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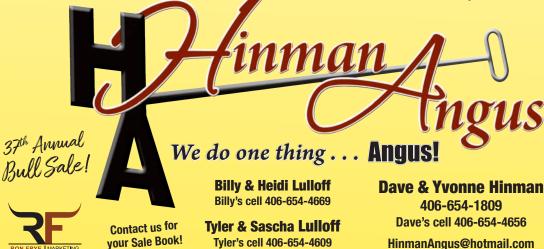
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C reetings Readers!

As we embark on a new year, it's with great excitement that we continue the long-standing tradition of raising high quality Black Angus cattle! How's the weather where you're at? I woke up this morning to -35 degrees and that's without the windchill. I guess we've all been a little spoiled this fall and winter so far with the very mild weather and minimal snowfall so we were due for some bad weather. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone as they feed cattle through this storm and especially those who are calving. Let's all hope and pray that we have a moisture filled spring.

Don't forget that we'll be doing our annual calving photo contest for the March/April Montana Angus News Issue. Whoever sends in the best photo will get bragging rights for a year and will get their photo on the cover. There is no limit to the number of photos you can send in but there are a few guidelines: high resolution photos only and the photos must be of black Angus cattle from Montana. Photos can be emailed directly to me by the March magazine deadline which is February 8th so don't delay! MAA is also looking for new photos for our website. Once again, please send high resolution photos of your day to day life on the ranch to the email address below. We thank you for your efforts.

Thank you to all the buyers, bidders, volunteers, and our NILE Female Sale manager, Ron Frye, for another successful female sale in October! In November, many Montanans made the trip to Orlando to support Darrell Stevenson in his reelection to the AAA Board of Directors. Congratulations, Darrell!

Wishing you a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead, filled with bountiful harvests and healthy herds.

Happy Trails,

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President's Message

 $\mathbf{T}$ ello from Eastern Montana. What a difference a year can make. I hope  $\Pi$  everyone is having as easy of a winter as we are having over here! Let's hope it continues on and everyone has a great calving season with plenty of moisture this spring.

As a board we have been working hard to promote Montana Angus genetics. We recently had our annual planning meeting which turns into quite the brainstorming session. Lots of good ideas were discussed. We will once again be running the Powered by Angus radio ad campaign in conjunction with American Angus. This was a huge success last year. This year we also plan to do far more on social media. Watch for Tour and Nile ad campaigns on those platforms. As always it is our main focus to promote Montana Angus genetics.

Montana had a good presence at the National Angus Convention in Florida. Our very own Darrell Stevenson was elected to a second term on the board of directors. I would like to personally congratulate Darrell on this achievement. He



does an outstanding job. The convention was pretty low key this year, Mickey and Minnie's appearance probably elicited the most excitement while there. The Angus Association did roll out their Functional Longevity EPD, which I feel is a big step in the right direction for Montana breeders.

As always, if there is anything myself or any of the Montana Angus board members can do for you, don't hesitate to contact us. I hope everyone has a great winter and spring. I hope to see you down the road.

-Chad Denowh, Montana Angus Association President

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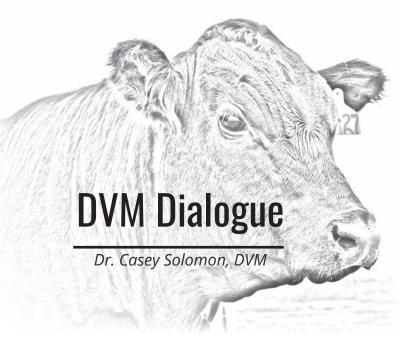
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H appy New Year from North Central Montana! As 2023 comes to a close and we move into a new year, we are sure happy to see some moisture headed our way. The fall of 2023 blessed us with beautiful temperatures and very mild weather patterns, allowing us all some much needed time to wrap up fall projects. But winter was long overdue, and it appears it is finally here!

As I drove down the road between appointments this fall, I was left with a lot of time to ponder the last few years. I started to write down a few thoughts, and after a time, I had enough things written down it turned into an article. What follows is more a set of ramblings meant to bring about thought and conversation with your neighbors, your veterinarian and your nutritionist. With the hopes that maybe next drought cycle we'll be able to start mitigating it sooner and lessen the impact we feel.

#### Things the drought taught me

1. There is NO substitute for good feed. This is my #1 for a reason. I think we've all heard the saying "you can't starve a profit out of a cow." While this is certainly true, the drought also taught me the true VALUE in the differences of QUALITY in feedstuffs. We were all hit by several angles the last few years. Unable to put up the normal hay quantities, and the drought was widespread enough that we had to go a substantial distance to purchase hay, fuel prices/mileage decreased the available funds to purchase feed, and what little hay we did put up was of poorer quality. My observation is that there is no supplement on the market that can fill the gap created by poor quality forage. Many do a good job at getting a cow herd through the rough patch, but the difference in cow condition and health on good quality dormant forage and good quality hay in adequate quantities is profound.

2. We can't short a cows' nutritional needs without consequences. Even the very best cowherds, bred to endure our extreme Montana environments, faltered under the conditions we endured the last few years. Decreased conception rates, lower weaning weights, poorer calf health, we saw it all. My observation is that it was a direct consequence of the quantity and quality of feedstuffs available. Producers that worked hard at balancing their rations didn't escape the effects of the drought, but they were able to mitigate some of the consequences and they recovered sooner from its effects.

3. It is important to be able to evaluate Body Condition Score (BCS). My observation is that the skill at judging your herd's BCS throughout the year is extremely valuable at catching problems before they become wrecks. There is a big difference between BCS and gut fill – and when feeding poor quality feedstuffs – this difference becomes very important to recognize.

4. When balancing a ration, remember, Energy-Protein-Macro and Trace minerals. I saw deficiencies in all 4 of these categories throughout the drought period. They all manifested in different ways; altered fertility, poorer weaning weights, down cows, higher mortality of cows and calves during the calving period, less vigorous calves. My observation is we can't forget about any one of these categories without consequences. A nutritionist is such a valuable asset to any operation and a balanced ration is so important. Once clinical issues are being seen, it takes weeks of correcting the feed to start seeing things turn around. And some of the production consequences may be seen far longer down the road.

5. Forage sampling. An integral tool in regards to above items 1, 2, 3 & 4.

6. Fly control. Last year was unprecedented in my lifetime when it came to the severe fly issues we saw in cowherds across the state and beyond. Even in my personal cow herd, I felt I mismanaged the problem. Moving into 2024, I am working on a herd plan involving strategic injectable and pour on products, in combination with rubbers and feed through fly prevention. I hope we don't need it, but I want to be prepared if we do.

7. Parasite management can be integral in drought stressed cows and calves. We were able to turn around a lot of herd health issues by implementing a simple deworming strategy. The drought really emphasized the importance of strategic deworming on herd health and performance.

8. Reproductive tract scoring can be valuable in identifying eligible females. Most herds have a good system for identifying replacement quality heifers. But drought stricken heifers can have altered fertility, and in these situations, the use of reproductive tract scoring can identify females that are not able to respond to synchronization protocols or that are not ready for the breeding season. This in turn can be used to manage replacements differently and help conserve expenses.

I have spent a great deal of time working through some very harrowing times with people that mean a lot to me the last few years. This drought cycle has been very taxing on everyone. I had several producers asking the question "Why are my cows so much different than



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Grandpa's." And I believe there are a lot of things to unpack about this statement. Yes – a lot of cows survived on a ration with straw and without supplements/dewormers/health plans in decades gone by. But, in a conversation this fall, with a trusted "Grandpa" in my life, I had the epiphany of the things I think are most different when comparing then vs now. He was telling me how much he prided himself on his powers of observation, and a thing I deeply respect about this man is the time he takes in what he does. He does not rush, and he takes time to watch and ponder things. He often brings things to my attention, and I learn a lot in our conversations together. My epiphany is this; cow herds are much larger now, and we as ranchers are much "busier." Many of us have had to diversify, wearing many hats to keep the bills paid. But there is no substitute for spending time with your cow herd and observing – are they content, are their patterns normal, is their condition adequate? And with larger herds, I think it is an even more challenging task to manage the details and observe the little things that may make the biggest differences.

Praying for some good moisture and a reprieve in the temperatures as the calves start hitting the ground!

Until the next time,

~ Casey



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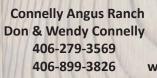
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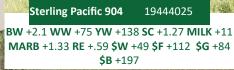
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# "Legacy. It's one word, but has deep meaning in my family."

Nicole Stevenson on how her family legacy has impacted her life

The Oxford Dictionary defines a legacy as "the longlasting impact of particular events, actions, etc. that took place in the past, or of a person's life."

Legacies often come from humble beginnings. With little more than a small loan from a local bank, three children and a dream, my grandparents - Wayne and Marian Stevenson - founded Basin Angus Ranch. They never would have imagined that 50 years after its creation, their dream would grow to be such a source of pride for our family. They would also be glad to know the Angus breed is still at the heart of it.

At a yound age, my father, Doug Stevenson, developed a passion for raising Angus cattle while working alongside his parents. That passion led him to run for a spot on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) board of directors; in 1984, he was elected to the junior board, adding to our family's Angus legacy.

When I earned my own green coat as an NJAA director 37 years later, I was ecstatic. It is a blessing to follow in my father's footsteps and continue our family legacy of dedication to the breed. A year into my term, I was honored with the opportunity to serve as chairman of the board. As

I walked alongside my parents at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show closing ceremonies, I was filled with emotions. I was looking back not only at my time serving the junior association, but also at the foundation my father and his fellow directors created during their years of service. I was overwhelmed with gratitude for what the breed has given back to my family and for the time we have spent serving it. This breed has given me much: lifelong connections, memories of spending time together doing what we love, and support along the way.

Just as my father did. I began working on the ranch alongside my parents throughout my teenage years. Sharing their love of this lifestyle, I quickly jumped in to start learning more of the ins and outs of the industry and our operation. My passion for our cowherd drove me back home after graduation from Montana State University in 2021. Being born into the Stevenson family, legacy has always been one of my favorite words, and continuing that legacy is my strongest motivator. I am grateful to continue what my grandparents started, and add to Angus breed history, one calf at a time.

-Nicole Stevenson



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### The People Behind the Montana Beef Council New officers elected will lead the council to increased beef demand

In action concluding its December 18 meeting in Billings, the Montana Beef Council (MBC) elected new leadership that will guide the council for the next two years. Andy Kellom from Hobson, Mont. will serve as president and Travis Choat from Terry, Mont. will serve as vice president. The MBC Board of Directors are all Montana volunteers, representing nearly all segments of the beef supply chain.

"I am confident in the programs that our board has funded and our mission to help build beef demand. The Montana Beef Council is doing that for Montana's ranchers, and we have been since 1954. Consumers want delicious and nutritious beef. We're making sure that happens," says Kellom, who was appointed to serve on the council in 2017 by the Montana Cattle Feeders. "I have a cattle and cattle feeder operation in Central Montana, and, being involved on this board, I am proud of the work we've set forth. I encourage fellow ranchers to take some time to learn more about all the projects we do."

The new fiscal year began Oct. 1 and programs will be funded with beef checkoff dollars collected from Montana producers. The Montana Beef Council budgeted \$40,700 for in-state consumer information programs, \$146,500 for instate beef promotion activities, \$13,250 for in-state industry information activities, \$61,500 for producer communication efforts, \$144,00 for domestic marketing and \$135,000 for international beef marketing. Remaining anticipated expenses funded through the budget include \$479,659 for mandatory collection expenses, administration, USDA oversight, program implementation, annual auditing, Department of Livestock expenses, in-state travel and office expenses.

"I am proud of the work our board has set forth and I encourage fellow ranchers to take some time to learn more about all the projects we do," said Choat, who stepped into his role with the council in 2018 after being appointed by the Montana Stockgrowers Association. Choat and his wife own and operate Homestead Cattle Company, where they have raised crops and cattle for eleven years. "We're here as representatives of Montana cattlemen and beef producers to do our best to direct the dollars entrusted to us to enhance opportunities to drive the demand for beef. There's an open door here. We are always looking for input, and the office and board room are open for a reason."

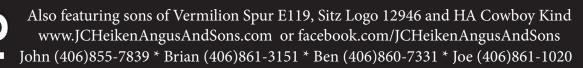
Meet the full board of directors and join us at the next meeting to be held on May 15, 2024. Learn more about MBC and read the current marketing plan online at MontanaBeefCouncil.org.



Montana Angus Association is seeking high quality, high resolution photos from Montana Angus members for the website. Please send all photos of your day to day ranch life to montanaangusnews@ Mtangus.org.







# New Leadership Elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors

Association leadership selected for 2024 at the Annual Convention of Delegates

The 140th Annual Convention of Delegates for the American Angus Association® assembled November 6 in Orlando, Florida. Five members were re-elected to the board of directors for a second term. They are Mark Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas; Smitty Lamb, Tifton, Georgia; Charles Mogck, Olivet, South Dakota; Darrell Stevenson, White Sulphur Springs, Montana; and Jerry Theis, Leavenworth, Kansas. The officers of the board were also elected.

Elected officers are Barry Pollard, Enid, Oklahoma, president and chairman of the board and Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tennessee, vice president and vice chairman of the board. Jim Brinkley, Milan, Missouri will serve as the treasurer for the 2023 to 2024 term.

"I look forward to working with the board and the membership in general, and the staff as well," said newly elected Pollard. "We have such talented people all across that at every level, and we want to hear their ideas. We want to hear how the things we've done for them genetically or EPDs are benefiting their herd and what questions they have."

Directors can serve up to two three-year terms on the board and, if elected, they serve an additional one-year term in office as president/chairman and/or vice president/ vice chairman. More about the re-elected directors:

Ahearn was raised on a small family farm with commercial cattle and a few horses. After spending some time away from cattle production, Ahearn and his family established Turner Meadow Ranch in East Texas in the mid-1980s. Aside from his 35-year career in law enforcement, Ahearn said his passion has always been raising highquality Angus cattle. He has studied pedigrees and learned the business from the ground up. His family has grown their herd to about 200 females. Before serving his first term on the Association's board of directors, Ahearn served in a leadership role with the Texas Angus Association for 16 years through which he helped create numerous educational opportunities and organize sale events. Ahearn was also responsible for writing the policy for the Raymond Moore Endowment Scholarship Fund, which benefits Texas Junior Angus members. He said he has a strong desire to continue serving the membership and to give back to the organization.

**Lamb** grew up on small farm in East Georgia, where he discovered his passion for Angus cattle at an early age. His passion led him to the University of Georgia where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in meat and muscle biology. Currently, Lamb works as a cotton merchant for a large commodity trading company and enjoys coming home to his Angus cattle herd. His family has owned and operated Ogeechee Angus Farm



The newly re-elected 2023-2024 American Angus Association<sup>®</sup> board members pictured from left to right: Darrell Stevenson, Charles Mogck, Jerry Theis, Smitty Lamb and Mark Ahearn.

since 1997, Since 2017, Ogeechee Angus Farm has marketed more than 100 bulls annually; and this past spring, Ogeechee Angus hosted their 16th annual Angus Female Southern Synergy Sale. Aside from his time on the Association's board of directors, Lamb has served in leadership roles with the Georgia Angus Association, the Southern National Angus Show committee, and the National Junior Angus Show, serving as its committee co-chair in 2009. The Lambs were awarded the Georgia Angus Association Member of the Year in 2017 for their service to the organization.

**Mogck** is a third-generation Angus breeder from South Dakota. Mogck has always had a passion for Angus cattle and has built upon his family's heritage in the breed, increasing their herd to 400 registered females. He began



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his career as a loan officer after attending South Dakota State University, but eventually he found himself working on the farm full-time. Today, Mogck & Sons Angus markets 120 bulls and 50 females annually. They farm 2,000 acres of corn, beans and wheat with an additional 2,500 acres of pasture and hay ground. They also routinely buy feeder cattle from their commercial customers, allowing them to collect data on their customers' cattle. Their operation actively utilizes Association programs such



as MaternalPlus<sup>®</sup> and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR<sup>®</sup>). Mogck records ultrasound, carcass and genomic information to help them make the best decisions they can for the future of their herd. Mogck's deep roots with respect to Angus cattle and enthusiasm for the breed shows through his dedication as a director on the Association's board of directors.

**Stevenson** holds strong ties to the Angus breed and a history of activity in the Montana Angus Association. Stevenson's grandparents were charter members of the Montana Angus Association, and his father was on the state and national Association's board of directors as well, serving as president from 1992-1993. Stevenson attended Montana State University before transferring to and graduating from Oklahoma State University. He now continues his family's legacy by operating Stevenson Angus Ranch. He is actively involved in international Angus events and has attended shows in Argentina, New Zealand, Scotland and Russia. In 2010, Stevenson created a partnership with two Russian businessmen to form an international beef venture between the two countries. Due to its success, Stevenson has since overseen shipments of Angus cattle to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. His experience and history with the Angus breed led him to serve the organization on the Association's board of directors for the past three years.

**Theis** is a devoted secondgeneration Angus breeder and lifetime member of the Association. His parents established April Valley Farms in 1952 in the Salt Creek Valley of Leavenworth County, Kansas. Theis graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

from Kansas State University in 1991. He currently works at a local veterinary clinic while he manages his family's diversified operation, which consists of Angus cattle and crop and swine production. Cattle are marketed through their annual spring production sale as well as through private treaties. April Valley Farms was recognized as a Historic Angus Herd by the Association in 2019. Theis and his wife are actively involved in the Kansas Angus Association as well, and just completed their second term as the Kansas Junior Angus Association advisors. Prior to his current position as a director on the national organization's board of directors, Theis served two terms on the Kansas Angus Association board of directors and as president in 2010.

To learn more about the American Angus Association Board of Directors or how the delegate process works, visit www.angus.org/assoc/board.

- Written by Katelyn Engel, Angus Communications



AAA Convention Delegates from L to R: Leo McDonnell, Steve Williams, Dale Vitt, Kevin Arntzen, Chad Denowh, Tim Skinner, Kathy Dubs, Karen Davis, Roger Jacobs, Doug Stevenson, Clint Stevenson, Dave Hinman, Darrell Stevenson, Jake Callantine, Jim Sitz, and Bob Sitz. Photo by Kurt Kangas

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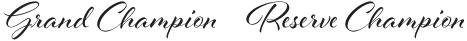
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he 12th Annual NILE Angus Heifer Futurity was the highlight l of the 2023 Angus events held during the NILE stock show in Billings, MT. The show is designed to profile the development of the open heifers purchased through the Montana Angus Association's NILE Angus Female Sale. The show is open to Angus Juniors who purchased and registered a heifer in their name from the previous year's NILE Angus Female Sale.

Payouts are based upon entries and the 2023 show had 12 head shown by 11 juniors. All participants received a coat, & cash award. Every Junior received at least \$250 for participation. Grand Champion received \$1,000 and Reserve Champion received \$800. If you're a Montana Angus Junior member and purchased a female or bred heifer through the 2023 Sale, look for an entry form for the 2024 Futurity Show in the NILE premium book The show premium is published each year by mid-summer. Dustin Frank of Chappell, NE, judged the Show.





\$1,000 was awarded to the 2023 NILE Grand Champion Futurity Female. Basin Sandy 2670 is owned by Jagger Flesch of Shelby, MT, and the heifer was bred by Nicole Stevenson, Basin Angus, of Laurel, MT. Basin Sandy 2670 is the daughter of Silveiras Forbes 8088 and RW Insight Sandy 810.

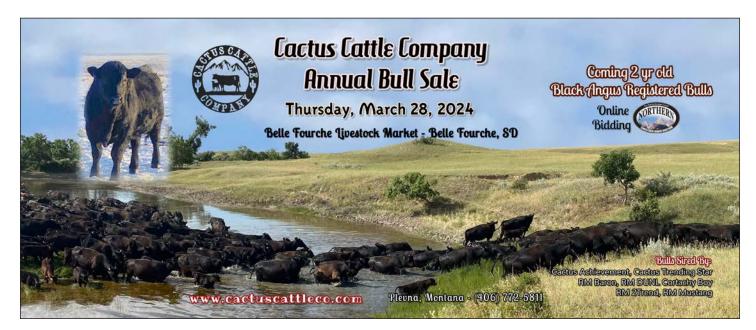


\$800 was awarded to the 2023 NILE Reserve Champion Futurity Female. Basin Sandy 2647 is owned by Bayler Hurlbut of Council Grove, KS, and the heifer was bred by Nicole Stevenson, Basin Angus of Laurel, MT. Basin Sandy 2647 is the daughter of Silveiras Forbes 8088 and RW Insight Sandy 810.

Participants



Pictured (not in order): Madelynn Albin, Jagger Flesch, Preslee Flesch, Payton Hersel, Bayler Hurlbut, Colter Meads, Raegan Nansel, Jordan Paul, Pace Raymond, Hayley Stahl, and Mason Thom.







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The team at the Montana State University Angus Program would like to wish you all a happy new year! Over the past year we have continued to grow and improve the registered Angus herd at MSU, with the support of our team and the help of other Montana breeders. With the new year comes many things to look forward to as calving season for most will occur over the next several months as well as many bull sales across the state.

The Montana State Angus Program will again be attending the Treasure State Bull Test where we will market a group of older bulls many of which sired by HA Cowboy Kind and Sitz Logo 8148. I was able to stop by the bull test after attending the Bobcat Angus bull sale and was very impressed with how the bulls are coming along and the quality of bulls from other consignors, it looks like the bull test should have a very strong offering this coming spring and Ryan and the crew are doing a great job developing these bulls.

The registered and commercial herd at Montana State will again be part of a study this winter at the Red Bluff Research ranch located near Norris, MT. The study will be evaluating the impacts of protein supplementation on thermoregulation, grazing behavior, cow performance, subsequent calf performance, as well as breeding efficiency. These cows will be fed three varying levels of protein supplement level (alfalfa pellet) three days weekly while grazing native rangeland throughout the winter. This work is aimed to help producers who wish to reduce feed cost throughout the winter months by extending the grazing period of their operation.

This past year, we published two peer-reviewed publication on feet and leg scoring of Angus cattle (Taylre Sitz was the lead author on both papers). In addition, we are currently working with data sets to further look at feet and leg scores as well as pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP) and Angus bull performance, birth weight, gestation length, and production expected progeny differences (EPDs). In addition, we are currently evaluating registered Angus cow performance, grazing distribution and behavior as influenced by feet and leg scores. We will share this information with membership as these studies progress.

We are looking forward to a busy winter here at MSU and look forward to seeing you all at various bull sales and events over the next month. Please feel free to reach out with any questions in regard to the MSU Angus Program or any research mentioned above. Thank you all again for the continued support of this program and the opportunities it provides the undergraduate and graduate students of Montana State University.

Best,

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### || **MADYSN MAGNUM** || MSU Student Spotlight

My name is Madysn Mangum. I am a firstyear graduate student studying animal and range science, under the direction of Doctor Tim DelCurto. I was born and raised in northern Utah. I received my bachelor's degree in animal

science with a double minor in business agriculture and Spanish from Utah State University. While attending the university, I met and married the love of my life, Kolter Mangum. We enjoy riding horses, four wheeling-in the mountains, camping, hunting, and spending time with our four-legged fur baby Dually. My lifelong goal is to become a veterinarian specializing in large animals. While pursuing this goal, I had the chance to learn and work with many individuals focusing on livestock management and livestock

nutritional care. During my senior year at USU, I attended an animal nutrition class. I found that my interest piqued working with ruminant nutrition. I was presented with the opportunity to further study the impact of nutritional care on ruminants at Montana State University. While living in

> Bozeman and attending MSU, I have had the chance to participate in the Montana Angus Tour visiting various ranches, to work with the registered Montana State Angus herd, to attend the Montana Nutrition Conference, and to conduct a research project with beef cattle utilizing vitamin/mineral boluses. While participating in my first year of graduate school, I found Montana is an exemplary state producing outstanding registered Angus cattle. Producers should be proud of their many accomplishments. I look forward to continuing my education regarding the nutritional needs of beef cattle while developing relationships with the best Angus producers in the country. I believe these skills and relationships will assist me in my pursuit of veterinary school.



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Raised with Respect<sup>™</sup> was developed as part of a strategic cattle care partnership between Sysco and CAB. The collaboration focuses on supporting producers, equipping them with continuing education to stay current on best management practices and helping to increase consumer confidence in beef production.

Through the partnership, Sysco and CAB are providing Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training and certification to farmers and ranchers in nine key cattle production states. To elevate the trainings, bringing dynamic educational opportunities to cattle country, Sysco and CAB are collaborating with state entities who also have a vested interest in BQA.

Launching at the 2023 Angus Convention in November, two campaign events were held in Orlando, Florida. Collaborating with Florida Beef Council and the American Angus Association, a BQA training was offered to educate and certify Angus ranchers. Another event, the BQA Bash,

celebrated the commitment of ranchers who are currently BQA-certified. Nearly 100 producers attended the training and more than 200 attended the BQA Bash.

Following Angus Convention, additional Raised with Respect<sup>™</sup> BQA trainings took place in Texas and Montana. The campaign will continue through June 2024, with the six remaining BQA trainings occurring in Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

BQA, a nationally recognized education and certification program, encompasses the best practices for cattle care, including animal handling, nutrition and responsible use of antibiotics.

"Certified Angus Beef supports BQA because it's a credible and effective way for producers to communicate animal welfare to people on the opposite end of the beef supply chain." says Bruce Cobb, CAB executive vice president of production. "By building trust with this segment and consumers, we can help secure the strong beef demand we've been experiencing into the future."

According to research from NCBA (on behalf of the Beef Checkoff), 70% of consumers agreed that BQA certification increased their confidence in knowing the beef they eat is safe, and 67% agreed that it increased their confidence that cattle are humanely raised. Prior to learning about the program, 44% of consumers had positive perceptions about

> cattle production and that increased to 70% after learning of the BQA program.

Cattle producers interested in completing BQA training, but not able to attend an in-person event, are encouraged to complete the free course online. More information about Raised with Respect<sup>™</sup>, including dates and locations of BOA events, and a direct link to online BQA education and training, can be found at www.cabcattle.com/ RaisedWithRespect.

-Lindsay Graber Runft, CAB **Producer** Communications

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# Navigating Challenges: The Shrinking Landscape of Livestock Producers in Agriculture

The livestock industry is grappling with a rising worry: the decline of livestock producers and the diminishing expanse of land in production agriculture. As an auction market owner, Joe Goggins, Angus breeder and Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) Board Member, has a front row seat to the continued loss of livestock producers and see it as a critical threat to the industry and our nation's food supply. Goggins brought the concerns about to the Montana Angus Association October Board Meeting. "There has been dispersion after dispersion after dispersion. We saw 15 full and complete dispersions come through last fall and there's been 10 more since. It looks like we'll have even more this fall with the way cattle prices are right now," stated Goggins.

The inventory report numbers from July report the facts. There are almost 6% less total cattle in the United States now than there was last year, and that number is the lowest it's been in 50 years. Despite recent record high livestock prices, it's still difficult for many to make ends meet. Lack of access to land and labor, over regulation, drought, and input costs are causing more people to exit the business while at the same time, preventing new producers from getting started. Not only are we losing more livestock producers than ever, but we're also losing the land used for grazing and forage production to recreation, development, conservation reserve programs, and crop production.

Livestock Marketing Association members have launched a 'Producer Profitability Initiative' which aims to bring all segments of the livestock industry together with a common goal in mind: industry sustainability. The Producer Profitability Initiative is a grassroots movement aimed at starting the conversation to create policy to strengthen producers' bottom lines and incentivize the next generation of livestock production and incentivize landowners to leave their land in livestock production. After seeing so many dispersals, the LMA felt it was time to unify all segments in the industry in some way to encourage these people to want to sustain the industry for future generations.

"By working together, we can all accomplish so much more than we can individually. We're not going to unify around all things, but I think we can unify as an industry around this," remarked Goggins.

Goggins continues to encourage producers of all sizes, types, and locations to reach out to those in their network and to the member organizations they are a part of to start conversations about the biggest barriers to profitability including: tax issues, lack of incentives for keeping land in livestock production, and competition for land and margin. Read more about the big issues below:

#### Tax Issues

We must fight to eliminate the estate tax, also known as the death tax, so farms and ranches can stay in the family, generation after generation. But at the very minimum, we need to keep the current estate tax cap, which will sunset in 2025.

We must also protect special use valuation methods available to agricultural landowners that allow property taxes to be calculated based on productive agricultural value, as opposed to market value of the land.

## Creating incentives for keeping land in livestock production

If there were incentives for

keeping land for livestock and forage production, more new producers could enter the industry. This helps those who do not already own or lease land do so in a more affordable manner.

## Creating opportunity to compete for land and margin

Existing programs such as Livestock Risk Protection (LRP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Pasture Rangeland Forage (PRF) insurance program, and programs providing capital should be adjusted to allow livestock and forage producers to better compete with grain production for land.

#### How you can help

Moving forward, the Montana Angus Association supports Joe Goggins and the Producer Profitability Initiative and encourages its members to start these conversations with the producer organizations that they are a part of. The Montana Stockgrowers has recently passed policy on the above stated topics at their recent Annual Meeting.

By working together, all industry segments can accomplish so much more than working individually. This affects everyone – from the seedstock producers to their customers, to the guy who sells parts at the local Ace Hardware, and everyone in between. There is truly strength in numbers, and it will take us all to build a stronger, more sustainable livestock industry.

Every voice matters, and every conversation gets us a little closer to our goal.



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#### American Angus Assn. Announces the Ten Montana Breeders Who Registered the Most Angus

The 10 producers who registered the most Angus beef cattle in the state of Montana recorded a total of 7929 Angus with the American Angus Association<sup>®</sup> during fiscal year 2023, which ended Sept. 30, according to Mark McCully, Association chief executive officer.

The 10 top recorders in Montana are:

Sitz Angus Farm, Harrison; Vermilion Ranch, Billings; Coleman Angus, Charlo; Green Mtn Angus Rch, Ryegate; Stevenson Diamond Dot, Hobson; Gartner-Denowh Angus Rch, Sidney; KG Ranch, Three Forks; Pine Coulee Angus Rch, Absarokee; Basin Angus Ranch, Laurel; Hollow Top Angus, Pony.

Angus breeders across the nation in 2023 registered 300,761 head of Angus cattle. "Our Association members lead the industry in adopting new technology and breeding the most problem-free cattle for their customers," McCully said. "Cattlemen across the country continue to find registered Angus seedstock are the most profitable option for their herd."

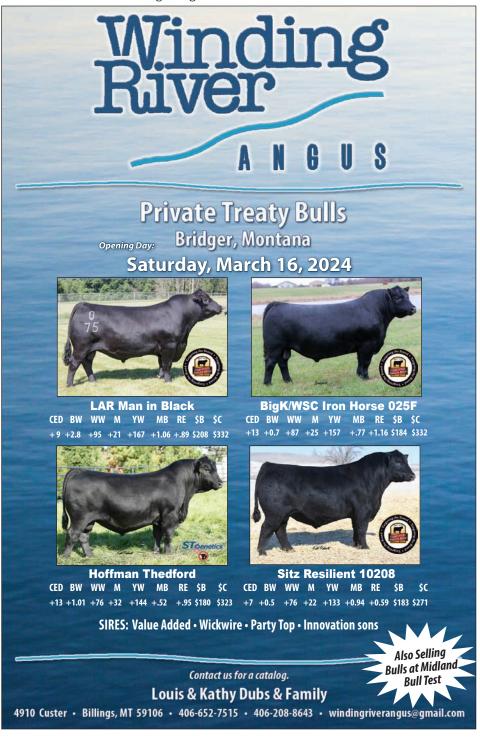
ANGUS MEANS BUSINESS. The American Angus Association is the nation's largest beef breed organization, serving nearly 22,000 members across the United States, Canada and several other countries. The Association provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers. For more information about Angus cattle and the Association, visit www.ANGUS.org.

#### Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef LLC Present the 2024 Beef Leaders Institute (BLI)

The Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry, now and in the future. The 2024 BLI is June 10-14, with the program beginning the morning of June 10. BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are due by **February 15, 2024.** 

The Association will provide transportation during the BLI, as well as lodging, meals, and materials. The attendees will be responsible for their round-trip transportation between their home to Kansas City (if flying) or Saint Joseph (if driving) and their departure to home from Cleveland, Ohio (if flying) or Kansas City to get vehicle at the American Angus Association. Transportation from the Kansas City airport on both Sunday, June 9th and Friday, June 14th will be provided.

For more information, contact Events & Junior Activities Department at the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or Madeline Bauer, Senior Events Coordinator, at mbauer@angus.org.





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#### 2023 NILE ANGUS FEMALE SALE REPORT

October 21, 2023 • Billings, MT • Sale Manager: Ron Frye Marketing • Auctioneer: Roger Jacobs

Lots	Gross	Average
38 Open Heifers	\$279,250.00	\$7,348.00
14 Bred Heifers	\$138,250.00	\$9,875.00
52 Total Registered Females	\$417,500.00	\$8,028.00
6 Embryos	\$4,500.00	\$750.00
6 Pregnancies	\$47,750.00	\$7,958.00
2 Flush	\$24,000.00	\$12,000.00

#### **Top Open Heifer**

Lot 1 -Pick of the Heifer Calves - \$36,000 Buyer: Jocko Valley Angus, Arlee, MT Seller: Vermilion Ranch, Billings, MT

Lot 3 - Pick of the Heifer Calves - \$22,500 Buyer: Lindskov LT Ranch, SD Seller: Skinner Ranch Seedstock, Hall, MT

Lot 28 - GMAR Flagstone L267 - \$14,000 Sire Name: Baldridge Flagstone F411 Buyer: Wayne Weyerman - Idalia, CO Seller: Green Mountain Angus, Ryegate, MT Lot 51 - Sitz Everelda Entense 142 - \$27,000 Sire Name: Sitz Resilient 10208 Buyer: Claylick Run Farms - Newark, OH Seller: Sitz Angus - Harrison, MT

**Top Bred Heifers** 

Lot 2 - Pick of Bred Heifers - \$15,000 Buyer: K & J Angus - Larchwood, IA, Carr Angus - Hobson, MT, Rock Mountain Ranch -Dustin, OK, Mountaineer Meadows - Letart, WV Seller: Stevenson's Diamond Dot - Hobson, MT

Lot 29 - JCH BHA Rachel 2806 - \$12,000 Sire Name: Sitz Logo 12964 Buyer: Lindskov LT Ranch - Isabel, SD Seller: JC Heiken & Sons - Billings, MT

#### **Top Pregnancy**

Lot 13 - \$12,500 Sire: RSA True Balance 1311 Buyer: Parker Cattle Co. - Twin Falls, ID Seller: Basin Angus Ranch - Laurel, MT

#### MT & WY FALL SALE REPORT

Herd Bulls	34	\$31,992
Bulls to Comm Producers	3,128	\$7,089
Total Bulls	3,162	\$7,357
Reg Females	1,042	\$10,767
Com. Bred Females	6,939	\$2,673
Com. Young Cows	2,667	\$2,716



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# Top 25 Sires for Registration Fiscal Year 2023

Birthdate	Nama & Owner	Podistration #	# of Calves
01/22/2017	Name & Owner	<u>Registration #</u> 18827828	-
01/22/2017	Deer Valley Growth Fund	1882/828	5,006
00/06/2019	Deer Valley Farm - Fayetteville, TN <b>G A R Home Town</b>	10266719	4 177
09/06/2018		19266718	4,137
02/15/2010	Gardiner Angus Ranch Inc - Ashland, KS	10057457	7 774
02/15/2018	Sitz Resilient 10208*	19057457	3,234
	Bar J V Angus Ranch - Fairview, MT		
	Ingalls, Dan E - Casper, WY		
00/14/0010	Lunds B Bar Angus - Wibaux, MT	10/1100/	2.070
02/14/2019	DB Iconic G95	19611994	2,970
	Booth, Douglas Family - Torrington, WY		
00/06/00/5	Genex Cooperative - Shawano, WI		
09/06/2013	Tehama Tahoe B767	17817177	2,963
	Midwest Genetics - Long Island, KS		
	Tehama Angus Ranch - Gerber, CA		
	VanDerVeen Farms - Phillipsburg, KS		
01/23/2016	Sitz Stellar 726D*	18397542	2,838
	ABS Global Inc - De Forest, WI		
	Sitz Angus Farm - Dillon, MT		
02/11/2019	Poss Rawhide	19416968	2,315
	Poss, Danny - Scotia, NE		
	Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX		
02/03/2017	Tehama Patriarch F028	18690054	2,192
	ABS Global, Inc De Forest, WI		
	Goode Angus - Pampa, TX		
	Grand Bayou Farms - Ruston, LA		
01/09/2016	S A V Rainfall 6846	18578963	2,183
	Schaffs Angus Valley - Saint Anthony, ND		
	Square B Ranch & Cattle - Warsaw, MO		
01/07/2019	Myers Fair-N-Square M39	19418329	2,091
	Myers Angus Farm - Harrodsburg, KY		
	Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX		
09/01/2019	BJ Surpass	19774516	2,069
	ABS Global Inc - De Forest, WI		
	Connealy Angus Ranch - Whitman, NE		
	Knoll Crest Farm Inc - Red House, VA		
02/06/2015	Musgrave 316 Exclusive	18130471	1,831
	Musgrave Angus - New Salen, IL		
	TD Angus - North Platte, NE		
09/05/2019	Poss Deadwood	19597261	1,688
	Dixie Valley Ranch - Montague, CA		
	Poss, Danny - Scotia, NE		
	Reverse Rocking R Cattle Co Maxwell, NM		
09/26/2020	Beal Breakthrough	19829112	1,673
	Beal Cattle Co - Lander, WY		
	Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX		
01/27/2020	LAR Man In Black	19955191	1,624
	ABS Global, Inc - De Forest, WI		
od /m / /m - · · ·	Larson Angus Ranch - Sharon Springs, KS		
01/21/2013	KG Justified 3023*	17707279	1,574
	Arntzen Angus Ranch - Hilger, MT		
	Sydenstricker Genetics, Inc - Mexico, MO		
	Garnter-Denowh Angus Ranch - Sidney, MT		
	K G Ranch - Three Forks, MT		
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Birthdate	Name & Owner	<b>Registration</b> #	# of Calves
01/27/2015	SydGen Enhance	18170041	1,569
	Mogck & Sons - Olivet, SD		
	Sydenstricker Genetics, Inc - Mexico, MO		
02/03/2020	HPCA Veracious	19699322	1,544
	FB Genetics - Dumas, TX		
	Gower, Jeff - Springfield, MO		
	Hinkles Prime Cut Angus - Nevada, MO		
10/20/2016	GB Fireball 672	18690054	1,471
	ABS Global Inc - De Forest, WI		
	Goode Angus - Pampa, TX		
	Grand Bayou Farms - Ruston, LA		
10/01/2019	E & B Wildcat 9402	19810163	1,292
	Benoit, Everett L - Esbon, KS		
	Genex Cooperative - Shawano, WI		
09/03/2017	G A R Dual Threat	19123898	1,254
	Gardiner Angus Ranch Inc Ashland, KS		
	J L B Ranch - Douglass, KS		
	Ogeechee Angus Farm - Wadley, GA		
02/08/2019	Connealy Clarity	19555171	1,202
	Connealy Angus Ranch - Whitman, NE		
	Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX		
02/13/2019	Sterling Pacific 904	19444025	1,161
	Brookhouser T-Bone Angus - Brunswick, NE		
01/08/2019	Wilks Regiment 9035	19401188	1,114
	Four Sons Farm - Cynthiana, KY		
	Select Sires, Inc Plain City, OH		
	Wilks Ranch Texas, Ltd - Eastland, TX		
11/09/2018	Yon Top Cut G730	19476453	1,091
	Select Sires, Inc Plain City, OH		
	Yon Family Farms - Ridge Spring, SC		



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#### 2024 Membership Renewal

Amount Due: \$50.00

Membership dues for 2024

#### Return form and payment to:

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\* Make checks payable to Montana Angus Association

Notes:

#### 2024 Membership Information

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Other Contacts:

(Please list name/phone/email of others affiliated with your ranch that you would like to have included in your published listing.)

#### Ranch Description (optional)

#### **Association Activities**

□ I am interested in consigning to the NILE Angus Female Sale

□ I am interested in participating in the Montana Angus Tour Tentative schedule: 2024 Central, 2025 South, 2026 North Central, 2027 West, 2028 North, 2029 East, 2030 Midland

Description will be used with your online listing. Please keep it brief, it should fit the space provided.

#### **Production Sale Information**

Sale Name:	
Winter/Spring 2025 Sale Date(s):	
Sale Location:	Time:
Sale Day Phone(s):	

Please Note Corrections:

#### Seedstock Private Treaty Information Commercial Private Treaty Information

Bulls Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Aprox Wt: \_\_\_\_\_
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\* Production Sale and Private Treaty Information will be listed on the 2023-2024 Sales & Events calendar published in the Annual Directory, Montana Angus News and on the Association website. These listings are a benefit of your membership.

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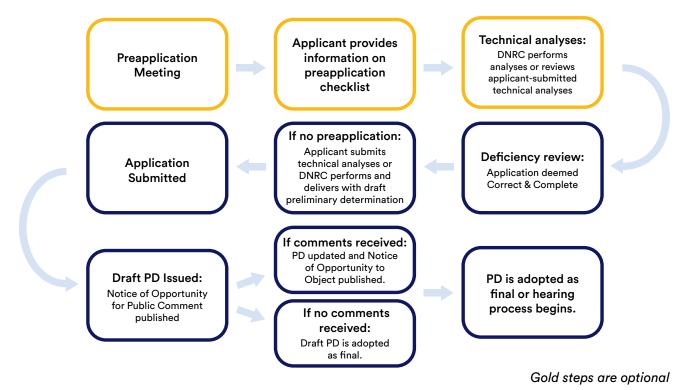




The Department recently adopted new rules to overhaul the water right permit and change application process.

Here's what you need to know.

#### **Process for Water Right Permit and Change Applications:**



### Elimination of timeline "black holes."

The permit and change application review process has been shortened significantly. This is accomplished through clear statutory timelines for each step in the process. As a result, all timeline extensions and waivers have been eliminated except one: under 85-2-307(3), an applicant may request an extension of time of up to 180 days to submit additional information after the issuance of a draft preliminary determination.

#### > New Options for Applicants

There are now multiple pathways through the Department's review process. Permit and change applicants can choose:

## 1. WHETHER TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCT THE TECHNICAL ANALYSES OR SUPPLY THEIR OWN TECHNICAL ANALYSES

Under the new rules, the Department performs the technical analyses unless the applicant elects to provide their own. This is intended to save applicants the energy and expense of hiring experts, while also increasing the consistency and efficiency of the Department's determinations. For applicants electing to provide their own technical analyses, the Department is making its manuals, standard practice documents, technical memos, and more accessible online so that applicants know how their analyses will be reviewed.

Key Changes from the pre-2024 Process

#### 2. WHETHER TO COMPLETE A PREAPPLICATION MEETING OR NOT.

Benefits of the preapplication meeting:

#### ✓ Increased Predictability

During the preapplication period, the Department either completes the necessary technical analyses or assesses the scientific credibility of applicant-provided technical analyses, so applicants have the certainty of knowing DNRC has signed off on the technical analyses.

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ACTION	DEADLINE WITH PREAPPLICATION	DEADLINE WITHOUT PREAPPLICATION
Application deemed correct & complete or deficiency letter sent (AFTER APPLICATION RECEIVED)	15 business days	30 business days
Correct & complete determination or application termination (AFTER RECEIPT OF A DEFICIENCY RESPONSE)	30 days	30 days
Draft preliminary determination published (AFTER CORRECT & COMPLETE)	60 days	120 days

#### **⊘** Reduced application fees

FORM	FEE WITH PREAPPLICATION	FEE WITHOUT PREAPPLICATION
Permit application in a closed basin	\$1600	\$2900
Permit application in an open basin	\$1200	\$2500
Change application	\$1500	\$2500

#### > Changes to the Public Notice and Objection Process.

For applications filed after January 1, 2024,

- A 30-day public comment period will be held on the Department's draft preliminary determination.
- If public comments are received, the Department will consider them and then notice the preliminary determination for objections.
- If no valid public comments are received, the draft preliminary determination is adopted as final.

The result: potentially impacted water users can voice concerns earlier in the process. DNRC will be able to consider and address public comments on decision documents prior to the formal hearings process. This leads to better decisions and reduces the costs for potential objectors.

To make it easy for existing water users to stay informed about applications in their area, DNRC developed the Water Rights Notification Tool (WRNT). Using the WRNT, you can customize your settings and receive email notifications when a relevant permit or change is moving through key milestones in the application process. Visit <u>dnrc.mt.gov/wrnt</u> to sign up.

#### Considerations During the Transition Period.

Applications will be processed using the statutes and rules in effect at the time of application receipt. This means that there will be period of time over the next year or more where pending applications will be on different procedural tracks depending on when they were filed. For example, applications received prior to January 1, 2024 will not be noticed for public comment or be subject to expedited timelines.

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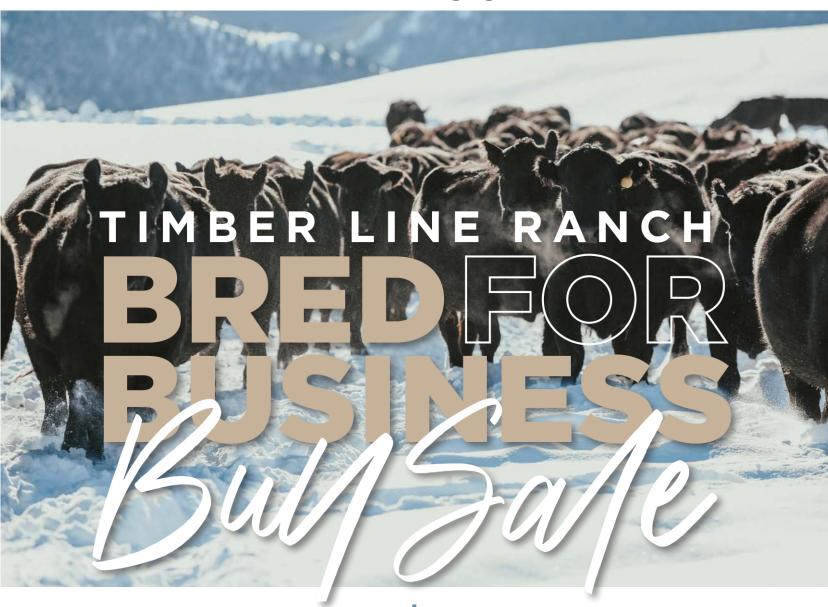
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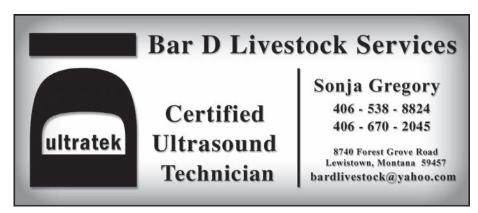
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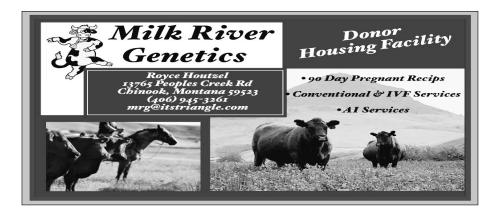


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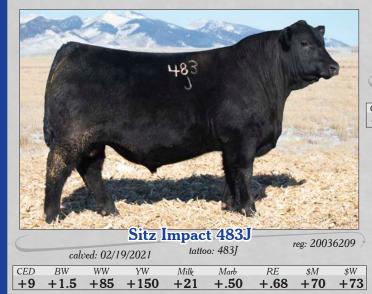
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