred and Owned Female was shown by Blake Pillars. Kaytlyn Harfst showed the Reserve Bred & Owned. Showmanship winners were: Kaytlyn Harfst - Junior Showman, Kaden Buher - Intermediate Showman, Blake Pillars - Senior Showman, and Dalaney Bates - National Junior Showmanship Representative.

The junior board would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our Preview Show Sponsors. We appreciate you all greatly! Looking ahead to the Michigan Beef Expo held at the MSU Pavilion, February 21-23, 2025. The Michigan Junior Board will once again be offering a few consignments in the frozen genetics sale, Friday Night Lights - An Elite Frozen Genetics Auction once again this year. The MJAA looks forward to seeing you all there, and for another great year to look to in 2025!

## Michigan's Blake Pillars elected to NJAA Board of Directors

Angus Journal, September 2024

**Serving as the ultimate role model in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is a dream upheld by countless junior members. Molding that dream into a reality is a blessing only a handful of talented individuals get to bring to fruition every year.**

This year's candidate pool included 13 members vying for a spot on the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), more than double the number of open seats.

Newly elected, Catie Collison, Lake City, Iowa; Anne Dameron, Towanda, Ill.; Ava Leibfried, Platteville, Wis.; Blake Pillars, Martin, Mich.; Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.; and Grant Solem, Los Olivos, Calif., added a hint of green to their patriotic red, white and blue apparel. Blake Pillars' name being announced to the NJAB rivaled a Fourth of July fireworks show with the energy and excitement bursting throughout Veterans Memorial Coliseum.



Blake is a first-generation Angus breeder who hails from Martin, Mich., where he originally grew up on a dairy farm. With the help of neighboring families, Pillars showed his first Angus female at 9 years old and was hooked on The Business Breed.

Due to his interest in all sides of the industry, he is pursuing a degree within agricultural business at Northern Oklahoma University while competing on the livestock judging team.

Pillars says he appreciates the families and friends who helped him achieve his goal of serving on the NJAB. He explains his decision to run for the board was simply for the juniors and his past inspirations gave him the courage to try. "People like Brody Fitzgerald and Dawson Dal Porto and so many green coats came in and took me under their wing and kind of changed my life," Pillars says. "I want to do that and leave the same lasting impact on a junior's life."

When Pillars is at an Angus show, his goal is to be someone juniors aren't afraid to talk to, whether it be for help or a simple hello.

"I want to be that person that no matter what I look like, wearing a green coat or not, that when I walk down the [barn] aisle, kids can come up to me and we can have a conversation," he says.

As the new board member rocks his new green coat these next two years, he hopes he can be a role model for NJAA members.

# Michigan Angus Assn. Membership Application

## BY MAIL

Make check payable to: Michigan Angus Assn.  
Mail application and form to: Lisa Bohlen  
2817 Rubbins Road, Howell, MI 48843

## ANNUAL DUES

**\$25.00**

## ONLINE @ [www.michiganangus.org](http://www.michiganangus.org)

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

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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