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Michigan Angus News

Dear Michigan Angus Association Members,

As fall proceeds, I want to wish each of you a safe and successful harvest season. This is always a busy time of year, and I hope the months ahead bring favorable weather, a strong harvest, and time to enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends.

Fall is also an important time for Angus breeders as production sales, private treaty offerings, and other opportunities arise to market quality genetics and make thoughtful investments in the future of our herds. While Michigan may not have a large number of production sales each fall, we are fortunate to have dedicated breeders across the state who continue to produce and promote high-quality Angus cattle. I encourage everyone to support our fellow Michigan Angus breeders whenever possible and continue building upon the strength of the Angus breed in our state.

The 2026 Angus Convention will be held November 13–16 in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. I encourage our Michigan Angus members to attend and take advantage of this first class event. The convention offers tremendous educational opportunities, valuable industry insight, and the chance to connect with Angus breeders from across the country. Events like these remind us of the strength of our Angus community and the value of continuing to learn, grow, and work together.

As we move through the last months of a busy year, I am grateful for the dedication of our Michigan Angus Association members and the continued support you show our association, our youth, and one another. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and wish you and your families a safe, productive, and enjoyable fall season.

Sincerely,

Andrew Foster
President, Michigan Angus Association
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Angus Convention is an event for all cattle producers.

Gather, engage and shape the future of the breed through conversations and education that offers insights for shared success.

November 13 - 16, 2026
Louisville, Kentucky
Omni Hotel

SCAN QR CODE FOR COMPLETE INFO

www.angus.org/convention

Showcase Your Breeding Program at the 2027 Michigan Beef Expo



The recent change of date to February has helped improve attendance and sale prices. NOW is the time to get involved promoting our breed and your herd at the 2027 Expo!

- **Entries open: November 1**
- **Entries due: December 18** *(Late entries are accepted thru Dec. 23 with a higher entry fee.)*
- **Sale lot photos due: January 4**

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**

SCAN QR CODE FOR ENTRY INFO

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.

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

MISSION: To Enhance the Value of the "Angus Brand" via Marketing, Youth Development, Educational and Social Opportunities.

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2026 Beef Expo Results...

The 36th Annual Michigan Beef Expo was held February 19–22, 2026 at the Farm Bureau Pavilion on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. The Angus Show & Sale again featured quality cattle from breeders across Michigan. Grand Champion Bull, Seldom Rest Craftsman 71N, was exhibited by Seldom Rest Farm and sold for $7,500 to Gail Vanderkolk of Dorr, Michigan. Reserve Champion and Top-Selling Bull, Four M Superman, was exhibited by Four M Farm and sold for $8,000 to Joe Brooks of Grawn, Michigan. Grand Champion and Top-Selling Female was Seldom Rest Bardot 4203 exhibited by Seldom Rest Farm. She sold for $9,250 to Scott Zeilke of Durand, Michigan. Reserve Champion Female, BPB Stunning Lady 03N, was exhibited by Burnell Farms of Gobles, MI and sold for $5,250 to Chad Pepper of Hamilton, Michigan. Bulls averaged $7,667 and females averaged $5,500. A special thank you to Lisa Lutchka, 2026 Expo Angus Breed Representative, for her time and efforts in making the event a success. Looking ahead, we encourage Michigan Angus breeders to join with fellow breeders in assembling a strong showing of Angus genetics for the 2027 Beef Expo.

We appreciate EVERYONE who supported the 2026 Michigan Beef Expo Angus Show & Sale!

CONSIGNORS • Bates Family Livestock, Sebewaing • Burnell Farms, Gobles • Four M Farm, Otter Lake IRA Acres, Fair Haven • Lutchka Angus, Grass Lake • McKay Farms, Holly • Seldom Rest, Niles

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Michigan Junior Angus Association News...

by Izzy Diehl

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2027 MJAA Officers & Board Election is tentatively scheduled for February 13 at the AGR Show

Michigan Junior Angus Association has had an exciting year of learning! We want to thank Lori Pillars for leading the youth exceptionally for the past several years. As the new advisors take the baton, we are looking forward to growing the association. Congratulations to Blake Pillars for an outstanding year serving on the NJAA board and representing Michigan at many national events, including LEAD in Orlando, Florida.

In June, the Angus Preview Show was held at the Midland County Fairgrounds along with the Michigan Hereford Preview. The youth who participated were treated to a pizza and ice cream party sponsored by Bordner Angus, the Klink family and MJAA. Our members were recognized with the following awards: Isabelle Diehl, Premier Breeder, Third Overall Exhibitor and MJAA Outstanding Senior; Brookly Schlipf, Champion Exhibitor; Charlee Klink, Reserve Champion Exhibitor.

In July, seven Michigan juniors proudly represented our state in competitions at the National Junior Angus Show in Louisville, Kentucky, where this year's theme was "Bases Loaded in the Bluegrass." Tori DeMeyer, Wyatt Fuss, Kylee Mumford and Katelyn Dargus brought 'Barbie' to life in the CAB® Cook-Off. They did a fantastic job and brought home 2nd place! Thank you, Coach Carol DeMeyer! Kylee Mumford represented Michigan as our state queen and in the National Showmanship Contest. Wyatt Fuss, Owen Greene, Gracie Schoenbine and Katelyn Dargus did an outstanding job in the Team Fitting contest. Ivy Maciag placed 2nd in Intermediate Graphic Design. We are looking forward to NJAS 2027 next July in Grand Island, Nebraska. The show theme is "Back in Black."

Bull Evaluation... MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Update

by Dan Buskirk, MSU Dept. of Animal Science, Professor and Beef Extension Specialist

The 39th annual MCA-MSU Bull Evaluation is underway! The program has again assembled top-quality bulls from across Michigan and Indiana. On October 2nd, 20 consignors, including 11 Angus breeders, delivered 96 bulls, 47 of them Angus, to the Evaluation Facility in Remus, Michigan.

Measuring More Than You Might Think

Our consignors appreciate that feed efficiency is the single most economically important trait they can select for and measure. Bulls will have a 21-day acclimation period to adapt to their new surroundings. After acclimation, we will begin the evaluation period, recording feed intakes over 49 days and average daily gains over 98 days. Stating that we track feed intake and body weights over these timeframes greatly oversimplifies the process. We actually measure the weight of each individual bull's meals. We define a meal as feed that disappears each time a bull puts his head in the bunk and then backs away. We have noted that developing bulls average about 38 meals per day. Therefore, between Oct 23 and Dec 11 this year, we expect to weigh more than 175,000 bull meals. We also have 4 scales that continuously capture the partial weight (front-feet) of individual bulls as they drink. We then multiply the partial weight by 1.76 to obtain an estimate of full weight. Each bull averages about 5 drinking bouts per day. So, in addition to monthly chute weights, we expect to capture another 47,000 weights on this set of bulls by the end of the evaluation. Why so many weights? That volume of data helps us distinguish meaningful differences among bulls from the normal day-to-day variation in intake and body weight. Accuracy matters when determining feed efficiency differences among bulls, and we think your financial decisions deserve that accuracy.

See it in Action

We invite you to see this unique program firsthand. Come see the bulls, tour the facility, and meet the people driving regional beef cattle improvement forward.

SAVE THE DATES
March 6 and March 20

March 6 | Bull Evaluation Open House | 10 am – 1 pm | View the sale bull lineup
March 20 | Bull Evaluation Sale | 12:30 pm | In-person and online options available
Stay in the loop! Sign up for progress reports at mibulls.com to stay up to date on the latest developments in the MCA-MSU Bull Evaluation.

For more info, visit: mibulls.com

The evaluation follows Beef Improvement Federation guidelines and only bulls passing ALL our rigorous tests are sold with the program brand:

- *Surpassed minimum 2.8 lb/day gain during their growth trial*
- *Determined to be docile with excellent temperament during months at the station*
- *Deemed to have acceptable skeletal structure and passed foot angle and claw set score requirements*
- *Passed breeding soundness exam, including physical exam, scrotal circumference requirements, and semen evaluation*
- *We also measure and report on important traits that affect profitability, such as feed efficiency and carcass traits*

Auxiliary News...

by Ricka Boehmer

2026 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

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You are invited to join the Auxiliary and get involved in our activities that promote the breed and support youth!
Contact Susie Brown
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517-294-7220

Miss Michigan Angus 2027 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 Louisville, KY. 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 2027 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 2027 high school graduates. Winners of our state scholarship are eligible for consideration at the national level. 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. To apply, or for more information, contact Kendra Diekevers at kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu.

2027 Advanced Education Scholarship Applications Due May 1

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

Michigan Juniors represented the state well in Auxiliary-sponsored NJAS events

Michigan won second place in the senior steak division of the All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) Cook-Off sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary at the 2026 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 13 in Louisville, Ky. Team members were Wyatt Fuss, Alto; Kylee Mumford, Otter Lake; Tori DeMeyer and Katelyn Dargus, both of Buchanan. The team prepared "Barbie's Certified Angus Beef® Pink Steak Pasta."

Michigan was also well represented by our Miss Michigan Angus, Kylee Mumford, from Otter Lake. She attended the Queen's activities and assisted in the showring presenting awards. Kylee also competed in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. A total of 42 juniors from across the country were selected to participate in this contest.

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

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$25.00

ONLINE @ www.michiganangus.org
Submit (or update) your farm contact information using the online form.
Complete your payment online.

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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:** _____

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