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*15<sup>th</sup> Annual Angus Bull Sale*

# March 7, 2026

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**Selling 45+ Yearling Angus Bulls**

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# HA STRATEGY 4425 +21099307

## STRATEGY 4425

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or Lufkin Cattle Co.



CED
+8
BW
+1.3
WW
+85
YW
+148
MILK
+27
MARB
+.63
RE
+.25
FAT
+.067

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
+83	+86	+107	+43	+150	+278

## HA Ever Lady 1575

#17058509



Strategy's maternal grandam that has produced numerous high selling bulls and has left a pasture full of top producing daughters.

*Look for sons from these sires at this year's sale!*

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Vermilion Three Rivers L171  
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Baldrige Badger • Ellingson Badlands 3210  
HA Incentive L959 • Sand Rock Bronc 1857

**Selling 175  
Registered Angus Bulls**

**Tuesday  
April 7, 2026**

1:00 pm MDT At the Ranch 10 miles east of Malta, MT

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*39<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Bull Sale*

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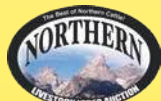
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## ANNUAL BULL SALE

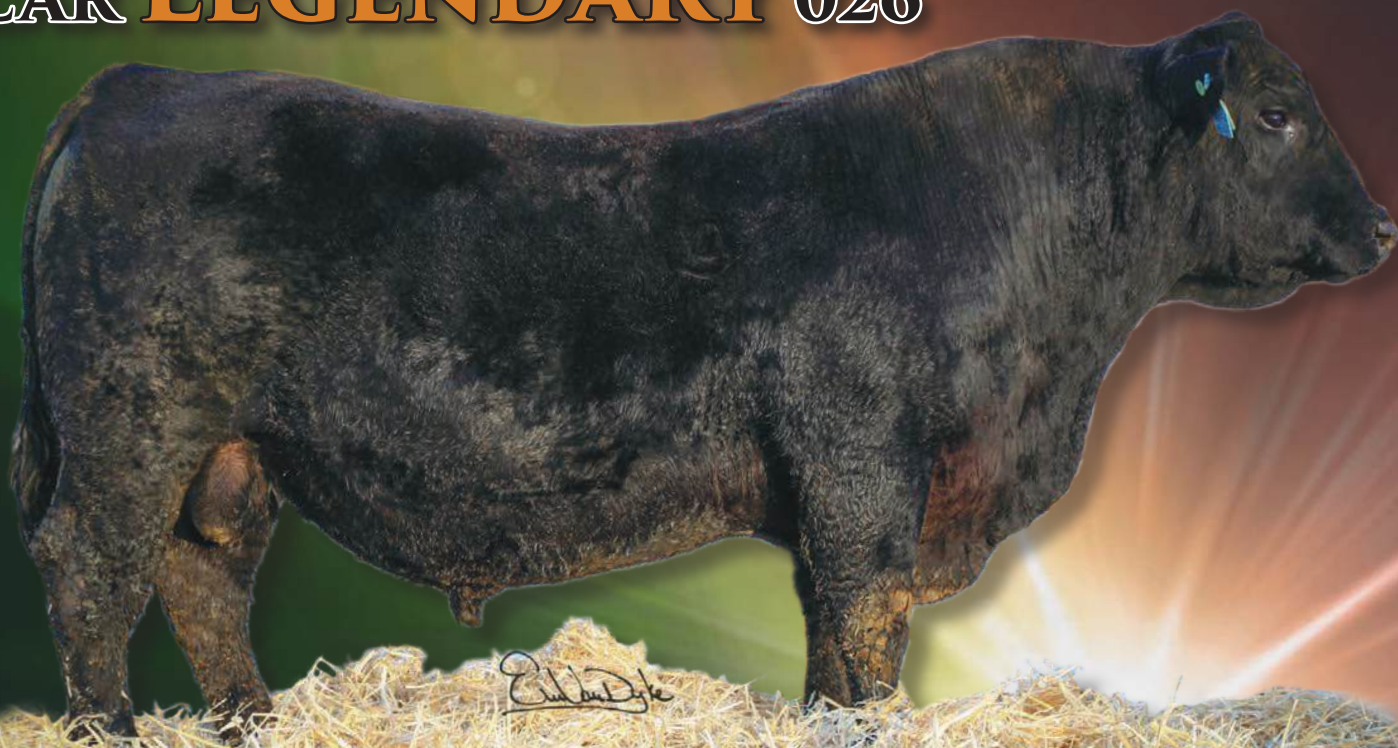
### THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

1:00 PM AT THE RANCH, WHITEHALL, MT

**100** yearling Angus bulls

**50** 2-year-old Angus bulls

## CAR LEGENDARY 026



Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36

**SIRE:** Connealy Legendary 644L

Jazzed of Conanga 4660

S A V Resource 1441

**DAM:** CAR Miss Lucy 717

CAR Miss Lucy 301

**Reg: \*19940742 DOB: 01/24/20**

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	SC
+11	-1.5	+71	+134	+14	+1.50

Our expectations for CAR LEGENDARY 026 were high when we purchased him as the high-selling bull at Connelly's 2021 sale. With a pedigree rich in proven genetics, outstanding structure and a top performance profile, we excitedly anticipated his addition to our program. He has not disappointed! His calves are proving him to be among the best in the breed. If you like them thick, long, and correct in an easy calving, high-growth package - his calves deserve a look.

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**12:30 PM (MST) At the Ranch**

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**300 Open Commercial Replacement Females**



**SITZ Heritage 580N** Reg # 21204777

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	PAP	HP
7	1.6	78	140	0.83	0.38	0.30	19.2
Milk	Teat	FL	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C
33	0.64	1.19	63	0.85	0.85	114	331



**SITZ Eternity 597N** Reg # 21204787

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	PAP	HP
9	0.7	87	146	1.41	0.39	0.33	14.3
Milk	Teat	FL	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C
31	0.85	1.14	78	0.78	1.00	100	341



**SITZ Insignia 671N** Reg # 21251753

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	PAP	HP
8	0.7	93	156	0.76	0.33	-0.73	20.4
Milk	Teat	FL	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C
27	0.99	1.08	79	0.79	0.76	116	336



**SITZ Heritage 698N** Reg # 21204855

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	PAP	HP
11	-1.5	71	132	0.88	0.45	1.62	13.8
Milk	Teat	FL	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C
28	0.70	1.18	57	0.83	0.60	108	313



**SITZ Hi-Country 722N** Reg # 21204876

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	PAP	HP
7	1.4	71	125	1.46	0.34	1.82	11.3
Milk	Teat	FL	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C
30	0.40	1.15	49	0.51	0.81	69	235



**SITZ Hi-Country 727N** Reg # 21204880

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	PAP	HP
4	0.8	75	130	2.60	0.30	2.56	9.3
Milk	Teat	FL	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C
36	0.80	1.12	56	0.50	0.93	79	251

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**VDAR BLACK GOLD 7105** REG: 21215554  
CED 5 BW 2.0 WW 69 YW 110 SC 72 MILK 27 \$W 70 \$F 82  
SIRE: VDAR Black Gold 5143 | MGS: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194



**VDAR RAMBLER 7275** REG: 21215566  
CED 3 BW 2.4 WW 63 YW 104 SC 63 MILK 37 \$W 68 \$F 59  
SIRE: VDAR Rambler 5043 | MGS: Sitz Resilient 10208



**VDAR STRAIGHT BLACK 4025** REG: 21347325  
CED 2 BW 1.4 WW 68 YW 119 SC 69 MILK 31 \$W 69 \$F 70  
SIRE: B Bar Straight Black 7013 | MGS: VDAR Showdown 7236



**VDAR BLACK GOLD 4735** REG: 21347387  
CED -2 BW 3.6 WW 68 YW 108 SC 1.49 MILK 34 \$W 72 \$F 76  
SIRE: VDAR Black Gold 5143 | MGS: VDAR Showdown 7236



**VDAR BLACK MASS 4715** REG: 21347385  
CED 2 BW 2.0 WW 69 YW 120 SC 1.23 MILK 30 \$W 67 \$F 99  
SIRE: B Bar Black Mass 3045 | MGS: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194



MONTANA'S ORIGINAL  
*maternal cowherd*



## Other Featured Sires

Heiken Incentive 2030

Pine Coulee Resource G708

TH Gunsmoke 0722

LT Chiefton 1440



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**COLEMAN DIESEL 506**  
 Reg: 21306983 Sire: Coleman Glacier 041  
 Dam: Coleman Chloe 9275  
 Act BW: 90 Adj WW: 867 CED: 5 BW: 3.3 WW: 88  
 YW: 156 SC: .10 Milk: 31 \$W: 92 \$M: 107  
**HE SELLS!**



**COLEMAN AUTHENTIC 5103**  
 Reg: 21306988 Sire: Palermo  
 Dam: Coleman Donna 787  
 Act BW: 92 Adj WW: 880 CED: 4 BW: 1.8 WW: 65  
 YW: 104 SC: 1.44 Milk: 14 \$W: 54 \$M: 84  
**HE SELLS!**



**COLEMAN HONOR 5132**  
 Reg: 21380570 Sire: Coleman Platinum 2622  
 Dam: Coleman Chloe 256  
 Act BW: 86 Adj WW: 913 CED: 9 BW: 0.5 WW: 80  
 YW: 132 SC: .94 Milk: 26 \$W: 90 \$M: 88  
**HE SELLS!**

## *Selling* 120 SERVICE AGE BULLS

### SIRES REPRESENTED:

Coleman Glacier 041, Coleman Platinum 2622, Coleman Easy Decision 1539, Coleman Rock 7200, Palermo, South America, Coleman Maternal Source 356, Coleman Mendoza 271, Coleman Universal 3189, Ellingson Prosper, Coleman Resource 708, Coleman Below Zero 2106, Coleman Double Down 3196, and Coleman Full Deck 118



**COLEMAN SUGAR RAY 5174**  
 Reg: 21307002 Sire: Palermo  
 Dam: Coleman Chloe 9275  
 Act BW: 98 Adj WW: 945 CED: -4 BW: 4.1 WW: 92  
 YW: 155 SC: .45 Milk: 10 \$W: 61 \$M: 43  
**HE SELLS!**



**COLEMAN LA HOYA 5193**  
 Reg: 21307009 Sire: Palermo  
 Dam: Coleman Chloe 9275  
 Act BW: 94 Adj WW: 860 CED: -7 BW: 5.4 WW: 80  
 YW: 134 SC: .52 Milk: 16 \$W: 53 \$M: 62  
**HE SELLS!**



**COLEMAN ALI 5230**  
 Reg: 21307017 Sire: Palermo  
 Dam: Coleman Chloe 9275  
 Act BW: 84 Adj WW: 977 CED: 4 BW: 2.3 WW: 82  
 YW: 148 SC: .83 Milk: 15 \$W: 61 \$M: 51  
**HE SELLS!**

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# Performance-Tested BULL SALE [TUES. FEBRUARY 17, 2026]

1:00 PM MST

HELD AT THE RANCH IN CHARLO, MONTANA



TOP  
1% \$M

## COLEMAN CURRENCY 566

Reg: 21314250 Sire: Ellingson Prosper  
Dam: Coleman Donna 787

Act BW: 88 Adj WW: 884 CED: 6 BW: 1.9 WW: 73  
YW: 117 SC: 1.25 Milk: 28 \$W: 85 \$M: 125

HE SELLS!



TOP  
10% \$M

## COLEMAN FORTRESS 5126

Reg: 21380568 Sire: Coleman Platinum 2622  
Dam: Coleman Donna 216

Act BW: 84 Adj WW: 778 CED: 6 BW: 1.8 WW: 67  
YW: 116 SC: .60 Milk: 21 \$W: 57 \$M: 92

HE SELLS!



TOP  
1% \$M

## COLEMAN STOCKMAN 5195

Reg: 21380596 Sire: Coleman Glacier 041  
Dam: Coleman Donna 2103

Act BW: 80 Adj WW: 962 CED: 11 BW: 0 WW: 81  
YW: 133 SC: 1.14 Milk: 31 \$W: 91 \$M: 130

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## COLEMAN DENALI 5155

Reg: 21380579 Sire: Coleman Glacier 041  
Dam: Coleman Eriskay 359

Act BW: 80 Adj WW: 897 CED: 12 BW: 0.2 WW: 78  
YW: 133 SC: .44 Milk: 30 \$W: 85 \$M: 121

HE SELLS!



TOP  
1% \$M

## COLEMAN STATEMENT 5120

Reg: 21380567 Sire: Coleman Resource 708  
Dam: Coleman Donna 199

Act BW: 78 Adj WW: 924 CED: 8 BW: -0.2 WW: 74  
YW: 129 SC: 1.04 Milk: 33 \$W: 90 \$M: 123

HE SELLS!



TOP  
3% \$M

## COLEMAN EXPLORER 5141

Reg: 21380573 Sire: Coleman Glacier 041  
Dam: Coleman Chloe 302

Act BW: 78 Adj WW: 865 CED: 5 BW: 2.7 WW: 88  
YW: 152 SC: .41 Milk: 28 \$W: 87 \$M: 100

HE SELLS!

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# SKINNER RANCH SEEDSTOCK

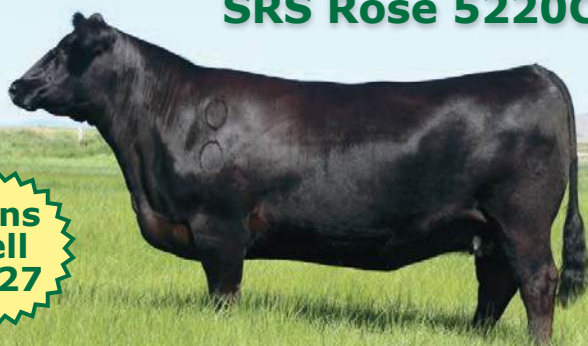
*Balancing Traits for Decades*

## Annual Production Sale

**February 27, 2026, in Hall, MT**  
**selling over 140 (yearling and two-year-old) bulls**

*Proven elite females like these...*

**SRS Rose 5220C**



**Sons  
sell  
2/27**

**Coleman Donna 6317**



**Sons  
sell  
2/27**

**Sitz Blackbird 334**



**Sons  
sell  
2/27**

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**Sells  
2/27**

**SRS Jackson 1127N** Reg #21361020

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	\$W	\$B
+10	+1.4	+75	+131	+35	+84	+169



**Sells  
2/27**

**SRS Dignity 1172N** Reg#21362320

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	\$W	\$B
-1	+2.0	+66	+110	+30	+74	+119



**Sells  
2/27**

**SRS Fair n Square 1204N** Reg#21361365

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	\$W	\$B
+4	+1.5	+70	+122	+27	+69	+173



**Sells  
2/27**

**SRS Long Run 9300N** Reg#21361219

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	\$W	\$B
-1	+3.7	+72	+122	+26	+67	+130



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*Monday*  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

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YEARLING ANGUS BULLS  
**12** REGISTERED ANGUS  
FANCY OPEN HEIFERS

1:00 PM • DILLON, MONTANA  
DILLON LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Circle L Harvester M1



Lot

**1**

PAP: 37

Reg: 21166118

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
+1	+3.3	+64	+109	+33	+40	+24	+98	+116	+248

Circle L Relevance M12



Lot

**4**

PAP: 41

Reg: 21098804

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
+6	+1.4	+79	+147	+28	+60	+1.25	+92	+189	+337

Circle L Jameson M65



Lot

**25**

PAP: 38

Reg: 21171878

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
+11	+1.2	+90	+146	+23	+64	+49	+85	+142	+269

Circle L Harvester M102



Lot

**2**

PAP: 37

Reg: 21098865

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
-4	+5.1	+77	+131	+33	+49	+65	+50	+139	+230

Circle Man In Black M73



Lot

**3**

PAP: 37

Reg: 21171691

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
+6	+1.8	+101	+169	+34	+1.05	+61	+90	+189	+335

Circle L Timberline M110



Lot

**21**

PAP: 38

Reg: 21098869

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
+8	+1.6	+70	+118	+23	+85	+82	+70	+188	+328

Circle L Ashland M120



Lot

**16**

PAP: 40

Reg: 21138470

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
+4	+4.4	+105	+179	+33	+1.21	+69	+89	+195	+342

Circle L Step Up M133



Lot

**22**

PAP: 37

Reg: 21138477

CED	BW	WW	YW	MK	MB	RE	\$M	\$B	\$C
+6	+1.9	+82	+133	+29	+1.16	+1.0	+105	+191	+353

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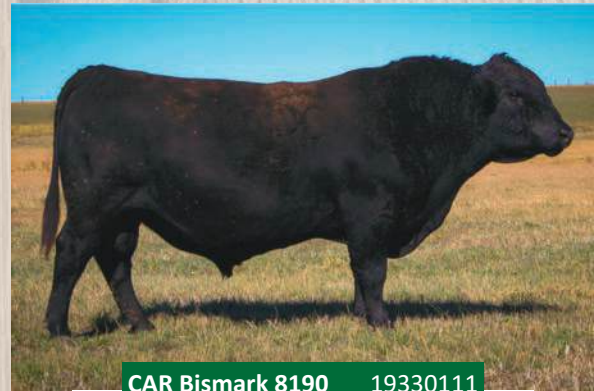
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**Cherry Crk Blue Collar G275** 19800734

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FL +.94 \$M +58 \$C +286



**CAR Bismark 8190** 19330111

BW -.6 WW +57 YW +93 SC +2.15 MILK +28  
FL +1.24 \$M +98 \$C +230

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BW +1.2 WW +75 YW +134 SC +0.66 MILK +30  
FL +0.99 \$M +81 \$C +312



**Larsen Payweight 96X** 20154621

BW +3.0 WW +89 YW +148 SC +1.57 MILK +31  
FL +1.10 \$M +58 \$C +276





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# President's Message

Greetings and Happy 2026, Fellow Angus Breeders!

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Reports from auction barns nationwide show record-breaking calf prices, a clear sign of continued optimism across the industry.

The Montana Angus Board recently held its annual budget meeting, and I'm pleased to share that we're in a strong financial position to keep supporting our members' efforts and initiatives. A big thank-you again to all the breeders who generously supported our Priority Page Auction this past year — your involvement truly makes a difference.

Many breeders are already deep into calving, and it's great to see that the mild winter weather has provided favorable conditions. For those about to begin, let's hope this trend continues!

Best of luck to everyone with your bull sales and calving season, and I look forward to connecting with you again soon.

-Kevin Arntzen, Montana Angus Association President



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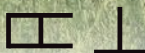
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# DVM Dialogue

Dr. Casey Solomon, DVM

Greetings from North Central Montana! Hope you all had a nice holiday season, full of joy and family and good food. The weather sure was temperamental there before Christmas but then settled into a warmer pattern.

This is your mid-winter reminder to check in on your herd bulls. It is easy for them to become an after-thought this time of year, especially as we head into calving. I think most of us raise or select durable enough stock that the herd bulls should be capable of a low maintenance winter, but they are a big investment and 50 % of the equation of our calf crop so its good to check in before we get busy with the next calving season. There are just a few things I would suggest thinking about to ensure longevity of your herd bulls and success during your breeding season.

## Louse/External Parasite Prevention and Treatment

- We all know bulls are a magnet for external parasites. Flies in the summer and lice etc in the winter. Pour on in the fall and again mid-winter keeps them comfortable, their hide healthy and prevents incidental abscesses or wounds from scratching. Also, it does a lot to preserve fences, windbreaks and other infrastructure.

## Windbreak & Bedding

Poor environmental conditions, cold temperatures and wind can cause frostbite of the scrotum and damage a bull's testicles. Visually, frostbite looks like a scab at the lower portion of the scrotum. The scab will eventually slough off and often leaves the scrotum scarred and discolored. This damage can lead to poor semen quality for months after the frostbite event and can even cause permanent damage. Adhesion of the testicle to the scrotum impairs semen movement and maturation, as well as impaired temperature regulation. Testicular damage, if severe enough, can also cause decreased or complete loss of semen production for months, and sometimes permanently. Infertility at breeding soundness exam, as the result of frostbite, is reported from as high as 88 %, depending on severity (*see Table 1*). The amount of protection for each group of bulls depends on herd dynamic, number of bulls and age range of bulls. I typically see the worst frostbite on bulls that are lower on the totem pole because they had to stand on the outskirts of the available protection.

Table 1: Effect of severity of frostbite on semen quality in bulls

Breeding soundness score	Severity of Frostbite		
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Satisfactory, %	66.6	44.4	22.2
Questionable, %	33.3	55.6	77.8
Unsatisfactory, %	0.0	0.0	0.0

Adapted from Lundy, 1990

## Pre-Breeding Vaccinations

- It is common practice to boost Vibrio-Lepto at the time of bull test. Another common vaccine to consider is Fusogard, as herd bulls are often very susceptible to footrot. This is often the only breeding vaccines our herd bulls see in their breeding lifetime. If you do run them through in the fall or mid-winter for pour on, I suggest giving them the same herd vaccines that you give your mother cows. (for example – ViraShield or CattleMaster). This boosts their coverage of several other important breeding pathogens (IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, Vibrio/Campylobacter and Lepto) and ensures they are a stronger more consistent breeding unit during breeding season. Vaccination too close to turn out can cause a depression in semen production, so I recommend giving these annual vaccines at least 45-60 days prior to turn out.

## Mineral & Ration Balance and Exercise

- Nutrition is the foundation of good body condition, athletic ability and semen quality come turn out time. Semen used during the breeding season is made 60 or so days prior to the breeding event, so winter nutrition and trace mineral balance is critical to the first service conception rates that fuel our reproductive momentum.
- Mature herd bulls in good shape after breeding season can be maintained on a forage ration, as long as the forage is 9-10 % crude protein and at least 2 % of their body weight is available daily. Two and three year old bulls will require slightly more crude protein (10-11 %), as we are feeding their growth to maturity at the rate of 1.5 to 2 lbs per day.
- Trace minerals, specifically Zinc (Zn), Manganese (Mn), Copper (Cu) and Selenium (Se) have been shown to essential to bull fertility, libido and spermatogenesis.
  - Zinc: Involved in production, storage and secretion of hormones. Also important in the immune system. A key building block of insulin, testosterone and other adrenal hormones. Deficiency can impair sexual function and has been shown to result in lower conception rates, reduced testicular growth and impaired semen maturation.



- Manganese: Involved in the synthesis of cholesterol, insulin and thyroxine – directly tied to the production of estrogen, progesterone and testosterone. Deficiency results in lower fertility (both cows and bulls) and reproductive failure in cows through impaired heat cycles, fetal loss and reabsorption or deformities.
- Copper: A critical trace mineral involved in many enzymes used in the immune system and for reproduction. Deficiency results in reproductive failure, reduced fertility, delayed heat cycles, abortion and poor semen quality.
- Selenium: Involved in thyroxine production (responsible for growth) and plays a role in reproductive function and the immune system. Deficiency results in reproductive disorders in cows like cystic ovaries and uterine infections, problems with heat cycles, ovulation and fetal development. It also plays a role in the fertilization event and deficiency can impair sperm motility in bulls.
- It has been shown that bulls in a body condition score (BCS) of 5 to 6 have better semen quality than bulls that are too thin (BCS of 4 or less) or too fat (BCS of 7 or greater). It is important to evaluate BCS by looking at fat cover over the ribs, in the brisket and at the tailhead – not by judging gut fill. Rations differ in digestibility and can significantly alter the look of the gut, which can be very deceiving if used to judge body condition. For an extreme example, a diet of pure straw will create an animal with a very large almost bloated gut and very little fat cover over ribs, in the brisket or around the tailhead – such an animal would be a BCS of less than 4, but would have a very large belly.

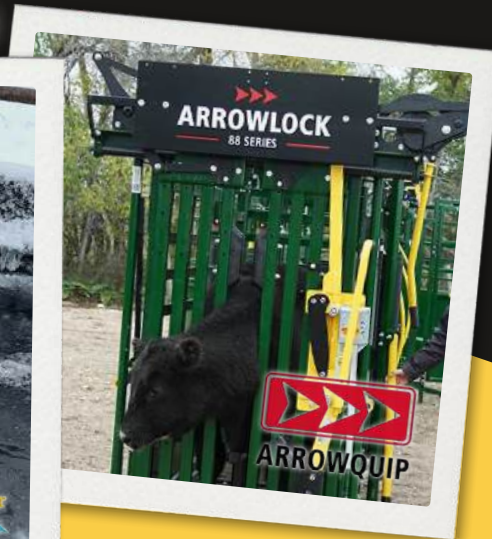
Wishing you all a productive and successful calving season, and luck at the spring production sales whether you may be buying or selling!

Until next time,

~ Casey



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## Montana State University Angus Program Update

Cheers from MSU Angus! We hope you are all doing well as we enter the new year, and we hope those of you who are getting ready for calves to hit the ground will have a great calving season!

We are gearing up for another semester at MSU! We are looking forward to our spring classes and the opportunity to keep students engaged in the Angus business through hands-on experience with our registered cattle. One of the upcoming classes that will allow students a chance to work with these cattle is our beef management practicum, which is full of labs teaching the students how to handle and work with cattle, as well as helping them gain better knowledge about various aspects of raising cattle. We are also looking forward to the Treasure Bull Test sale, where we will be offering some of our best MSU genetics. As we get closer, we will have information to share with you all.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact either Tim or myself with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for all of your continued support.

Sincerely,

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### || GRAYCE SIDERIUS || *MSU Student Spotlight*



Hello Montana Angus Association! My name is Grayce Siderius, and I am a senior at Montana State University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science - Livestock Management and Industry, with a minor in Agriculture Business. I grew up in Kalispell, where my siblings and I represent the fifth generation of my family to live and work in the Flathead Valley. My family farms and ranches, growing various crops like barley, wheat, pulse crops, and hay, we run a cow-calf operation as well as a feedlot where we background heifers and finish calves for our direct to consumer sales. Growing up, I have always been involved in agriculture, from the day to day tasks on the farm to being involved in agricultural organizations.

I was an active member in 4-H for years and exhibited various projects at the Northwest Montana Fair. Additionally, I was involved in agriculture classes in high school at the H.E. Robinson Ag Center and was an active member of Kalispell FFA. In FFA, I exhibited various livestock projects as well as being on a National Farm and Agribusiness Management Team representing Montana at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in the fall of 2022. Currently, I have been involved in Montana Farmers Union at the state level being involved in various ways as well as at the National level representing Montana as a youth delegate at conventions, conferences, and in Washington, D.C. at Fly-Ins. These organizations have assisted me in skill development, networking, and advocacy training to support our family farms and ranches. Growing up at my family's farm and ranch and being involved in various agriculture organizations led me to pursue a degree at Montana State University after graduating high school.

My time at Montana State University has been an incredible experience that has helped shape my interests, skills, and knowledge that I will carry through life and into my future career. Hands-on courses like Dr. Jane Ann Bole's Meat Science and Meat Processing have been the most meaningful during my time here, as the course teachings have had real-world application already. Additionally, courses like Steer-A-Year and Beef Cattle Management have given me additional knowledge and perspectives on the beef industry in Montana and beyond. I am hopeful to take my knowledge and experience to a career in agriculture upon graduation in May!



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# Dreams Come True: Claire Murnin Named Miss American Angus

*For the first time, a Montana junior wears the red coat and crown.*



Wearing the iconic red coat of Miss American Angus for the first time, Claire Murnin can't seem to stop smiling, because she says this moment is actually a dream come true.

For any who might think she's exaggerating, the Montana junior has a photo. She has not even started her own National Junior Angus Association membership in the image, smiling next to Sally Yon, who was Angus royalty at the time.

"What you don't see in the photo is there's a princess Barbie in my hand," Murnin says. "I was the girl who loved princesses growing up, and I loved Angus cattle. To see Sally go from being in the show ring and being an active showman to then being royalty in my eyes, that was amazing."

Murnin was crowned recently during the 2025 National Angus Convention after a competition that included public speaking and an interview process. Today, as an 18-year-old, Murnin knows there's more to this title than just a talent on the end of a show halter and donning a shiny crown.

"Now as I look at Miss American Angus, I see how much she's really able to be a representation of our breed," she explains. "The role has shifted, and I think that it's so important for not only those little girls that look up to you as royalty but then also those older girls to show how you can be a leader and be involved."

The Pompeys Pillar resident is also currently serving the entire state of Montana as the president of Montana FFA. She's coupling that responsibility with online courses at Montana State University Billings, where Murnin is studying animal science on a pre-law track. She has hopes of serving as an agriculture lobbyist one day, as she says she foresees herself serving as a resource and advocate for the industry.

Clearly the Big Sky State is a big part of her core identity, and that truth even shines as she wears the crown of Miss American Angus. She's the first from her state to serve in this capacity.

With all her different leadership roles and classwork filling up her calendar, Murnin says now more than ever she'll be leaning on her support team.

She says her parents, Julie and Jared, have consistently been on board with all her plans, always finding ways to help her achieve her goals. Her brother, too, helps in big ways behind the scenes. While Cooper has jokingly dubbed himself a coat rack, Murnin says he's always been the work horse at home that keeps the cattle in line while she's traveling.

Looking to the busy year ahead, Murnin has nothing but excitement.

It'll be a chance to give back to the industry that built her. With her servant's heart, there's no doubt some little girl holding a princess Barbie will get own photo with the first ever Miss American Angus from Montana.

*Find Murnin in the crown, red blazer and sash during her travels as Miss American Angus this year. For more information about the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored contest, visit [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).*

*-Written by Megan Silveira, Angus Journal*



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## **2025 NORTHERN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION (NILE) JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW**

Angus exhibitors led 97 entries at the 2025 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Junior Angus Show, October 16 in Billings, Mont. Ty Bayer, Ringle, Wis., evaluated the entries before naming champions..



### **|| Supreme Champion & Grand Champion Owned Female || c**

olburn Saras Dream 4100 won supreme champion and grand champion owned female at the 2025 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Junior Angus Show, October 16 in Billings, Mont. Claire Murnin, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., owns the January 2024 daughter of SCC SCH 24 Karat 838. She first claimed early junior champion. Ty Bayer, Ringle, Wis., evaluated the 97 entries. Photo by Next Level Images.



### **|| Reserve Grand Champion Cow-calf Pair ||**

JLF Saras Dream 3066 won reserve grand champion cow-calf pair at the 2025 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Junior Angus Show, October 16 in Billings, Mont. Wacee Simenson, Chinook, Mont., owns the June 2023 daughter of SCC SCH 24 Karat 838. An April 2025 daughter sired by ST Power Chip 4790 is at side. Ty Bayer, Ringle, Wis., evaluated the 97 entries.

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### **|| Grand Champion Cow-calf Pair ||**

BCC Elba Merrick 81L won grand champion cow-calf pair at the 2025 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Junior Angus Show, October 16 in Billings, Mont. Caitlynn Poser, Denton, Mont., owns the March 2023 daughter of PVF DLX King Pin 0058. A January 2025 bull calf sired by Hoffman Bar None completes the winning duo. Ty Bayer, Ringle, Wis., evaluated the 97 entries.

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**|| Grand Champion Cow-calf Pair ||**

BCC Elba Merrick 81L won grand champion cow-calf pair at the 2025 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, Oct. 17 in Billings, Mont. Caitlynn Poser, Denton, Mont., owns the March 2023 daughter of PVF DLX King Pin 0058. A January 2025 bull calf sired by Hoffman Bar None completes the winning pair. John McCurry, Burrton, Kan., evaluated the 118 entries.

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# New Leadership elected to the American Angus Association® Board of Directors

*Association leadership selected for 2026 at the Annual Convention of Delegates*

The American Angus Association® 142nd Annual Convention of Delegates gathered November 2 in Kansas City, Missouri. Five members were re-elected to a second term on the board of directors. They are Rob Adams, Union Springs, Alabama; Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Alan Mead, Barnett, Missouri; Henry Smith, Russell Springs, Kentucky; and Roger Wann, Poteau, Oklahoma. The delegation also elected new officers; Jim Brinkley, Milan, Missouri, president and chairman of the board and **Darrell Stevenson, White Sulphur Springs, Montana, vice president and vice chairman of the board**. Smitty Lamb, Tifton, Georgia will serve as the treasurer for the fiscal year 2026.



"It's encouraging to me that we have new people coming into the breed; that is something we learned in our recent member survey," said Jim Brinkley, president and chairman of the American Angus Association® Board of Directors. "Membership has requests, and we want to make sure we are aligned with what they need, the tools they need, and the tools their commercial customers need."

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 elected directors:

## **Robert "Rob" Adams, Alabama**

Adams has been a lifelong resident of Union Springs, Ala., where his grandfather established their current farm in 1936 and bought the first Angus cattle in 1939. He only lived off the farm while attending Auburn University earning his bachelor's degree in animal and dairy science.

Adams has been involved in the day-to-day operations since purchasing his first cow at 8. The farm has transitioned over his lifetime from a diverse cattle and row-crop farm to registered Angus cattle and timber.

After college, Adams returned to the farm, but due to the difficulties of the agricultural economy in the late '70s-'80s, there wasn't room for two families on the farm at that time. Still living on the farm and working there every day, he entered the world of finance, working as a financial advisor for the last 37 years.

Adams is married to his wife of 31 years, Connie, and they have four children.

## **Art Butler, Idaho**

Butler is the third generation to raise registered Angus cattle at Spring Cove Ranch in Bliss, Idaho. Spring Cove Ranch was settled in 1912 by his grandfather A.H. Butler, who chose to make his desert homestead around a natural spring in northwestern Gooding County, purchasing their first Angus cattle in 1919.

Attending the University of Idaho, Butler earned a degree in animal science in 1978, was a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity, Block & Bridle Club and was on the Livestock Meat Animal Evaluation Team. He participated in livestock 4-H as a member and later as a leader for more than 20 years and was inducted into the Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame in 2011. He served on the Gooding County 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee and was beef superintendent at the county fair for more than a decade.

After college graduation in 1978, Art returned to Spring Cove Ranch to continue the family tradition of raising Angus cows and kids. He and his wife, Stacy; son, Josh; and daughter, Sarah, manage the 350-head cow herd.



### **Alan Mead, Missouri**

Mead is a third-generation Angus breeder from Barnett, Mo., working for his grandfather and parents on their family farms until leaving to attend college. After completing his undergraduate degree, medical school and his residency, Mead returned to the area in 1994 as a board-certified anesthesiologist practitioner, servicing his local community while harboring a new vision for Mead Farms.

Beginning with approximately 20 cows, Mead persevered to reach his production goal to be a performance-oriented herd focusing on the needs of commercial cattlemen. Since that time, Mead Farms has been one of the leading Pathfinder® herds both in Missouri and nationally. Under Mead's leadership, the farm has grown to more than 7,000 acres and close to 1,500 registered Angus cows in addition to Charolais, Hereford and Red Angus cattle.

Mead has two daughters who are actively working as the fourth generation of Mead Farms.

Mead currently serves on the 2024-2025 Finance & Planning and Communications & PR committees and the Angus Foundation Board for the American Angus Association. Mead previously served as chairman, Angus Foundation Board.

### **Henry Bryan Smith, Kentucky**

Smith is a fourth-generation Angus breeder who grew up on a diversified family farming operation in south-central Kentucky. The farming operation consisted of a registered Angus herd, burley tobacco, corn, soybeans, wheat for feed and cash market. The Smith family settled and began farming in the Fonthill community in 1810. Smith's great-grandfather and his sons began the registered Angus seedstock operation in 1940, and it continues today with Smith raising the fifth generation invested in the Angus industry.

Growing up, Smith was active in 4-H, FFA, the Kentucky Junior Angus Association (KJAA) and the NJAA exhibiting Angus cattle. He graduated from Russell County High School and furthered his education in agriculture and animal science at Western Kentucky University. He purchased his own farmland at the age of 18 and began growing his own Angus herd. For 33 years, he has successfully operated Smithland Angus Farm with his late father, Charles "Bud" Smith.

Smith married his wife, Melissa, in 1997. They have two children, Bryanna, 20, and Blane, 17.

### **Roger Wann, Oklahoma**

Wann is a native of Poteau, Okla., and was raised on a multigenerational family commercial cow-calf ranch. The early breed makeup of the family ranch did not include Angus. After the purchase of a dozen commercial Angus cows from a family relative and the addition of an Angus bull from Belle Point Ranch in Lavaca, Ark., the benefits of Angus genetics became clear, and a direction was set.

While a student at Oklahoma State University (OSU), Wann was an employee at Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI), a multibreed central test facility. Later, he was a student worker at the OSU Purebred Beef Center. The value of the Angus cow herd at OSU was the last step in a learning curve that would lead him and his family into the Angus seedstock business. After completing a bachelor's degree in animal science at OSU, Wann earned a master's in physiology of reproduction from Texas A&M (TAMU).

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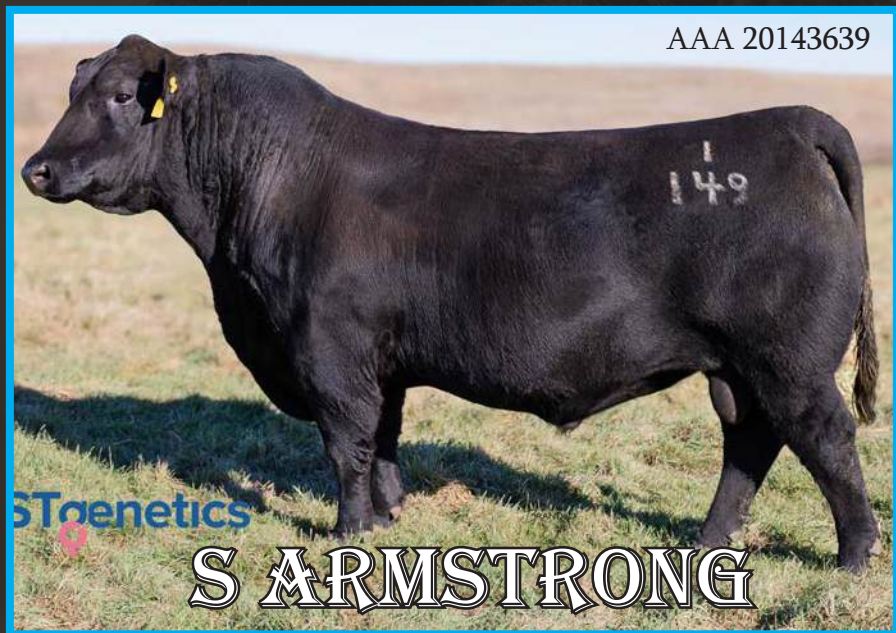




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# New Program Highlights Data Collection Commitment of Angus Producers

*The American Angus Association recognized Data Driven Herds at the 2025 Angus Convention.*

The American Angus Association® recognized its inaugural class of Data Driven Herd recipients during the 2025 Angus Convention. The program, launched this summer, aims to recognize members who carry on the Association's, and more specifically Angus Herd Improvement Record's (AHIR®), long history of phenotypic data collection.

Today, the Association manages the largest single beef breed database in the world and offers a suite of selection tools available to all registered Angus genetics users that would not be possible without the support of the member-built database. Breeders like Lee Duckworth of Grassy Valley Angus have seen the value of the consistent input of data over the decades.

"When I step back and think through the seventies and the eighties and the nineties and how far we've come, how much better the cattle are, how much more predictable the cattle are. . . it's phenomenal," said the second-generation Angus breeder from Greeneville, Tennessee. "Our data that we collect on the animals has proven to be accurate. . . It's a continual building block."

A building block, Duckworth and his family are consistently adding to. Grassy Valley Angus was one of 20 herds to earn Gold Level recognition in the Data Driven Herd program. Members can earn Bronze, Silver or Gold level recognition annually by submitting a minimum of 8-12 traits of their choosing on a corresponding percentage of their herd to AHIR. The number required for each trait is determined by the member's cow inventory as part of the Inventory Reporting program and on a percentage of what is reasonable to collect for each individual trait. For example, scrotal requires a minimum of 20% while birth weight's minimum is set at 75% of the cow inventory.

Grassy Valley Angus has been enrolled in Inventory Reporting, AHIR's whole herd reporting program, since 2021 and has earned the program's additional distinction, MaternalPlus®, by submitting heifer breeding data and weaning weights or calf disposal codes on their herd. Along with submitting 12 traits, Gold level Data Driven Herds must complete MaternalPlus requirements for that year. Duckworth said the inclusion of additional data collection into their program has made him more in tune with his herd's performance.

"If someone knows what they're buying with a higher degree of accuracy, having a favorable outcome in their program is a lot more likely," continued Duckworth, who believes his family's efforts to earn Gold will help continue to better describe his cattle. "That's the way I see the role of our EPDs and our data systems. It gives us an advantage to predict outcomes for our customers."

Duckworth went on to say he believes all producers can have an influence on bettering the breed through phenotypic data collection. It's a sentiment the Association's Board of Directors agree with and was a driving factor in their directive to create the Data Driven Herd program.

"Some of these phenotypes are hard to measure; we know it's time consuming, we know it's expensive, but our database and selection tools would not be what they are today without these submissions," said Smitty Lamb, who served as chair of the Breed Improvement Committee at the time of the program's launch. "This recognition program highlights the herds who have made the commitment; gives them some visibility and just really it is a way of saying thank you for submitting the data."

Data Driven Herds were recognized annually as part of Angus Convention and listed on Angus.org. On Saturday, Nov. 1, the twenty 2025 Gold Level Herds were presented with plaques on stage in front of their peers at the convention's Awards Dinner. Bronze and Silver herds will also receive plaques. In addition, all qualifying herds have use of the year level logo for marketing and promotion of their breeding program.

Members interested in earning 2026 Data Driven Herd recognition and are primarily spring-calving herds, should enroll in Inventory Reporting by January 15, 2026. Primarily fall-calving herds can enroll between May 1st and July 15th of next year. However, members can begin submitting data at any time during the fiscal year which runs from October 1st to September 30th. Learn more about the complete program requirements of Inventory Reporting and Data Driven Herd at [Angus.org/ahir](https://Angus.org/ahir).

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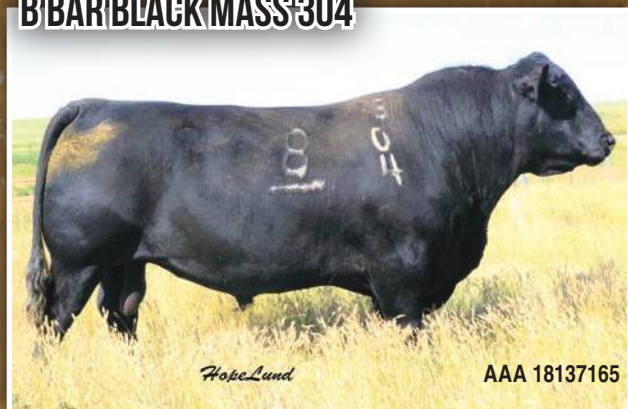
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# Applications Open for the 2026 Beef Leaders Institute

*An immersive experience connecting Angus breeders to the entire beef value chain.*

The American Angus Association is now accepting applications for the 2026 Beef Leaders Institute (BLI), an exclusive program designed to strengthen leadership skills and provide a comprehensive look at the beef industry from pasture to plate. Scheduled for June 15-19, 2026, this one-of-a-kind experience is hosted in partnership with the Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) brand.

## What is BLI?

Since its inception in 2008, BLI has equipped Angus breeders ages 25 to 45 with knowledge and connections needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving industry. Over the course of five days, participants will travel through multiple states, touring facilities that represent every link in the beef value chain, from feedlots and packing plants to retail and food service. Stops include the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., and Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center in Wooster, Ohio, along with visits to leading industry partners.

The beef industry is complex and understanding how each segment works together is critical for producers who want to make informed decisions on their operations.

“Our Angus breeders are the very beginning of the food chain,” says Kara Lee, director of producer engagement at CAB. “They are raising the high-quality Angus genetics that start it all. BLI helps them see how those genetics impact every step along the way to the consumer.”

Past attendees echo this sentiment. “To tour other parts of the industry, like a large packing plant, and hear about the challenges and how we, as producers, can help reduce those challenges — that is very valuable,” says Rob Phillips of RL Valley Ranch, a 2024 participant. The program not only provides insight into market trends and consumer expectations but also fosters leadership skills that strengthen the Angus breed for generations to come.

## A hands-on learning experience

The 2025 class began their journey at the Association headquarters, learning about member resources and industry trends before setting out on their trek. Stops included Tyson Fresh Meats, Weborg Feeding Co., Buckhead Meat and Seafood, STgenetics, and Meijer retail stores. The week concluded at CAB headquarters, where attendees explored carcass specifications and even cooked alongside chefs in the Culinary Center.

“It was a great experience to be able to see the whole industry,” says Kelsey Stabler, a 2025 attendee from Maryland. “So much of our time is spent out in the field. It

was nice to finally see on such a large scale, the pasture-to-plate process.”

While the tours and discussions are invaluable, many participants say the relationships built during BLI are the most lasting takeaway. “They always say ‘iron sharpens iron,’” notes Cole Gardiner of Gardiner Angus Ranch, a 2024 attendee. “There are lots of minds I can now reach out to that are very knowledgeable about how to develop cattle and what’s going on in our industry today.”

## Program details

**Dates:** June 15-19, 2026

**Eligibility:** American Angus Association members ages 25–45

**Cost:** Transportation during the program, lodging, meals and materials are provided. Attendees are responsible for travel to Kansas City or Saint Joseph, Mo., and return travel from Cleveland, Ohio.

**Application deadline:** Feb. 15, 2026

For more information or to apply, visit [www.angus.org/events/beef-leaders-institute](http://www.angus.org/events/beef-leaders-institute) or contact the Events & Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or [events@angus.org](mailto:events@angus.org).



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# Built on Common Ground: How the Common Ground Coalition of Producers is Reframing American Agriculture

In an era when agriculture often feels fractured by competing priorities, regional differences, and long-standing policy disagreements, the Common Ground Coalition has emerged in an effort to bring the industry together around shared concerns that matter most to producers on the ground. At its core, the coalition is rooted in the belief that while agriculture may not agree on everything, it agrees on far more than it sometimes acknowledges, and that unity, rather than division, is essential to preserving rural America and the nation's food security.

The Common Ground Coalition did not begin as a formal organization with a strategic plan or political ambitions. Instead, it grew out of frustration, concern, and a deep sense of responsibility felt by people who live and work in production agriculture every day. Its roots trace back roughly five years, when leaders from across the livestock industry gathered to confront an uncomfortable reality. According to Joe Goggins, one of the coalition's founding voices, the meeting marked a turning point. "Basically, it was all kind of derived from the meeting we had five years ago," Joe states. "We brought together all the industry groups and tried to come up with some common ground ideas that would help grassroots America."

At the heart of that meeting was a shared recognition that the industry had become its own worst enemy in many respects. Years of infighting among organizations had consumed energy that might otherwise have gone toward securing policies to help producers. As Joe puts it, "There was so much fighting within this industry amongst groups, and it just got to the point where we're not getting anything positive for policy, especially that deals with grassroots America."

That frustration was not theoretical. It was grounded in what people were seeing unfold across the countryside. Auction market owners, seedstock producers, and cattlemen from every corner of the country were watching the same trends take shape. "The common theme over the last four or five years, if you sit around these boardroom tables at the LMA and talk to different auction market owners, regardless of what region of the United States they live in, is the amount of dispersion that we're all having," Joe says. "The amount of total cow herds and the amount of total flocks of sheep that we're selling, and the amount of land that we're losing out of food production to things like urban development or recreation." While some degree of change is inevitable, Joe emphasized that agriculture cannot afford to accept these losses without resistance. "I don't think we'll ever stop that totally," he states, "but we have got to push back."



For rural communities, the consequences of inaction are severe. Producers are the backbone of rural America. "The lifeblood, the gas that keeps the tank full for all of us along Main Street rural America, regardless of if you're the grocery store, the bar, the auction market, the hardware store, is the producer—we need producers, we need people on the land, and we're losing them," Joe emphasizes.

That sense of urgency became the coalition's foundation. The Common Ground Coalition began to take shape as leaders looked for a way to bring producers together rather than pull them further apart. Early momentum came when the Montana Stockgrowers Association stepped up and hosted a series of producer profitability meetings across the state. Joe was quick to credit Montana for its leadership. "The Montana Stock Growers, who I give big kudos to, were the first state affiliate cattlemen's group that really took this thing by the horns," he says. Those meetings proved to be a catalyst. Other cattlemen's groups across the country, from California and Wyoming to Iowa, Wisconsin, Alabama, and Kansas, followed Montana's lead. Producers gathered to talk candidly about what was working, what was not, and what was pushing people out of the business. What emerged from those discussions was a remarkable level of consistency. "I don't care if I was in Alabama, if I was in California, if I was in Montana, or if I was in Missouri," Joe says, "there's three things that really hinder people from wanting to do this in this industry and in production agriculture."





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Those three obstacles—access to land, access to capital, and access to labor—cut across geography, operation size, and production system. “Those are the three major hurdles of why people are getting out and why people are not wanting to get in,” Joe states. “The access to capital is too tough. Access to land is too tough. The labor thing that we’re fighting is too tough.”

The implications of those barriers extend far beyond individual operations. There’s also deep concern about the long-term trajectory of the national cow herd. “I don’t think we ever build this cow herd back to 32, 33 million as we’ve had before,” Joe says. “I just hope and pray we can keep it to 28, 29 million where it’s at now.” The stakes, he added, are nothing less than national food security. Reaching much lower than that can start to compromise our nation’s food independence or food security.

What followed these producer meetings was a deliberate and, in many ways, unconventional step. Leaders associated with the Livestock Marketing Association decided to bring together a diverse group of individuals from across the beef supply chain for a coalition meeting. Participants were selected not to represent organizations, but to reflect a cross-section of production agriculture. As Joe explains, the intent was to focus on people rather than politics. “We’re going to pick 40 names or so out of these 70 that got submitted, and we’re going to invite them in, and we’re going to have us a coalition meeting, a round table meeting,” he states.

The group included cow-calf producers, feedlot owners, representatives from packing companies, auction market owners, and individuals from academia. The expectation going in was modest. “I thought if we got one thing that we could agree upon, it would be a miracle,” Joe admits. “But we got five.”

Those five areas of agreement became the backbone of the Common Ground Coalition’s mission. They focused on achieving and maintaining a friendly tax policy, improving livestock risk management tools, fixing labor challenges through reforms such as updates to the H-2A program, increasing flexibility for livestock transportation, and creating meaningful support for young and emerging producers. Equally important was what the coalition chose not to do. “The only rules we had were we’re not going to talk about anything that we know that we have proven that we have no unification on,” Joe says. Divisive issues that had long splintered the industry were intentionally set aside in favor of securing achievable wins.

The coalition’s emphasis on unity reached a defining moment during an October meeting in Washington, D.C., hosted by Montana Senator Tim Sheehy. Unlike traditional fly-ins, where producers often meet briefly with staff members, this meeting brought coalition members together with policymakers themselves. “We had the opportunity to sit down around a table for two and a half hours with 15 senators,” Joe says. “They didn’t move. They sat there for two and a half hours and absolutely engaged.”

The meeting included senators and members of Congress from both parties. The significance of the Washington, D.C. meeting was underscored by the level of leadership

in the room. Lawmakers in attendance included Secretary of Agriculture Rollins; Sen. Tim Sheehy (R-MT); Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE); Rep. Adam Gray (D-CA-13); Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY-At Large); Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND); Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS); Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY); Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL-01); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID); and Rep. Dave Taylor (R-OH-02). Their presence reflected broad, bipartisan engagement around issues critical to rural America and U.S. food security. Joe described the experience as unprecedented. “You could tell they would much rather hear from individuals from across the ag sector that really have skin in the game,” he says. “It was amazing.”

Senator Sheehy opened the meeting with a message that resonated deeply. “If there’s one thing I know for sure,” Sheehy stated, according to Joe, “we have to make it our number one priority that we make policy in D.C. that will assure that we preserve our food independence in this country.” Sheehy went on to reference civilizations throughout history that collapsed after losing the ability to feed their people, emphasizing that we cannot allow that here in America and that it’s our number one priority to ensure we keep our food independence.

Perhaps the most powerful symbol of the coalition’s impact came when members presented lawmakers with a petition signed by more than 11,000 producers from all across America. It included signatures from all 50 states, D.C., and even 3 provinces in Canada. “When we handed that book around to those senators, and it was a big, thick book, it blew their mind,” Joe states. “Now that’s called unification.”

“I’m telling you, it’s the meeting the beef industry has been needing to have,” Joe adds. Since that meeting, the federal government has been making groups come together. The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Trade, and the Secretary of Agriculture have now called all these industry groups to come together for some meetings, focusing on what they can do to help.

In addition to the impact of that meeting, the coalition has already scored concrete policy wins since its founding. One of the most significant was the permanence of key tax provisions originally enacted as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which were extended beyond their scheduled sunset at the end of 2025 through legislation signed on July 4, 2025. Those provisions include preservation of the federal transfer tax lifetime exemption amounts, retention of step-up in basis under section 1014 of the tax code, a return to 100 percent bonus depreciation under section 168, continued expanded application of section 179 expensing, and maintenance of the qualified business income deduction under section 199A, each of which provides financial stability and planning certainty for family farms and ranches.

The permanent increase of the federal transfer tax lifetime exemption to \$15 million per individual and \$30 million per married couple, indexed for inflation, prevents a drastic reduction that would otherwise have occurred and helps protect generational land and operations. Bonus depreciation returning to 100 percent improves liquidity and cash flow for on-farm investments, and retaining step-up in basis eases

potential capital gains taxes for heirs, helping keep operations intact across generations. Making the expanded section 179 expensing limit permanent allows producers to more immediately deduct the cost of essential equipment, providing real-world cash-flow benefits that support reinvestment and growth. These achievements reflect not just advocacy, but tangible results that directly affect producers' ability to plan, invest, and pass their operations on to the next generation.

The coalition has also seen progress in livestock risk management programs. Updates to the USDA's Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) program now include higher subsidy levels, broader coverage options including forward contract protection, and expanded risk tools such as unborn calf and drought hardship provisions, all of which make risk management tools more accessible and effective for producers.

The effect of the coalition's efforts continues to ripple outward. Agriculture is now firmly on the radar of policymakers. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith later told Joe, "Every time I walk onto the Senate floor now, my friends, my colleagues within the Senate give me a thumbs up or a thumbs down. They want to know, is the cattle market up or is the cattle market down?"

For Joe, the deeper value of the Common Ground Coalition lies in what it represents culturally within agriculture. "It proved to the industry, it proved especially to these policy makers, the value of coming together on a few things and agreeing on a few things and getting some wins," he expresses. The coalition has also brought hope back into the conversation, particularly for producers who feel disconnected from national organizations. "Most of these people don't belong to or are affiliated with any industry group," Joe states. "But they want some hope."

That hope, he believes, must be backed by action. "If we don't do that, the bigger ones are going to get bigger, and we're going to lose these smaller producers," Joe said. "Somebody has got to stand up and lead for these smaller producers."

At its core, the coalition is about ownership, opportunity, and continuity. In an industry built on independence, the Common Ground Coalition is proving that unity may be the most powerful tool agriculture has to secure its future.

To learn more or join the movement yourself, visit [commongroundcoalition.net](http://commongroundcoalition.net).



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LOTS	GROSS	AVERAGE
11 Open Heifers	\$109,000.00	\$9,909.00
20 Bred Heifers	\$222,250.00	\$11,112.00
6 Special Lots	\$109,500.00	\$18,250.00
<b>37 Total Registered Females</b>	<b>\$440,750.00</b>	<b>\$11,912.00</b>
36 Embryos (no.)	\$32,400.00	\$900.00
1 Pregnancies	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
37 Reported Sale Total	\$440,750.00	\$11,912.00

## Lot 40

Pick of the Heifer Calves or Bred Heifers - \$22,000.00  
Buyer: Mark Savage - Mount Juliet, TN  
Seller: Van Dyke Angus Ranch - Manhattan, MT

## Lot 11

Pick of the 2025 Heifer Crop - \$20,500.00  
Buyer: JJ Angus - Connellsville, PA  
Seller: Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch - Sidney, MT

## Lot 37

Pick of the Heifer Calves - \$19,000.00  
Buyer: Rooney Angus - White Sulphur Springs, MT  
Seller: Stevenson Down T - White Sulphur Springs, MT

## Lot 7

Basin Blackcap Lady 5559 - \$19,000.00  
Buyer: KM Cattle Co - Coon Rapids, IA  
Seller: Basin Angus - Laurel, MT

## Lot 18

Pick of the 2025 Heifer Crop - \$18,500.00  
Buyer: Skinner Ranch Seedstock - Hall, MT  
Seller: JC Heiken Angus - Broadview, MT

## Lot 26

OCC Gina 2552 - \$18,000.00  
Buyer: Hudson Dean - McCabio, KS  
Seller: Olson Cattle Company - St. Ignatius, MT

## Lot 32

Pick of Bred Heifer - \$20,000.00  
Buyer: Basin Angus - Laurel, MT  
Seller: Vermillion Ranch - Billings, MT

## Lot 31

SITZ Emma E 12544 - \$19,000.00  
Buyer: Raven Angus - Colome, SD  
Seller: Sitz Angus Ranch - Dillon, MT

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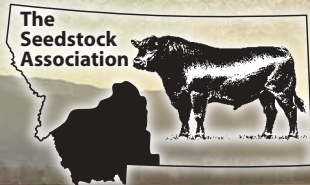
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# Top 25 Sires For Registration Fiscal Year 2025

Birthdate	Name & Owner	Registration No.	# of Calves
11/13/2020	<b>Connealy Craftsman</b> Select Sires Inc - Plain City, OH Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX	20132505	6,148
11/11/2020	<b>Connealy Commerce</b> Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX	20132642	2,638
03/01/2021	<b>Ellingson Prolific</b> Ellingson, Chad & Julie - Saint Anthony, ND Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX	20136857	2,558
01/18/2021	<b>Basin Jameson 1076</b> Basin Angus Ranch - Laurel, MT Express Angus Ranch - Yukon, OK EZ Angus Ranch - Porterville, CA	20071781	2,444
10/20/2016	<b>GB Fireball 672</b> ABS Global Inc - De Forest, WI Goode Angus - Pampa, TX Grand Bayou Farms - Ruston, LA	18690054	2,172
01/22/2017	<b>Deer Valley Growth Fund</b> Deer Valley Farm - Fayetteville, TN	18827828	1,927
02/12/2022	<b>FF Rito Ambitious</b> Express Angus Ranches - Yukon, OK Riverbend Ranch - Idaho Falls, ID Spruce Mountain Ranch LLC - Larkspur, CO	20437882	1,905
02/03/2020	<b>HPCA Veracious</b> FB Genetics - Dumas, TX Gower, Jeff - Springfield, MO Hinkles Prime Cut Angus - Nevada, MO	19699322	1,866
02/15/2018	<b>Sitz Resilient 10208</b> Bar J V Angus Ranch - Fairview, MT Ingalls, Dan E - Casper, WY Lunds B Bar Angus - Wibaux, MT	19057457	1,861
09/05/2021	<b>G A R Fireproof</b> Gardiner Angus Ranch Inc - Ashland, KS Goode Angus-Richardson Cattle - Pampa, TX Mi-Hud Angus Ranch - Kuna, ID	20370357	1,793
01/29/2019	<b>EZAR Step Up 9178</b> Edisto Pines Farm LLC - Leesville, SC EZ Angus Ranch - Porterville, CA	19430597	1,776

<b>02/03/2017</b>	<b>Tehama Patriarch F028</b> ABS Global Inc - De Forest, WI Tehama Angus Ranch - Gerber, CA	<b>18981191</b>	<b>1,696</b>
<b>01/24/2020</b>	<b>B A R Dynamic</b> ABS Global Inc - De Forest, WI Brinkley, Jim & Sherry	<b>19923789</b>	<b>1,672</b>
<b>02/08/2020</b>	<b>Baldrige Heat Seeker H925</b> AR Davis Angus - Worthington, IN Baldrige, Judson & Denise - North Platte, NE	<b>19806485</b>	<b>1,641</b>
<b>12/24/2021</b>	<b>Stellpflug Hoffman RiseAbove</b> Select Sires Inc - Plain City, OH Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX	<b>20516965</b>	<b>1,614</b>
<b>01/27/2020</b>	<b>LAR Man In Black</b> ABS Global Inc - De Forest, WI Larson Angus Ranch - Sharon Springs, KS	<b>19955191</b>	<b>1,564</b>
<b>09/06/2013</b>	<b>Tehama Tahoe B767</b> Midwest Genetics - Long Island, KS Tehama Angus Ranch - Gerber, CA VanDerVeen Farms - Phillipsburg, KS	<b>17817177</b>	<b>1,550</b>
<b>01/07/2019</b>	<b>Myers Fair-N-Square M39</b> Myers Angus Farm - Harrodsburg, KS Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX	<b>19418329</b>	<b>1,450</b>
<b>01/25/2021</b>	<b>Poss Winchester</b> Poss, Danny - Scotia, NE Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX	<b>20060473</b>	<b>1,440</b>
<b>02/02/2019</b>	<b>S Architect 9501</b> Genex Cooperative - Shawano, WI Schaffs Angus Valley - Saint Anthony, ND Spickler, Justin & Sara - Glenfield, ND	<b>19437622</b>	<b>1,428</b>
<b>02/14/2019</b>	<b>DB Iconic G95</b> Booth, Douglas Family - Torrington, WY Genex Cooperative - Shawano, WI	<b>19611994</b>	<b>1,409</b>
<b>02/06/2021</b>	<b>Crouch Congress</b> Brumfield Angus - Sawyer, MI D B L Inc - Fullerton, NE Wilks Ranch Texas Ltd - Eastland, TX	<b>20163340</b>	<b>1,387</b>
<b>09/11/2021</b>	<b>K A Kindred</b> Kaiser, Darrell & Frina - Park, KS Sexing Technologies - Navasota, TX	<b>20336645</b>	<b>1,217</b>
<b>03/04/2020</b>	<b>Ellingson Badlands 0285</b> Beran Bros - Claflin, KS Ellingson, Chad & Julie - Saint Anthony, ND Katus X7 Ranch - Watauga, SD	<b>19811197</b>	<b>1,203</b>
<b>11/22/2022</b>	<b>B&amp;B Preeminent</b> B&B Cattle - Kyle, TX FB Genetics - Dumas, TX Gardiner Angus Ranch Inc - Ashland, KS	<b>20500166</b>	<b>1,174</b>





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Manhattan, MT • 12:30pm • (406) 580-1606 • [www.VDAR.com](http://www.VDAR.com)
- 23 Circle L Angus Bull Sale • Dillon, MT • 1pm • (406) 491-7363  
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- 24 Connelly Angus • Valier, MT • 1pm • (406) 899-3826  
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- 24 JC Heiken & Sons Angus Annual Production Sale • Miles City  
Livestock • Miles City, MT • 1pm • (406) 855-7839  
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- 27 Skinner Ranch Seedstock Annual Production Sale • Hall, MT  
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- 28 Never Sweat Ranch Production Sale • MT Livestock Auction  
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Auction • Dillon, MT • 1pm • (406) 581-0612 • (406) 498-3005  
[www.SplitDiamond.com](http://www.SplitDiamond.com)
- 5 Anderson Cattle Company Bull Sale • Fallon, MT • 1pm  
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- 6 Reminiscence Angus Ranch Annual Bull Sale • Dillon, MT • 1pm  
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- 10 Veltkamp Angus Annual Bull Sale • Manahattan, MT • 1pm  
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- 11 Sitz Angus Ranch Spring Bull Sale • Dillon, MT • 12:30pm  
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- 12 Wheeler Mountain Angus Bull Sale • Whitehall, MT  
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- 14 Thousand Hills Angus Bull Sale • Headwaters Livestock  
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- 16 Whistling Winds Angus Bull Sale • Hingham, MT • 1pm  
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Lewistown Livestock • Lewistown, MT • 1pm • (406) 350-1059
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- 18 Stevenson's Diamond Dot "Bulls & Beers Sale" Sale  
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- 20 Montana Performance Bull Coop w/ Basin Angus  
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- 24 Bar JV Angus Bull Sale • Fairview, MT • 1pm  
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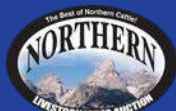
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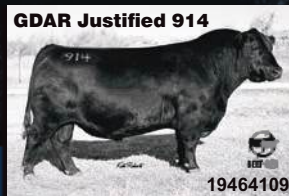


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