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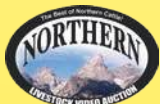
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Check out this issue for a recap on the 2025 Montana Angus Tour!



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Greetings Readers!

As fall settles across Montana, we're once again reminded why this season is such a special one in our state — crisp mornings, golden hillsides, and wide-open skies that make every drive feel like a postcard.

This year's Montana Angus Tour, hosted in Butte, brought together breeders and guests from across the country and beyond. The enthusiasm, learning, and connection is what makes this event such a highlight of our calendar. The passion and hospitality of our hosts and participants truly shone through. We received so many compliments on the quality of this year's tour and all thanks goes to the South Montana Angus Group for such a commitment to all the planning and details.

October also featured the Montana Angus Association's NILE Female Angus Sale in Billings — another strong event showcasing the quality and commitment of our breeders. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Ron Frye Marketing for managing the sale, and to all consignors, buyers, and volunteers who contributed to its success. What a great sale it was!

We also extend congratulations to Derik Arntzen and Cole Ratzburg who were recently appointed to the Montana Angus Association Board of Directors. Our sincere thanks goes to Kurt Swanson for his service, leadership, and dedication to the Angus breed and community through his time served on the MAA Board of Directors.

As we look ahead, we're excited for another year of growth and connection within the Montana Angus Association. Thank you all for your continued support and for representing the values, resilience, and integrity that make this community so special.

Here's to a safe, successful, and blessed fall season.

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We've just wrapped up the 52nd Montana Angus Tour in beautiful southwest Montana, and the energy there was incredibly positive. A huge congratulations to the Southwest Montana Angus Association for hosting such a well-organized and successful event. The turnout was fantastic — over 500 attendees from 30 states and 5 countries — a testament to the strength and reach of the Montana Angus community.

Thank you to all the breeders in the Southwest region for your hard work and hospitality. Your dedication and efforts are truly recognized.

Additionally, I want to extend a sincere thank-you to everyone who participated in our priority page auction. Your generosity and support are deeply appreciated and help continue to move our breed forward.

I'd also like to share some fun and encouraging facts I learned during the tour about this current cattle market.

During our annual meeting, our regional manager Kurt Kangas gave an excellent presentation. He shared 20 years' worth of data comparing average bull sale prices to the price of 600-pound steers. With bulls projected to average over \$9,000 this year, the number of steers it takes to buy one bull is among the most affordable we've seen in the past two decades. That's a powerful perspective in today's market.

We also had the privilege of hearing from Joe Goggins, who delivered a memorable and motivating talk. One key point he made really stuck with me: based on current wages, it takes the average American just 12 minutes of labor to afford one pound of choice beef — no higher than at any time in recent history.

The takeaway? These cattle prices aren't "too high," and we have nothing to apologize for. The market fundamentals are strong, and consumer demand is holding steady.

Looking ahead, I hope to see many of you in Kansas City for the national convention. It's an exciting time to be in the Angus business!

-Kevin Arntzen, Montana Angus Association President



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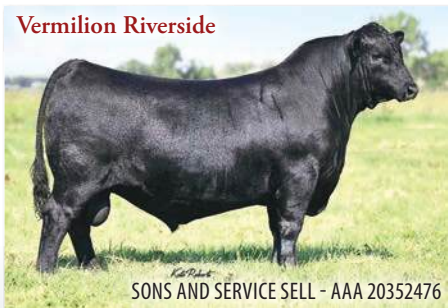


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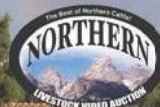
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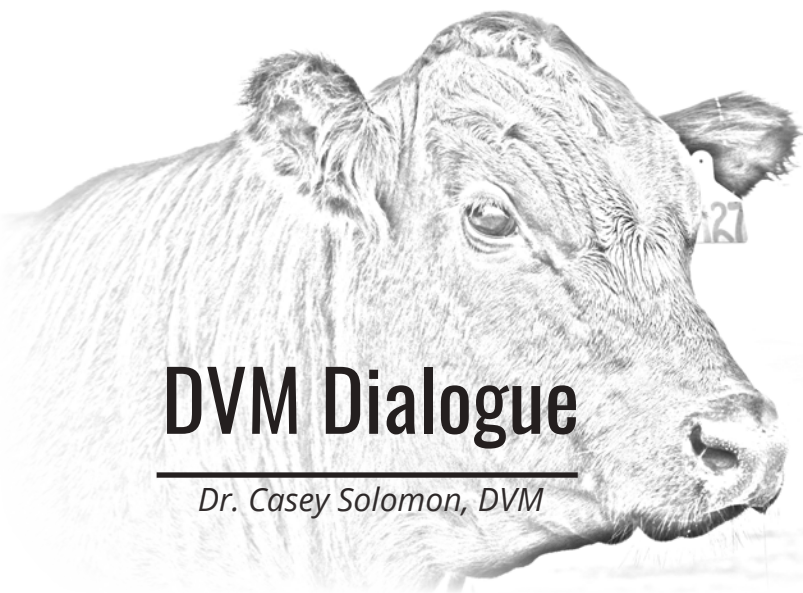
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DVM Dialogue

Dr. Casey Solomon, DVM

Greetings from North Central Montana! Fall work is in full swing in our area – shipping, weaning, pregnancy checks, and fall projects. Calves are coming in very nice and pregnancy checks have been average or better. With the unprecedented prices, its sure made for a fun fall.

With weaning of replacement heifers and registered calves in the forefront of our minds this time of year, I have been asked about FerAppease (maternal bovine appeasing substance - mBAS) several times this fall, and so I thought I would share the science and my experience with this product for this edition's article.

FerAppease is administered topically behind the poll and over the bridge of the nose. It is absorbed or “assimilated” by the vomeronasal organ in the nose and causes a chain reaction which results in desensitization of the parts of the brain responsible for recognizing threats/stress. Ultimately, this desensitization results in reduced flight zones, lower cortisol levels, lower inflammation, lower sickness and lower death rates. It is a completely new and unique tool in our toolbox, with utility in a multitude of applications.

Most of the research has been done in stocker cattle and feedlots, with statistically significant positive results. FerAppease isn't intended to replace current vaccine or metaphylaxis protocols, but rather to make stressful seasons less stressful/more successful. Cattle tend to adjust more quickly, have better feed intakes and have less stress induced illness. Ongoing research continues in the more intricate realms of reproduction and bull development, but anecdotal reports are positive.

Personally, I have dived deep into the research and had the opportunity to speak with research and development within the company. We have used it two years in a row at weaning and I have been pretty impressed with the results. In our situation, the calves are weaned into lots and are

not within bawling distance of their dams. Typically, they pace the pens and bawl periodically for 3-4 days after weaning and are fairly skiddish to unexpected activity within or outside of the pen. This has dramatically improved with the addition of FerAppease to our protocol. Bawling and pacing is significantly decreased, calves are much more comfortable in pens and go to feed/get on their ration much more quickly. I think that if cows were within bawling distance, the results would not be as profound. This product is not meant to be a sedative, nor a miracle, but rather decreases the animals stress response to stressful situations. It's a pretty cool tool, and I'm just scratching the surface of the ideas I have for using it to be a better manager of cattle.

Some more answers “frequently asked questions”

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FerAppease can be used multiple times in an animal's lifetime. There is some research suggesting that animals receiving multiple doses over a course of months actually start to perceive stress differently and handle stressful situations better than animals that haven't received FerAppease. There is no known side effects or negative drug interactions noted for FerAppease.

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And with that, I'll sign off until next time-

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~ Casey



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Montana State University Angus Program Update

Cheers from MSU Angus! Fall has brought us cooler temperatures and changing pastures, and we're gearing up for weaning and preg-checking at the beginning of November. The calves are looking great! Currently, we have 83 registered females out at Red Bluff and 30 yearling heifers. Next year, we are looking forward to doing some ET work with our commercial females, which we'll be sure to update on.

The Montana Angus Tour was a blast for us, and we were so glad to get to share what we've been doing with the producers who have helped us along the way. It was impressive to see so many people there, and it was wonderful to be able to welcome producers from all over the country, and even the world, to Red Bluff. Not only were we able to highlight our cattle on our stop, but also the research that has been directly connected to our Angus herd and to the Angus producers around the state. Further, we were able to showcase just how important these cattle are to the students at MSU. One of the things that we believe makes MSU unique is the fact that we offer them hands-on experience with quality cattle. So far this semester, the cattle have been used in at least 5 different classes, which have included classes on foot and leg scoring and bull and heifer selection. These cattle will continue to be used for classes this semester and offer some great experiences for students.

I want to extend a special thank you to the students and staff who helped us get ready for the tour and those who helped us out on the day of our stop, as well as all of those who attended the tour and visited with us and the cattle! As always, please don't hesitate to contact either Tim or myself with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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|| Juan Jones, Venancio Bravo Roveda, & Juan Ahets Etcheberry || *MSU Student Spotlights*

Juan Jones

Hello Montana Angus Association, my name is Juan Jones, I am from Argentina, and I am finishing my degree in Agronomical Engineering at the Universidad Católica Argentina, expecting to graduate in 2026.

I come from a family with a strong cattle ranching tradition: on one side, descendants of Spanish immigrants who, in the early 20th century, shifted from Shorthorn and Criollo cattle to Angus in Argentina; and on the other, descendants of a Texan ancestor, my great grandfather, who settled in Patagonia around the end of the 19th century, founded a ranch, and began a tradition of Angus breeding that we proudly continue to this day.

I grew up between the City of Buenos Aires and our family ranch, where I developed a strong passion for cattle production and for actively taking part in the daily work of the ranch.

This Fall 2025, I chose to spend a semester at Montana State University to learn more about cattle management and about the Angus breed. I have always heard many good things about the university and its strong connection with cattle production. Here, I was able to attend the Beef Cattle Management class, taught by Professor Timothy DelCurto, which allowed me to gain a closer connection to the Angus industry and cattle production systems.

My goal is to graduate next year and continue contributing to our family cattle operation, always trying to improve and enjoying this exciting way of life.

Venancio Bravo Roveda

My name is Venancio Bravo Roveda, I'm 22 years old, and I'm from Argentina. I'm currently in my fourth year of Agricultural Engineering and taking part in an exchange program at Montana State University (MSU).

My connection to agriculture started early on. I grew up on a livestock and crop farm in the south of Buenos Aires Province, where my family produces beef cattle—from cow-calf to finishing feedlot— as well as crops. From a young age, I knew this was what I wanted to do; I spent every free moment helping with farm work, because for me, rural life is more than a passion—it's a way of life. We are also horse breeders, and in our spare time, we enjoy breaking and training horses with friends and family. I've always been curious, wanting to understand the “why” behind things and the stories that come with them. Since I was a kid, I've been fascinated by the United States and its strength in agricultural production. I used to listen to my grandparents and parents share stories about their trips here, where they learned about livestock, genetics, and farming. So when the chance to study in the U.S. came up, I didn't hesitate.

I'm truly grateful to be living this experience in Montana—a place with remarkable agricultural and cultural richness that keeps exceeding my expectations and teaching me something new every day. I'd also like to thank Tim and his team, who gave us such a warm welcome from day one. Lastly, I'd like to invite everyone to visit Argentina, a country full of potential and steady growth in agricultural production.



Juan Ahets Etcheberry

Hello, my name is Juan Ahets Etcheberry, and I'm from Azul, a town in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. I'm currently in Bozeman, Montana, participating in an exchange program at Montana State University. I'm studying a degree in Argentina called Agricultural Engineering, which combines the fundamentals of engineering with agriculture and livestock production.

Back home in Azul, my family owns a mixed farm, mainly focused on crop production with a smaller portion dedicated to Aberdeen Angus cattle. I chose Bozeman for two main reasons: first, because I'm very interested in the region's livestock and pasture management, and second, and just as importantly, for the fly fishing. At Montana State University, I've been taking several classes that have really caught my attention due to their different perspectives compared to those in Argentina. One of them is the Beef Cattle Management class, taught by Tim DelCurto, who kindly invited me to attend the Montana Angus Tour at Red Bluff Research Ranch on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, which is something I'm truly grateful for. Finally, I hope to continue learning more about the local farming operations and everything that Montana's agriculture has to offer.

A Life Remembered: Honoring a Remarkable Cattleman's Legacy through the Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence



“The thing that always sticks with me is that he was a really good cattleman. He knew how to do what was right when it came to raising cattle,” Doug Stevenson shares about his late father, Wayne Stevenson.

There are certain people whose influence doesn't fade with time, whose presence lingers in the way others speak their name, the way

their lessons are lived out long after they're gone. For those who knew Wayne Stevenson, his name still carries weight, warmth, and deep respect. More than thirty years after his passing, Wayne's spirit continues to shape Montana's Angus community, not just through the cattle he bred or the land he worked, but through the people he touched and the values he lived by.

“He had a good eye. He was progressive. He was always looking for ways that we could do things to make the cattle better. He knew so much just from growing up and everywhere he traveled and everywhere he looked at cattle, he learned things,” Doug tells me.

I was honored to learn more about Wayne directly from his son, Doug—a conversation that left a lasting impression on me. As Doug spoke, it became clear that Wayne's mark on the Angus breed reached far beyond his own ranch. “He was able to sift through the different things he saw and find the correlations that made sense and that allowed us to make tremendous progress,” Doug says. “He was such a good cattleman, but he was also such a good person.” Wayne had an incredible instinct for cattle, an ability to recognize quality that was sharpened by years of experience and a desire to continue learning. He traveled across the U.S., Canada, and even New Zealand, studying herds, comparing genetics, and seeking out the kind of cattle that could improve the breed. Yet his travels weren't just about business; they were about building relationships, exchanging ideas, and working

together toward something better.

As Roger Jacobs recalled, Wayne was “extremely hardworking, forward-thinking, and terribly optimistic.” Wayne believed that true success wasn't about standing alone at the top; it was about helping others grow stronger, learn more, and build something lasting. “He was the guy who wanted his competition, the other breeders in the state or in the Angus business, to be good, because he knew that made him good,” Ron Frye remarks. He enjoyed collaborating with other breeders and partnering on bulls that he believed would strengthen Angus genetics as a whole. Further, he poured himself into both his ranch and his relationships. Even decades later, those who knew him still speak of his mentorship and the way he made everyone feel capable of doing more.

His compassion wasn't just talk. “I think the thing that really resonated with me about Wayne was his compassion for the middle-of-the-road guy, or the guy just trying to come up in the business. He was all about trying to help them, and do whatever he needed to do to do that, whether it was loaning him a bull, or letting him pay a little later on the heifers they bought out of his sale,” Ron recalls. “He had a big heart that way, just trying to foster growth with other ranchers, other Angus breeders, so I always thought that maybe his greatest strength was just his compassion for other people.” He helped not because it earned him anything, but because he believed in people, especially those who were still finding their footing.

Wayne's mentorship and memory live on through the Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence—an honor that recognizes individuals who embody Wayne's integrity, work ethic, and love for the Angus breed. “The family wanted to recognize Wayne and remember Wayne, and then recognize people that were somewhat like him and made great contributions to the Angus breed, particularly Angus cattle here in Montana. And so the idea was to form the Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence,” Roger explains. Created by Wayne's family 30 years ago, the award isn't just about accomplishment; it's about character. Each recipient is chosen not only for their contributions to the industry, but for the way they carry themselves with humility, honesty, and heart.

Since the start of the award, Roger has had the privilege of helping the family select the recipient and even present it almost every single year. He talked about how meaningful and emotional it is to be part of that process

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each year. It brings back strong memories of Wayne and the loss the Angus community has felt in his absence. The award is deeply personal for those who knew Wayne. Helping choose the recipient feels to him like continuing Wayne's legacy and keeping his spirit alive, as well as a special way to honor and remember a great friend. "He was just a real role model in my mind for what we ought to be," Roger shares.

Today, when the award is presented, it brings a mix of pride and ache for the Stevenson family. It's a celebration of others who share Wayne's spirit, but it also reopens the tender reminder of how much was lost when he passed. Still, they know it matters. "We want newer breeders to understand the impact that he had and the goal of trying to do better. It's a business, we're all in it to make money, but really, our goal should be to make the cattle better and to make the people that we work with better. That was always his goal, and we want people to remember that," Doug says. The award preserves his values, passing them on to younger generations who never had the chance to know him.

At this year's Montana Angus Association Annual Banquet, **Ron Frye** was awarded the Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence, following a tender and emotional tribute to Wayne by Joe Goggins, sharing how much he did for the Angus breed and the people working within the Angus world. During my conversation with Doug, he shared how wonderful a job the family felt that he did in presenting the award. It's safe to say that every person in that room was deeply moved by the tribute, which only serves to highlight just how many lives Wayne truly touched.

Ron's commitment to the Angus breed has spanned more than 40 years, including time spent serving the American Angus Association (AAA) as a Regional Manager from 1992 to 2002. During his tenure with the association, he represented Montana, Wyoming, and North Dakota, which allowed him the opportunity to connect with many different Angus breeders and form lifelong friendships. "Getting Wayne's blessing was a

big deal in me getting hired at the American Angus Association, so getting the award really became kind of a full circle thing for me," Ron shares, reflecting on his time spent helping out at Basin Angus for a couple of months before getting hired at AAA, where he was able to help work the ring and be a part of the marketing team for that year's sale.

Following his time at AAA, Ron worked as the marketing director at Edwards Angus Ranch in Denton, Montana, and KG Ranch in Three Forks, Montana, for 15 years. Working for both of these ranches helped him gain a deep respect and appreciation for the challenges faced by cattlemen in the industry. In 2015, he founded Ron Frye Marketing, which is a mid-sized purebred cattle marketing service specializing in Angus Bull and registered Angus Female sales. Ron's decision to launch his own marketing business was born out of a desire to offer comprehensive marketing services to a diverse range of operations. He has always aimed to serve fellow breeders with honesty, humility, and integrity.

Ron has also worked as a Montana Junior Angus advisor, which allowed him to mentor up-and-coming youth in the business. Like Wayne, he believes that the Angus breed's strength is not only in the cattle, but in the people and the values we pass on. Ron's service to the business is a direct testament to his lifelong dedication, which is only one of the many reasons why Ron was selected as the award's recipient this year. Ron knew Wayne and deeply admired him. Receiving the award is among the greatest honors of his life.

One of the most powerful sentiments that Ron shared with me during our conversation was just how incredibly proud Wayne would have been of his family. "I've known both sides of the Stevenson family, Keith's side and Wayne's side, for better than 30 years, and just to see all that they have gone through, I think Wayne would be so proud of his children for the programs that they have built, the struggles they went through, and coming out on the other side bigger, better, and stronger."

Today, Basin Angus is led by Doug and his wife, Sharon, who have been dedicated to rebuilding the herd since its dispersal in 2010. The two of them had planned to rebuild a small herd in semi-retirement from a set of embryo pregnancies in cooperator herds not offered in the dispersal sale. But, when it came time to wean the set of embryo calves, they knew it was destined for more. The culmination of a lifetime of breeding Angus cattle was represented in that group. Since then, and the purchase of the current Basin Angus headquarters, they have brought the herd back up to over 1,000 cows. Their daughters, Brittany, Leisa, and Nicole, along with their husbands, help out on the ranch today.

Clint Stevenson and his wife, Adana, run Stevenson's Diamond Dot Cattle Company, which is located in Judith Basin. With help



from his father, Wayne, and his mother, Marian, Clint purchased the ranch in 1991. As the ranch and family grew, so did the herd. Their cow herd actually traces back to Clint's first heifer in 1977 and is heavily influenced by Stevenson cattle genetics. Wayne's Basin Angus cow herd, a select group of heifers and cows, and several groups of embryos also helped to establish the Diamond Dot cow base. Today, Clint and Adana's children, Wayne, Faith, Abigail, Rachael, and Carson, stay extremely involved in the day-to-day work on the ranch.

Valerie (Stevenson) and Clint Carr own and operate Carr Angus Ranch, located in Hobson. But, before Carr Angus was established, they both continued a connection to Basin Angus. After Wayne's passing, they returned to ranching full-time, helping Basin Angus Ranch continue to flourish. During the dispersal in 2010, Clint and Valerie, along with their eldest son, Kyle, retained a small herd of registered Angus cattle, and thus, the Carr Angus Ranch was born. Today, Clint and Valerie, Kyle, his wife, Stephanie, and their children, alongside his brother Nate, his wife Liz, and their children, continue to work the ranch, making it a true family operation.

"Wayne would have been very proud of his kids, and he would have been really, really proud of these grandkids," Ron says. It's deeply meaningful that all of Wayne's children, and now their families, have carried on his work and his legacy with such dedication. Roger echoed that sentiment: "He was a great family man, and he worked so hard. He worked day and night to build what he had. His honesty and integrity were second to none. And he was just such a likable, lovable guy. I miss him to this day."

The Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award stands as a lasting tribute to the values Wayne lived by. More than just an honor, it has become a tradition that unites Montana breeders, reflecting Wayne's belief that even as competitors, they could collaborate to make the industry stronger. Each year, the award not only commemorates an extraordinary man but also inspires others to embody his commitment to progress, community, and compassion.

"Wayne would have been proud of them [the recipients]," Ron shares. "When you walk away from that, the neat thing is that Wayne would have sat in the front row and been very proud of all of the recipients. That's what gives you chills about the whole thing, is that, man, did I accomplish something that would have made

that guy proud? Because, to me, he was a legend."

And indeed he was. A remarkable legend—to his family, to the award recipients, and to the Angus community as a whole. More than three decades later, Wayne's story still echoes in the people he inspired. His life was about more than raising cattle; it was about caring for people. His legacy continues to live and grow, rooted in the same strength, care, and perseverance that defined both the man and the cattle he raised.

-Written by Rebekah Clark, Montana Angus News

"It's been 31 years since Wayne Stevenson's passing, yet his presence is still deeply felt within the Angus community. To see him remembered and honored alongside an award recipient who shares his same passion, respect, and care for the breed, in a room filled with those dedicated to the same ideals, many who never knew him, is a beautiful testament to his lasting impact. Wayne's vision continues to shine through the people and progress of the Montana Angus family and the breed he loved so deeply."

-Gerri Campbell, Ballyhoo Printing



A Year to Remember: Murnin's Journey as Montana Angus Queen

“This past year as the Montana Angus Queen has been nothing short of incredible. From traveling across the state to representing Montana at national shows, I've



had the opportunity to meet some of the most passionate and hardworking people in the Angus industry. Whether it was talking with breeders about

their programs, handing out ribbons in the show ring, or cheering on juniors as they exhibited their cattle, every moment has been filled with pride and gratitude.

Being able to travel and see the Angus breed showcased at every level has deepened my love for this industry and the people who make it what it is. There's something special about standing ringside, hearing your state called, and knowing you're representing not just a breed, but a legacy built on dedication, quality, and community.

From early mornings and long drives to friendships formed and lessons learned, serving as the Montana Angus Queen has been an experience I'll cherish forever. It's given me a front-row seat to the heart of the Angus world, and for that, I couldn't be more thankful."

-Clare Murnin

New Montana Angus Queen and Princesses Crowned

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to our outgoing Montana Angus Queen, Claire Murnin from Pompey's Pillar. She is the daughter of Jared and Julie Murnin and has represented us very well not only across Montana but the whole country. She is one of 5 young ladies who will be competing for the title of Miss American Angus Nov. 1-2 in Kansas City and we wish her all the best. She is a freshman at MSU-B and is also serving as our Montana State FFA President. We are very proud of you Claire and again, thank you for all you're doing for not only the Angus breed but the beef industry and agriculture.

Our new 2025-26 Montana Angus Queen is Teah Vennes from Wilsall. She is the daughter of Holley Woosley-Vennes

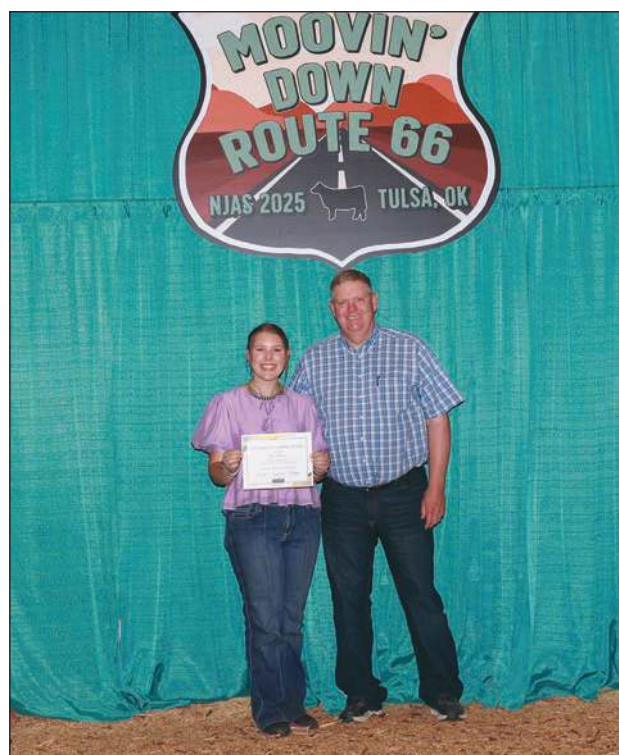
and Tyler Vennes and is a Senior at Shields Valley School. She is serving as Treasurer of her FFA Chapter and President of her 4-H Club. She competes in Livestock and Horse Evaluation, Public Speaking and many other projects. She is a 4-H Ambassador, National Honor Society Member and involved in Red Ants Pants Girls Leadership Program. She is also a Founder of the Sedan Cow Camp and Show. Thank you for being our Montana Angus Princess this past year and we look forward to your year as Queen.

We are happy this year that we are adding two new young ladies to our Montana Angus Royalty. The Senior Princess will be Cambree Denowh from Sidney. She is a Freshman at Sidney High and the daughter of Jennifer and Chad Denowh. In addition to their Angus ranch, she is also active in 4-H, Golf Junior Leaders and her Church Youth Group.

The Junior Princess will be Aleia Arntzen from Hilger. The daughter of Stacie and Doug Arntzen, Aleia is in the 8th Grade at Winifred. In addition to being helpful on their ranch, she is also active in FFA, 4-H, Church Youth Group, Volleyball and Basketball.

We will be very well represented this coming year and we thank everyone for their support of our Angus youth.

Junior Angus Scholarship Winner



Claire Murnin, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., left, received the Pat Goggins Memorial Angus \$1,000 Scholarship at the 2025 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 2-4 in Tulsa, Okla. Pictured presenting the award is Bill Cook, right. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$5.3 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Angus youth. Photo by Next Level Images.

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From Big Sky to Down Under: Montana Angus Breeders Connect Globally at the World Angus Forum

This past May, Montana Angus breeders and Angus enthusiasts alike packed their bags and headed halfway across the world, landing in Australia for the 2025 World Angus Forum and the accompanying pre- and post-tours. The event, hosted this year by Angus Australia, is a global gathering that occurs every four years, bringing together Angus cattle breeders, industry professionals, and enthusiasts from around the world. The forum serves as a platform for sharing knowledge, showcasing cattle, and discussing advancements in genetics, sustainability, and innovation within the beef industry. The 2025 forum, themed “Beef for a Better Planet,” featured a two-day conference in Brisbane, preceded by the Zoetis AngusEXPO in Tamworth and the AngusTREK tour, which spanned from Sydney through the Tablelands to Brisbane, offering participants a firsthand look at Australian Angus operations.

For the first time ever, the U.S. also sent a team to compete in the World Angus Youth Competition, which took place during the forum. Montana’s own Claire Stevenson was selected to be a part of the team and helped bring home the Grand Champion title. The teams competed in a variety of competitions, including stock judging, handling, and public speaking. That same spirit of excellence and exchange carried throughout the rest of the forum, as breeders and delegates came together to share knowledge and celebrate the Angus breed on a global stage. The entire journey to Australia offered more than exotic landscapes and wonderful hospitality; it gave Montana breeders the chance to showcase their genetics, observe cattle in unique environments, and connect with like-minded breeders from around the globe.

The forum brought together over 500 participants from 26 different countries. Weston Merrill, an international trade specialist at the Montana Department of Agriculture and part of the Montana delegation, describes the experience: “They had several top-notch breeders from Australia showcasing their cattle. You could see lots of good cattle and had the opportunity to kind of get on the farms and see how they managed things and do things, and all at the same time network with Angus breeders from all over the world, which was pretty awesome.” For Weston, the tour was also about putting Montana on the map. His goal in attending was to network with as many breeders as possible, all in an effort to build networks and promote U.S. and, specifically, Montana products. He and other Montana breeders, including Stevenson/Down T Angus, Montana Ranch Angus, Black Trace Cattle Company, Timberline Ranch, and Sitz Angus, represented a cross-section of the state’s genetic programs. “Montana showed out,” Weston says, “We had quite a few breeders there, which was really exciting. We went from kind of new up-and-coming younger breeders to very well-established, you know, people that had sent genetics over there.”

Among those younger breeders was Trista DeVries of Black Trace Cattle Company, who echoed Weston’s appreciation for Montana’s representation but also saw the experience through the eyes of the next generation. For her, the trip underscored not only the global reach of Angus genetics but also the importance of ensuring the breed’s future through youth involvement. “I think a lot of young people should be involved in it too,” Trista says. “I saw a lot of the bigger names, a lot of the ranches that have been around for a while, but getting more of the youth into it and excited about it is important for the breed and the industry.” Her perspective offers a forward-looking reminder that while the forum celebrated decades of Angus progress, it also served as inspiration for the next wave of those in the industry who will carry the breed’s legacy into the future. Sharing the trip with her grandmother made the experience even more special, highlighting how the Angus community’s strength lies not only in genetics and global reach, but in the families who sustain it generation after generation. “She’s probably the reason that I’m even in the cattle industry,” Trista expresses.

That spirit of pride and continuity regarding the future of the breed was shared by others on the trip, each contributing to Montana’s growing presence in the global Angus conversation. The Montana delegation demonstrated not only the breadth of Montana’s Angus program but also the depth of commitment breeders and professionals in the industry have to excellence and collaboration. By participating, folks from Montana were able to see firsthand how Montana genetics are utilized and valued in environments overseas. Mac Spickard, part of World West



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Sire Services, became involved with the tour because of the bulls they collect. World West collects semen for a lot of ranchers whose bulls have drummed up interest overseas, including in Australia. He found the experience rewarding in a very tangible way. "It's a neat deal. The bulls that we're collecting that we work hard for for that customer, it pays that customer back by the Australian using them and having seen them at World West. So, it was a neat full circle kind of deal," Mac says. Beyond the satisfaction of seeing genetics succeed internationally, Mac noted that these interactions also foster trust, credibility, and long-term relationships with breeders around the world, reinforcing the global network that Montana Angus producers are increasingly part of.

Reflecting on the cattle he saw, Jim Sitz of Sitz Angus noted that the Angus cattle he observed were larger-framed than expected, given Australia's forage-heavy systems. He also emphasized that the underlying goals of breeders remain universal and are similar to ours here in Montana—to raise sound, functional, and efficient cattle that thrive in their environments. "They've been working on foot and leg structure for a lot longer than we have. And all the cattle we saw, I never saw a bad foot," Jake Callentine of Timberline Angus says. "They're proud of that. Some of those places where those cattle run, they travel a long way to and from water, so foot and leg structure is very, very important to those guys. But they just like to breed good, functional, high-performance cattle, like us." Trista echoed this idea: "I think we all just want good cattle that can cover ground and do their job."



Just as the ranch visits highlighted the importance of functional, environmentally adapted cattle, the forum sessions reinforced those themes on a broader, global scale, offering a complementary kind of education. Discussions focused on emerging industry issues, including sustainability and environmental pressures. "The Angus Forum was two days, and it was two days of listening to some of the smartest people I've ever met from around the world. The whole theme of the forum was Beef for a Better Planet," Jane Callentine says. Jane and Jake thoroughly enjoyed the forum and the different aspects of it, whether it was discussions on genetics or marketing your beef products to consumers. Jim mentioned that these conversations, combined with the pre-tour observations, provided a holistic view of the global Angus industry, focusing on the environment, cattle, and producers all working together. Much of what was discussed included beef's impact on the world and how the Angus breed can continue to push forward to be a reliable livestock breed.

For Jim, the event's true highlight was the camaraderie and global connections it fostered. "Probably what I enjoyed most was the people from all parts of the world who came in for learning," Jim says, adding that, "You know, the issues that we face here are the same issues that other people in other countries face. The camaraderie and the friendships that you develop at that event were just second to none." That sense of shared experience resonated with many attendees, including Lane Nordlund of Western Ag Network, who found common ground with producers from across the globe. "Getting to talk with so many of those producers, it just felt like we were in another part of the U.S., and they just talked a little bit differently. We all go through the same struggles and some of the same successes, it's just a different part of the world," Lane remarks, reflecting on his time spent getting to know new folks in the industry. One of the biggest reasons that Lane wished to attend was in the hopes of learning more about agriculture and the possibility of sharing a story that might allow producers here at home to see themselves in producers that are across the world. "I just really enjoy the opportunity to learn about agriculture and to be a storyteller," Lane expresses, "I was very excited



just to see ranchers in Australia, what they go through, what challenges they have, and see different examples of production agriculture on a different scale.”

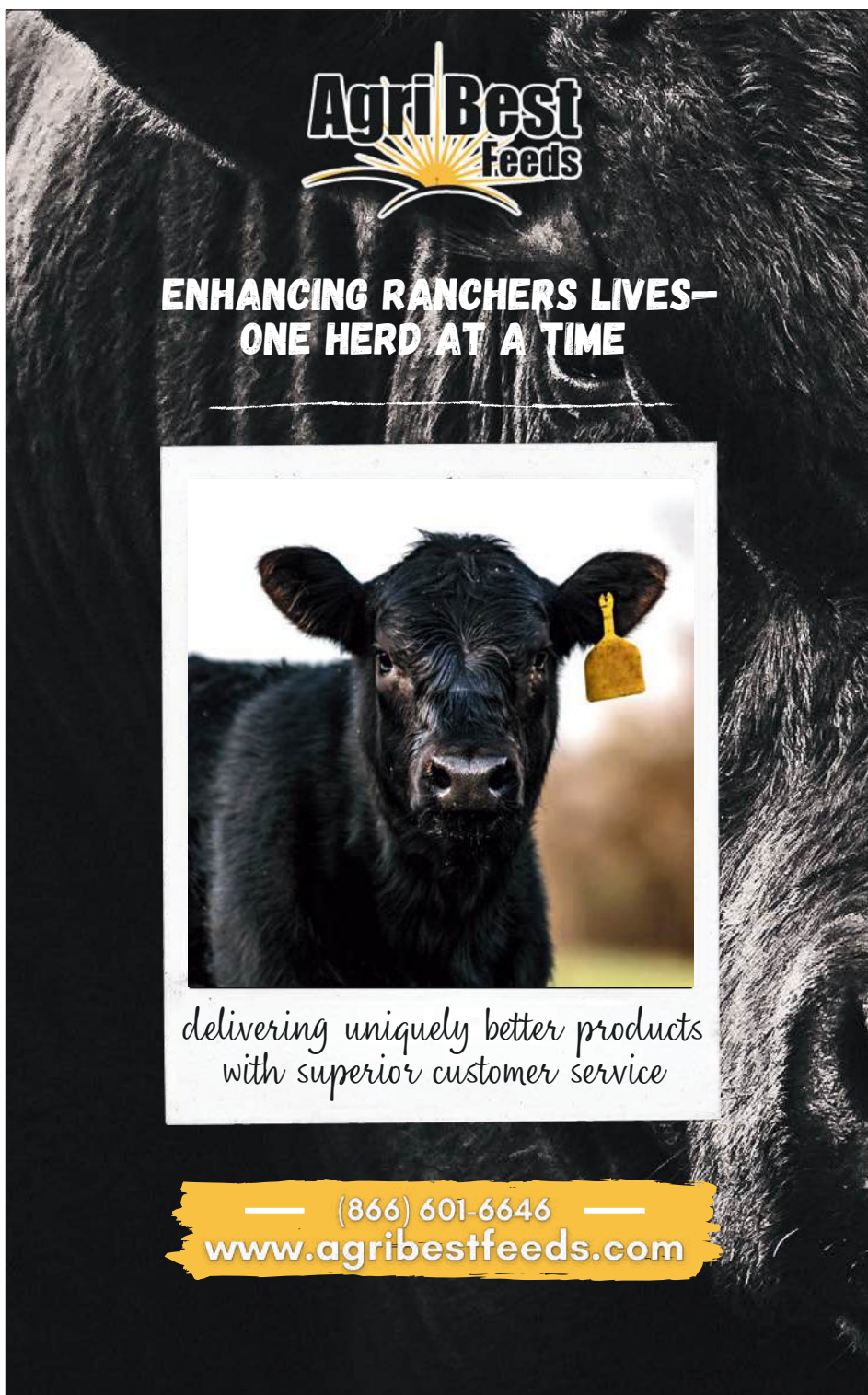
Networking was a cornerstone of the experience. Every person I spoke with mentioned the value of the relationships formed. This tour and forum allowed breeders in Montana to develop new contacts and friendships that they’ll be able to maintain for years. Mac emphasized trust in these worldwide connections, as well as the connections they already have here at home: “We want to be good stewards of those bulls that we are fortunate enough to take care of, so that we can maybe be a little bit of a conduit or offer a little bit of trust in those kinds of cattle just through insight. And being able to better make those connections means that maybe next time an Australian that has a goal to import some semen or wants an outcrop, they come to World West and say, I think I can trust what they has to say because it seemed like they had the bulls’ best interest in mind, and those cattlemen’s best interest in mind.”

Pride in representing Montana shone through every part of the trip and in every attendee. For the Montana delegation, standing among breeders from 26 countries wasn’t just about showcasing cattle; it was also about showcasing those in the Montana Angus business. “I would just like to express my appreciation to our breeders from Montana who are willing and able and excited. It is so exciting for me to represent Montana cattle producers when they’re so easy to represent. They’re so good at what they do,” Weston says, “They’re good at making connections, building relationships, and so I just really appreciate the breeders and producers in our state because it’s so exciting to represent them when you just know it’s high-quality genetics, high-quality beef, high-quality cattle. Whether you’re at the World Angus Forum or somewhere in South America, it’s always exciting to represent Montana.” Weston’s words underscore the deep sense of pride and professionalism that Montana cattle producers bring to the global stage, and they are a reflection of the hard work, integrity, and quiet excellence that define the state’s beef industry.

The 2025 World Angus Forum left an impression that extended far beyond the time spent in Australia. All who attended returned with new insights, stronger connections, and a renewed appreciation for Montana’s role in the global Angus community. “I would encourage breeders, not just from Montana, but from the U.S., that when these tours

are available, to pick one; whether the forum is in Australia or Brazil or wherever it may be, if you have the opportunity, you really should attend because I promise you, you will learn something.” Jim expresses. After all, it’s not just about seeing cattle; it’s about seeing the bigger picture. For Montana breeders, this experience only reinforced the simple truth that the challenges in the industry are shared and that the things each person in the industry seeks, including knowledge, relationships, and high-quality cattle, are universal.

-Written by Rebekah Clark, Montana Angus News



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+14	-1.3	+71	+126	+22	+35	+15.1	+68	+79

AAA: 21250942

SIRE: SITZ Incentive 704H

MGS: KG High Regard 2073

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CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	SC	HP	SW	SM
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AAA: 21250596

SIRE: Sitz Virtue 11710

MGS: Sitz Wisdom 481T

KG Legacy 4447



CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	SC	HP	SW	SM
+3	+4	+74	+122	+28	+5.8	+11.7	+84	+85

AAA: 21140351

SIRE: TH Legacy

MGS: KG Justified 3023

KG Impulse 4020



CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	SC	HP	SW	SM
+10	-1.0	+79	+126	+21	+1.35	+18.0	+81	+100

AAA: 21022271

SIRE: SITZ Impulse 732J

MGS: KG Cowboy Kind 0256

KG Legacy 4183



CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	SC	HP	SW	SM
+7	+0	+84	+145	+25	+1.4	+16.4	+89	+107

AAA: 21140463

SIRE: TH Legacy

MGS: Sitz Powerball 737E

KG Accomplishment 4674



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+5	+1.1	+73	+121	+24	+1.68	+13.2	+74	+94

AAA: 21221267

SIRE: HT Accomplishment

MGS: KG Justified 3023

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KG Virtue 4193



CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	SC	HP	SW	SM
+0	+3.2	+76	+148	+23	+5.2	+12.6	+57	+60

AAA: 21250594

SIRE: Sitz Virtue 11710

MGS: Sitz Wisdom 481T

KG Impulse 4445



CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	SC	HP	SW	SM
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Welcoming New MAA Board Members: Derik Arntzen & Cole Ratzburg

The Montana Angus Association continues to thrive because of the dedicated producers who bring their experience, perspective, and commitment to its board. This year, two new members, Cole Ratzburg of Bobcat Angus and Derik Arntzen of Arntzen Angus, join that tradition of leadership. Both represent the next generation of Montana cattlemen who work to balance innovation with heritage, family with business, and local pride with statewide engagement. Their stories reflect not only the strength of the Angus breed but also the deep sense of purpose that connects Montana's Angus ranching families.



Cole Ratzburg

Born and raised near Sunburst in the Sweetgrass Hills, Cole Ratzburg is part of the family behind Bobcat Angus, a respected registered Angus operation that has built its reputation on adaptability, maternal strength, and customer satisfaction. They also have a commercial operation, known as Ratzburg Livestock. The Ratzburgs run their cattle in some of Montana's most extreme weather conditions, from subzero windchills to summer highs over 100 degrees, developing cattle that thrive where only the most resilient can. Alongside his family, Cole helps manage both the registered herd and a commercial operation. Their operation is supported by all of their own feed production, as well as two feedlots that they use for heifer and bull development. Each December, Bobcat Angus hosts their annual sale, offering around 200 bulls and 600 bred females, showcasing decades of progress and commitment to quality.

After earning his Bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Montana State University and a Master's in Animal Science from the University of Wyoming, Cole returned home to bring new knowledge and experience to the ranch. "My dad wanted my brother, sister, and me to go out and get some different experience and bring something new back to the operation," Cole tells me. And, thanks to his grad school work, he now oversees much of the operation's reproductive work as the in-house embryo transfer technician. Family remains central to his life—he and his wife, Katie, are raising two young children in the same country where he grew up learning the cattle business.

Cole wanted to join the Montana Angus Association Board to stay connected and to contribute to the broader Angus community. Encouraged by fellow producers, he saw board service as a chance to meet more people, exchange ideas, and help advance the breed across the state. Grounded, humble, and deeply committed to the Angus way of life, Cole views the board as a gathering place for like-minded cattlemen working toward shared goals. For him, it's about collaboration, learning, and honoring the legacy of those who built the industry before him. "The Angus world's a great crowd to be a part of. You know, there are always like-minded people, and they all have a lot of the same goals and ambitions," Cole states.



Derik Arntzen

In central Montana, north of Hilger, Derik Arntzen works alongside his family on their multi-generation ranch, Arntzen Angus. The operation blends a registered seedstock herd with a small commercial program and forage production, maintaining a balance between tradition and innovation. Established when his grandparents first purchased Angus cattle in 1956, the ranch now spans three generations and is preparing to celebrate its 50th annual bull sale, which is a milestone that underscores the family's enduring commitment to the Angus breed and to Montana ranching.

Derik's life is centered around family, work, and community. He and his wife, Corry, live and raise their two children on the ranch, where Corey also manages much of the record-keeping, communications, and organizational work that keeps the business running smoothly. Alongside his father, brothers

Brad and Erik, sister Jennifer, uncle, and cousins, including Kevin (the current Montana Angus Association President), Derik plays an active role in all aspects of the operation. Together, they've built a program known for producing functional, maternally focused cattle that perform for commercial customers while remaining true to the breed's foundational strengths. "Angus cattle are our life, and Montana is such an important part of the nationwide Angus herd as a whole," Derik states.

When the opportunity arose to join the Montana Angus Association Board, Derik saw it as a way to give back and stay involved. Referring to the board itself, Derik shares that "it feels like we're in a good spot and we've got good people," and he is excited to help out. Having helped organize past Angus tours, he understands the value of connection and shared purpose within the breed. His goals on the board are simple but meaningful: to meet new producers, learn from others, and continue strengthening the Association's reach and relevance. Like Cole, he believes in progress rooted in relationships and in ensuring that Montana Angus remains as strong and respected in the future as it has been for generations.

Looking Ahead

Both Cole and Derik embody the qualities of hard work and respect for the land and family, which are qualities that define Montana's Angus community. Their addition to the Montana Angus Association Board signals a bright future that will continue to be built on collaboration. As our two new board members step forward, they bring not only the knowledge and skills they've used to sustain their operations but also a shared commitment to strengthening the association. We would also like to extend a thank you to Kurt Swanson for his dedicated service to the Montana Angus Association Board and for all the work he has done to support and advance the business. Kurt's time on the board was driven by a genuine desire to help fellow producers and ensure the success of the Montana Angus community.

-Written by Rebekah Clark, Montana Angus News

In Loving Memory - Marvin Rehbein

MAY 11, 1936 - MAY 13, 2025



Marvin Alfred Rehbein, 89, passed away in the early hours of Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at St. Patrick Hospital, due to complications from Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS).

Marvin was born May 11, 1936, in the Township of Centerville - now known as Lino Lakes, MN - to Elsie (Stolp) and Louis Rehbein. He was the third of seven children, and the son of a stern but hardworking farmer and the sweetest of mothers.

He attended a one-room schoolhouse on Birch Street for grade school and after a few weeks of high school at White Bear Lake he decided that school was a waste of his time, and he needed to make money. Not long after, he borrowed money from his dad to buy a flatbed truck, and he began selling sod door-to-door that he cut from his dad's pasture. Thus began the life of a businessman.

In March 1956, Marvin's cousin Joyce introduced him to Mary Anne Houle at the roller-skating rink in Forest Lake, MN. She was just 17 at the time. Against her father's wishes, the couple married on August 16, 1956. They purchased their first home in Roseville, MN, and welcomed the first of seven children 11 months later. As their family grew, so did Marvin's company. By the time their youngest child was born in 1969, his company had evolved from landscaping into excavation and road construction.

In 1974, with 175+ employees and projects stretching from St. Paul to Duluth, Marvin and Mary Anne decided

to relocate their family and business to Montana. They purchased a ranch in Plains, MT, and began bidding on construction projects for the Montana Department of Highways (Transportation). From Eureka to Alzada and everywhere in between, Marvin had a hand (pun intended) in improving and expanding Montana's highways, airports and dams.

In 1988, Marvin and Mary Anne moved to a ranch in Arlee, MT, where he lived until his passing. He raised various breeds of cattle over the years, but in the end his "black girls" (Angus) became his favorite. He was "all cattle, and no hat" never quite understanding why someone would own a horse but happy to sell hay to those who did.

A tireless entrepreneur, Marvin launched or supported many other business ventures throughout his life. He never sat still unless it was to play a game of cribbage. He was a devoted Ford enthusiast and encouraged everyone he knew to buy from Rehbein Ford, with little patience for those who didn't. He was also known for his candor and didn't hesitate to let people know what he thought.

After Mary Anne passed away in 2016, several neighbors continued to look out for Marvin, bringing meals, playing cards, offering rides, and solving household issues. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the Shick, Conover, and Wilcox families and to Linda Longacre, for going above and beyond as neighbors and to Leona Larson for tending to the house and chauffeuring Marvin to keep him out of the driver's seat.

Marvin recently donated to the Arlee Senior Center to upgrade the kitchen and facilities and enjoyed going there for lunch to catch up with old friends and neighbors.

Marvin is survived by his brothers Lloyd, Gary and Randy; seven children: Marvin L. (Connie) Rehbein, Rita (Ed) Rehbein Mai, Douglas (Annette) Rehbein, Dwayne (Ann) Rehbein, Dennis (Marty) Rehbein, Dean Rehbein, and Mary Jo (Doug) Jackson; 26 Grandchildren; 24 Great Grandchildren; and 3 Great-Great Grandchildren.

A memorial gathering to honor Marvin's life was held May 23, 2025, 4 PM to 7 PM, on his ranch at 32526 McLeod Road in Arlee.

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Montana Angus Tour 2025: A Celebration of Cattle, Connections, and Community in Southwest Montana

This year's Montana Angus Tour brought together cattle breeders from across the globe, each eager to experience the state's renowned Angus herds and forge connections. With over 500 participants registered, 2025 marked the largest turnout yet, which is only a testament to its reputation as a must-attend event. Beyond the cattle, the tour provides a unique chance for attendees to meet new people, share ideas, and build relationships that can benefit their operations for years to come.

For international participants like Geoff Birchnell, the tour was an opportunity to witness a large selection of Montana's genetics firsthand—especially through getting to look at herds they may not have been familiar with. Geoff, whose 3R Angus operation spans over two primary locations in Australia, the first being Tamworth in NSW, and a partnership in Lucindale, SA, has been incorporating Montana-bred genetics into his herd since its beginnings in 2018: "We have used quite a lot of Montana-bred genetics in our herd," he says. 3R was established to produce cattle that function on a superior level in a real-world production environment and provide an end product that delivers on the expectations of consumers across a variety of markets. Their first production sale was in 2022, and in 2024, they launched their first commercial Angus sale.

This wasn't Geoff's first time visiting Montana itself; he's been here several times previously and has had the opportunity to form some good friendships and relationships with breeders here. However, it was his first time attending the tour. Geoff was struck by both the scale and the quality of the event. "Top quality cattle and great people in breathtaking scenery," he shares, summing up the experience. Beyond the cattle themselves, Geoff highlighted the value of the tour as a platform for building global connections, explaining that the friendships and professional relationships formed during these visits help his operation stay informed on best practices and emerging trends in Angus breeding.

Robert and Gail Hamilton attended their first Montana tour this year, seizing a rare break during their harvest season to join the multi-day event. Robert found the tour both fun and educational. "We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We knew a lot of people in Montana, and we met some new ones and saw really good cattle," he remarks. Observing a range of operations, from large, well-established ranches to smaller and newer herds, provided insights into breeding strategies and herd management practices that they could

incorporate at home in Canada. "You're always going to learn something when you visit other operations," Robert notes, highlighting the tour's value as a hands-on learning experience. With a herd of 350 mother cows and a focus on unique pedigrees, Robert and Gail's operation, Hamilton Farms, focuses on the production of bulls for our ever-demanding beef industry and on mother cows fit with longevity, beautiful udders with plenty of milk, and lots of volume and femininity. The tour provides a way for them to see folks they've met and worked with in the past, and like Geoff, see some herds and genetics they haven't before.

For Montana natives like Bob Smith, the tour is as much a tradition as it is a learning opportunity. Bob, a first-generation rancher raising purebred Angus on his operation, Sand Rock Angus, has attended approximately ten Montana tours over the years. Reflecting on this year's experience, Bob remarks that his "goal when I go is to look at something that I'm curious about, or see something I hadn't thought about. There's no better place to look at Angus cattle in Montana; we pretty much have it as far as lots of different genetics and different programs." Yet for Bob, the tour is about more than evaluating cattle. "I go to meet people from somewhere else, visit with them, and see what they've got going," he adds. While Sand Rock's program continuously strives towards creating a perfectly uniform and exceptionally performing herd, Bob always finds it interesting to see what traits other breeders focus on and what different genetics they may be using in their herd. Over multiple tours, he has developed lasting friendships and professional contacts, experiences that have enriched both his ranching operation and his personal life.



Across all three participants, one theme is consistent: the Montana Angus Tour is as much about people as it is about cattle. Geoff emphasizes the global network the tour fosters, explaining that exchanging ideas and insights with breeders from across the world is invaluable for his operation. Many who attend the tour use the relationships and connections formed to explore new ideas and programs, as well as a way to engage with like-minded breeders. The shared passion for the breed and commitment to excellence bridges distance and operational differences, and a lot of it is thanks to the tour for offering the space to do so.

This year's scenic backdrop also left a lasting impression on participants. Bob recounted crossing the Continental Divide nine times in three days, commenting on Montana's diverse landscapes—from rugged mountain ranges to sweeping plains dotted with sagebrush. Those on the tour were struck by the variety of herds they encountered and appreciated the uniqueness of the pedigrees and the range of breeding philosophies. These landscapes and operations added an immersive quality to the tour that few other events can match, blending learning with the awe-inspiring beauty of Montana.

For all three, the Montana Angus Tour is a tradition they plan to continue, whether as a regular fixture or a cherished occasional escape from the daily demands of ranch life. Geoff promised, "Certainly, we'll be back," while Bob calls the event his "vacation for the year," a chance to reconnect with both the cattle and the people who make the industry thrive. Robert and Gail are already planning to return in the years to come, eager to continue building relationships with Montana breeders.

The 2025 Montana Angus Tour, with its record-breaking participation, stunning landscapes, and unmatched educational and networking opportunities, was more than a series of stops and showcases; it was a celebration of a shared passion for the breed, a platform for learning, and a gathering place for friendships that span continents. As Montana's cattle community continues to grow and innovate, the tour remains a highlight of the year, offering breeders of all backgrounds an experience that is educational, inspiring, and truly unforgettable.

DAY ONE

Stevenson Down T

Stevenson Down T is a fourth-generation registered Angus ranch led by Darrell and Sara Stevenson. Before Stevenson Down T was established near White Sulphur Springs, both Darrell and Sara were a part of Stevenson Angus Ranch for 25 years. The Stevenson family roots run deep in the Montana Angus community, spanning back to the first Stevenson Angus Ranch bull sale in 1961.

In 2010, Darrell embarked on a landmark venture in Russia alongside two Russian businessmen, intending to establish a registered herd. He did just that, bringing Stevenson Sputnik to life. They established a core nucleus herd, a large commercial herd, a feed yard, and a small-scale abattoir to become one of the preeminent beef production units in the country. Darrell's overseas experience also included shipments into Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. While Darrell was overseas, the two of them also started building their cow numbers at home.

Their initial ranch growth took place on Sage Creek, near Denton, but in 2019, they permanently settled in Meager County. Darrell and Sara's son, CJ, serves with the US Army Special Operations Forces, and their daughter Claire, with her fiancé, Avery De Mello, will be returning to the ranch this fall to work alongside them. Their operation focuses on easy-fleshing, fertile, and sound-footed cattle. They calve in late spring and develop their bulls into a more mature age group.

Stevenson Down T bulls are marketed alongside Stevenson Angus Ranch. The fall sale is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving at the Hobson sale barn, and the spring sale is the first Sunday in March at the White Sulphur Springs ranch.



Mile-Hi Ranch

Mile-Hi Ranch was established in the 1930s as a commercial cow-calf operation. Over five generations have worked on this operation, and the ranch went through a small relocation to the West side of Livingston in 1991. Will Malcolm is the fourth generation on the ranch. In 2010, Will decided to focus on raising quality seedstock cattle. The switch from commercial to registered came as a result of his career in cattle reproduction and the inception of his company, Sleeping Giant Genetics. In 1999, he married his wife, Sabrina, and they had three children—Audrey, Asha, and Reid.

Will and Sabrina's daughters, Audrey and Asha, both work on the ranch, while their son and his wife, Gracie, are both pursuing degrees in Billings. Audrey is part-owner and shares in day-to-day operations, while Asha owns several of the females and manages much of the registration and marketing. Thanks to Will's profession, they utilize AI and embryo transfer heavily within the herd. They incorporate tried and true genetics, with many of their replacement females sired by OCC Juneau 807 J, SAV Renown, and Coleman Bravo. Mile-Hi Ranch can also trace many of its other replacement females back to BT Everelda Entense 613L, Coleman Donna 1270, Sitz Forever Lady 612T, and Hilltop Cinderella 39. They do routinely add new donors to their lineup, including females such as MH Donna 808, SAV Madame Price 3835, and their new standout MH Everelda Entense 081.

Mile-Hi Ranch's annual private treaty bull sale is the second Saturday in March, where they offer mature yearling and age-advantaged 18-month-old bulls. They also sell embryos year-round.



Timberline Ranch is an altitude-focused operation that develops bulls and females built to work in rugged terrain. They run 240 mother cows. The ranch emphasizes producing structurally sound, moderately framed bulls that travel and perform across steep country. The program uses modern reproductive tools such as AI, embryo transfer, and PAP testing to help blend their foundational genetics with targeted selection for docility, fertility, and longevity. Timberline strives to improve weaning weights while keeping birth weights in check without sacrificing phenotype, soundness, or foot quality. They want to raise the type of well-made, performance-driven cattle that keep them and their customers in business.

Timberline Ranch's annual Bred for Business Bull Sale is the third Friday in April, where they offer registered bulls and commercial heifers.

Fort Logan Ranch

Fort Logan Ranch is operated by the Berg family, who have been running the ranch since 1945 in White Sulphur Springs. George and Ellen Berg took over the ranch in 1975, followed by Sam and Chennel Berg in 2010.

The ranch focuses on a balanced, pragmatic approach to selection. They prioritize temperament and longevity along with performance and commit to maintaining a herd with sound udders, feet, and maternal ability. Fort Logan positions itself as a producer of bulls and females that perform on rugged country, and the bio communicates a generational stewardship mindset where husbandry and genetics align to keep the ranch viable for the long haul. They aim to produce functional, efficient cows adapted to the local range. The family has used AI since 1978 and moved into embryo programs in recent years, with a deliberate focus on genetics that balances fertility, temperament, structure, and feed efficiency. Their seasonal grazing pattern (cows on hills around Meagher County, wintering for spring calving) and calving schedule (early spring calving with AI/recipient cow programs starting in mid-June) underline a system designed for maternal productivity and ease of management.

Fort Logan Ranch's commercial yearling bulls are sold via video auction in April, and their registered two-year-old bulls are sold alongside Stevenson Angus & Down T Angus Ranch's sale the first Sunday in March.

DAY TWO

Timberline Ranch

Timberline Ranch, located 25 miles north of Bozeman at the foot of the Flathead Pass of the Bridger Mountain Range, was originally homesteaded in 1882 and has been running registered Angus since 1948. Jake Callentine is the fourth generation to run cattle on this land alongside his wife, Jane. Their daughters, Krista and Cate, along with Cate's family, assist in ranch operations. Cate is a video specialist with Angsu Media; her family, including her husband and three children, also run Hereford, Simmental, and Optimizer cattle as Doubet Cattle. Krista is a technician at World West Sire Services in Billings.

Veltkamp Angus

Veltkamp Angus is operated by the Veltkamp family near Manhattan, where they have been raising registered Angus cattle since 1978. Over the years, the family has built a program centered on practical, range-ready cattle that thrive under real-world conditions in southwest Montana. Their operations is run by Darin and Gloria and their four kids, Codey, Alex, Justin, and Sam.

The ranch manages around 250 registered Angus cows and develops roughly 400 commercial replacement heifers each year. Their cattle graze summer pastures across 13,000 acres of mountain grass in the Horseshoe Hills north of Manhattan and winter on the ranch's 1,100 irrigated acres in the Gallatin Valley, where the family grows hay, corn, and wheat to support the herd. This seasonal rotation reflects a system designed for efficiency, adaptability, and long-term range stewardship. Veltkamp Angus maintains a philosophy rooted in functionality and balance. They focus on cattle that combine performance and practicality, raising moderate-framed, fertile, efficient, and durable animals that can handle the terrain and produce consistently for commercial cattlemen. The family's approach favors structural soundness, maternal strength, and low-input efficiency over extremes, aiming for cattle that "work for you, not the other way around."

VeltKamp Angus's annual bull sale is held on the second Tuesday of March.

Van Dyke Angus Ranch

Van Dyke Angus Ranch is a family operation based near Manhattan, where the Van Dyke family has been raising registered Angus cattle since 1955. Clarence Van Dyke founded the ranch with a small group of Angus cows and a vision for building a herd defined by maternal quality, sound structure, and long-term functionality. That foundation continues today under the direction of Lee Van Dyke, his son-in-law, Tim Crabtree, and Tom Wulff, who have carried forward a program rooted in consistency and integrity.

From its beginning, Van Dyke Angus has focused on producing cattle that excel in fertility, disposition, and structural soundness. They have faithfully lived by the philosophy of bulls making good cows, and they hold their cows to a strict 45-day calving window. Their philosophy centers on building moderate, efficient, and productive females that thrive in Montana's range environment and raise calves that perform for commercial cattlemen. Longevity and practicality remain guiding principles, with an emphasis on real-world function. Through their efforts, they have been able to improve feet, disposition, frame score, and overall fertility of their herd.

Van Dyke Angus Ranch's annual Cattleman's Advantage Bull Sale is held on the fourth Thursday of February, offering 150 yearling bulls, while their Heart of the Herd Fall Female Sale is held the first Thursday of October, offering approximately 140 bred cows, bred heifers, and calves.

Kimm Angus

Kimm Angus, located 14 miles south of Manhattan, is a fourth-generation family-owned and operated ranch that began in 1948 and is now run by Tom and Riley Kimm. In 1989, they purchased their first registered Black Angus females from Van Dyke Angus Ranch.

Kimm Angus is committed to producing performance-driven, maternally oriented cattle suitable for rugged Western country. The ranch uses modern selection tools and embraces reproductive technologies where beneficial, while the family focus and involvement of multiple generations remain central. The narrative emphasizes structure, foot quality, and consistent calf crops as key selection priorities. They work to maintain a cowherd that provides steady returns to commercial customers, balancing growth, carcass quality, and maternal function without sacrificing temperament or longevity.

Kimm Angus markets 60 to 70 bulls a year through their Focus on the Factory bull sale at Headwaters Livestock Auction in Three Forks, the first Saturday of March. They also market select females by private treaty and will have 80 to 90 bred heifers that will be available in November.

Thousand Hills Angus

Thousand Hills Angus is run by the VanDyken family in Toston. Their ranch story begins in 1981 with the purchase of three heifers from Van Dyke Angus and the original ranch name of Riverfront Angus. Over the next three years, they added more heifers from the Van Dyke and Hyline Angus herds.

Influential sires, including Early Sunset Emulous 60E, PS Power Play, and GDAR Rito 2100, helped establish the foundation of the Van Dyke breeding program. Building on that base, sires such as VDAR New Trend 315, Hyline Right Time 338, and Hero 6267 of R R 2418 have further strengthened and expanded the herd through the years. In 2006, they moved their operation to Toston and renamed their operation to Thousand Hills Angus after Psalm 50:10. Their ranch has seen various transitions and expansions, but they have always stayed focused on producing bulls tailored for commercial use. Their herd emphasis is on practical performance, including calving ease, growth, and structural soundness. Many of their breeding decisions are influenced by their late son, Andy, who was also

the one who urged them to begin hosting their own production sale.

Thousand Hills Angus' annual Maternally Minded Genetics sale is the second Saturday in March at Headwaters Livestock Auction.

Hamilton Angus

Hamilton Angus, located in Townsend, began 15 years ago with their first purchase of registered Angus cattle. It is a family-run operation, led by Thomas and Kylie Hamilton. There are currently four generations working the ranch, including Tom and Patsy Hamilton, and their son Brett, who began the registered herd in Southern Idaho before many of the cattle started making their way to Montana. Thomas and Kylie manage a majority of the spring calving herd with the help of other family members.

They are a maternal-focused ranch emphasizing bull production for commercial cattlemen. Over the last 15 years, they have been working to add value to their cattle through an extensive AI and embryo transfer program, as well as working with cooperator herds throughout the country. They focus on udder and foot quality, docility, mothering ability, growth, and carcass value, which they believe are of vital importance to cattlemen today. They consistently search the country for females and cow families to add to their program that they feel are both genetically and phenotypically ideal for their breeding goals.

Hamilton Angus' bulls are marketed through the South Montana Angus Sale and via private treaty offerings.

MSU Angus

The MSU Angus program is a partnership between the Montana Angus Association and the Department of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University. The program began in 2018/2019 with the donation of 50 registered heifers. Over the years, through fundraising efforts and embryo donations, the herd is now up to almost 100 head of registered mature cows and 30 replacement heifers. In the next 3 to 5 years, they aim to convert their entire herd to registered Angus. MSU's end of the program is headed up by Dr. Tim DelCurto, department head, Kellen Marlow, MSU livestock operations manager, and Rebekah Clark, graduate student manager. The MSU Angus Program also has an advisory board comprised of members of the Montana Angus Association.

MSU's program highlights applied research and a production system that calves in May and then moves cows to graze native range for most of the year—a low-input, range-adapted model intended to optimize Angus production under limited nutrition conditions. The MSU program heavily leans on Montana Angus genetics and uses EPD-driven selection to tailor cattle for extensive rangeland systems. They strive to select cattle based on a suite of EPDs that are designed to optimize beef cattle production.

Beyond production, MSU emphasizes extension and education, including publishing research, engaging in collaborative projects, sharing findings that improve precision in fall/winter cattle supplementation and overall herd management, and offering students the opportunity to work with quality cattle.

Hollowtop Angus

Hollow Top Angus is operated by the Bennett–Quan family in Pony. Porter Bennett and Carolyn Quan purchased the ranch in 2011, and over the next nine years, worked to reassemble the historic ranch. The ranch now spans 8,000 acres and maintains 550-600 females. Porter and Carolyn run the ranch along with their children, Kelly and Meghan.

The ranch strives to produce two-year-old bulls that do well at high elevations, are practically sized, and built with enough structural integrity and power to be able to travel across extensive terrain. Hollow Top's genetics trace back to proven maternal lines sourced from respected programs like Sitz Angus and Hinman Angus, and the operation integrates modern tools, including environmental and data analytics, PAP-testing, and performance measurement, with old-school stewardship to result in registered Angus bulls and females designed for longevity, practical efficiency, and commercial suitability. Their cowherd is maternally focused, and they emphasize fertility, longevity, and soundness.

Hollowtop Angus' annual sale is held on the second Monday of December, where they sell approximately 110 PAP-tested, two-year-old bulls, along with bred heifers and cows.

Sitz Angus

Sitz Angus is a multi-generational family ranching operation that spans over two locations, one in Harrison and one in Dillon. The Sitz family has been raising registered Angus cattle for over a century, beginning in 1923 when William and Frieda Sitz founded the herd in the Nebraska Sandhills. In 1959, Bob Sitz Sr. and his wife Donna moved the operation to Montana, where the family has continued to build one of the most recognized Angus programs in the country. Today, Bob (Jr.), alongside his children Taylre and her husband Brett, and Lane and his wife Haley, and Jim Sitz, along with his wife, Tammi, and their children, Tyler, Tucker, Amber and her husband Nolan, and Ashley, with her husband Conner and their daughter Collins, lead the ranch.

From the beginning, Sitz Angus has focused on breeding cattle that balance maternal function, structural soundness, and real-world performance. Their program emphasizes bulls that are stout, deep-bodied, and rugged, and females that are fertile, good-uddered, and built to last. The ranch's guiding principle remains unchanged: to raise cattle that work for commercial cattlemen and thrive in demanding environments. Over the decades, the Sitz family has integrated modern tools such as artificial insemination, embryo transfer, and genomic testing while maintaining a strong foundation of practical selection and disciplined data use. Their approach combines proven genetics with a relentless commitment to quality, longevity, and consistency across cow families.

Sitz Angus' fall bull sale is the first Thursday of December at the Harrison location, where they offer over 400 PAP-tested two-year-old bulls, over 300 bred heifers, and 150 bred, running-age cows. Their spring bull sale is the second Wednesday of March, where they offer over 270 yearling PAP-tested bulls and 300 open commercial replacement heifers.

Sitz Angus' Harrison location was visited on Day Two, and their Dillon location was visited on Day Three.

DAY THREE

KG Ranch

KG Ranch is owned by Paul and Kaye Doddridge and is located southwest of Three Forks. The ranch was established in 1978, and its first registered Angus females were purchased in 1980 from Rollin' Rock Angus. Currently, they run 800 head of registered Angus cows. Their genetics are strongly Montana-based and have been since the ranch's inception. Greg Strohecker managed the ranch for over 40 years alongside Paul. Together, they worked to establish a ranch that would be a leader in the Angus community. Today, the ranch is managed by Cody Jackson and the cowherd is managed by Scott Clarke, both of whom have been at the ranch for over 20 years.

KG Ranch is recognized for consistent, customer-focused bull production. The ranch markets a balance of coming two-year-old bulls and bred heifers, and their program has produced bulls that are well regarded across regional commercial clientele. The majority of the cow herd is KG ranch-raised, and the herd bull battery consists of bulls from Sitz Angus, Vermilion Ranch, Connealy Angus, Hinman Angus, and KG Ranch. AI sires are matched based on environmental compatibility and proven genetics that we feel will enhance our breeding program. They focus specifically on ensuring that their genetics work in a commercial environment.

KG's bull sale is the first Friday of December, where they offer 300 registered bulls & 200 bred heifers.

Elmose Angus

Elmose Angus is a valley ranch located three miles south of Three Forks with significant irrigated acreage and a heritage going back to an early-20th-century homestead. Today, it is run by Mike and Cathy Elmose, their son, Casey, and his wife, Niki.

They run roughly 250 mother cows, which includes a mix of 150 registered and the rest commercial, across a roughly 2,700-acre ranch. The family emphasizes raising thick, high-performance maternal cattle that contribute to bottom-line profitability for commercial customers. The type of cattle that they produce is the backbone of their operation and helps ensure their success. In addition to the bulls they sell, they also sell a bred heifer or two at the NILE Female Sale in October.

Elmose Angus sells their bulls at the South Montana Angus Association Performance Bull Test on the third Saturday of March.

Armstrong Angus

Armstrong Angus Ranch is a third and fourth-generation ranch located in Cardwell. The ranch was established by George Armstrong Sr. in the early 70's. George Jr. took over the ranch, and today, the ranch is now led by Chad and Trista Armstrong and their children, Kyra and Klancy, and his wife, Emmie.

Armstrong Angus has a long commitment to raising functional Angus cattle. The history of the ranch traces through comparisons of different breeds before settling on Angus, as well as consistent refinement of genetics, with selection priorities on longevity, calving ease, disposition, and structural soundness. They currently run about 300 registered cows and 150 commercial cows. They strive to raise functional, profitable

cattle. They utilize both AI and bull selection to help them achieve these goals. Many of their registered cows are bred to their registered yearling bulls, which helps them see which bulls have high libido, as well as closely monitor their structure and functionality.

Armstrong Angus sells around 70 two-year-old bulls and 10 select yearling heifer bulls, as well as 50 bred heifers, on the second Wednesday of December.

Circle L Angus

Circle L Angus is a family-owned operation based in the Horse Prairie Valley near Grant, led by Cory & Kari Lamey, along with their family across three generations. After managing and leasing in Wise River for over 20 years, the ranch relocated to its current Montana base in the spring of 2023. They also have a feedlot and property near Glen, which is managed by their son Cooper. Their daughter Cierra and her husband Charlie help manage the daily ranch operations. Circle L Angus was founded around the 1990s, with the family establishing a registered herd in the early 2000s and expanding via private treaty marketing and a bull sale that began in 2008.

Their pedigree program traces back to the late 1980s when the Lameys purchased their first registered Angus cattle. They grew their herd in 2001 by adding donor prospects from proven cow families such as Sinclair Lady 4465, Sitz Everelda Entense 1905, Stevenson Enchantress 16A, BT Nellie 286K, Leachman Lass 5008, and Davis Blackbird 558H. Building on those maternal lines, Circle L continues to breed to industry-leading sires, positioning the herd for functional and long-term performance. Their cattle are developed for harsh, high-altitude environments and are PAP-tested. Beyond high altitude adaptation, the program emphasizes a balanced trait approach: structural soundness, strong udders, maternal power, fertility, growth, and carcass value for both registered and commercial customers. Circle L's approach combines careful pedigree selection with attention to observed performance on the ranch and in sale settings.



Circle L Angus' annual production sale is held on the fourth Monday in February, where they offer yearling and long-yearling bulls, as well as females.

Toyne Angus

Toyne Angus is run by Cody and Amber Toyne in Melrose. Cody began with one registered heifer calf and a bred heifer purchased from Sitz Angus in 2008, and he steadily built his program over time. Cody's background in hoof-trimming and work on registered and commercial ranch operations led him to develop a passion for cattle and for the Angus breed.

Toyne Angus has a very selective approach to heifer and sire selection: animals must breed back every year, have sound udders and feet, possess good disposition, be solid mothers, and raise a high-quality calf annually. Their commitment lies in producing quality registered Angus cattle with strong genetics, sound structure, and proven performance; they aim to cater to the needs of both commercial and registered herds, including those affiliated with the Montana Angus Association. We have registered cattle for sale that meet the highest industry standards.

For many years, bulls were sold via private treaty, but now Toyne Angus sells bulls and select registered and commercial heifer calves as part of the South Montana Angus Association on the second Saturday of March.

Reminisce Angus

Reminisce Angus Ranch, located near Dillon, is owned and operated by Bryan and Marcia Mussard, alongside their children and grandchildren. The program began in 1984 when Bryan purchased his first registered Angus cows from Schultz Angus. From there, he added cows from Jolly Roger, Sitz Angus, and Vermilion Ranches.

At Reminisce, their focus is on producing Angus genetics that deliver functional, efficient, and high-quality beef solutions. Their philosophy is centered around calving ease, strong maternal traits, top marbling, and flavor. They maintain roughly 600 registered Angus cows and also work to bridge the commercial side and the consumer side with a direct-to-consumer beef marketing program. Their cattle are bred for longevity, structural soundness, and real-world performance. They strive to build cows that require minimal intervention, fit the landscape, and return value to commercial operators through consistent calf crops and feedlot/carcass merit.

Reminisce Angus' annual production sale is in March, where they sell 180 bulls.

A special thank you to every person who attended the tour and to each breeder who put in the hard work of hosting a stop. Year after year, the Montana Angus Tour continues to showcase the incredible breeders and people involved in the Angus industry. We hope you'll join us next year in North Central Montana!

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November 2025

- 10 **Green Mountain Angus Ranch Production Sale**
w/ Rooney Angus • Billings, MT
1pm • (406) 568-2768 • www.GreenMountainAngus.com
- 11 **Skinner Ranch Seedstock Commercial Female Sale**
Ramsay, MT • 1pm • (406) 288-4001 • www.SkinnerRanch.com
- 11 **Beartooth Angus Bull Sale** • BLS, Billings, MT • 1pm
(406) 794-1287 • www.BeartoothAngus.com
- 17 **MT Angus Female Bonanza** • PAYS • Billings, MT
- 20 **Little Belt Classic Bull & Commercial Female Sale** • Hobson, MT
- 29 **Vermilion Angus Fall Bull & Female Sale** • PAYS • Billings, MT
11am • (406) 670-0078 • www.VermilionAngus.com

December 2025

- 1 **Stevenson's Diamond Dot Annual Production Sale**
Hobson, MT • 12pm • (406) 374-2250 • (406) 366-9023
www.StevensonDiamondDot.com
- 2 **Stevenson Angus Annual Production Sale** • Hobson, MT
1pm • (406) 350-5443 • www.StevensonAngus.com
- 3 **McDonnell Angus Beef Country Genetics Bull Sale**
Midland Bull Test • Columbus, MT • 1pm • (406) 780-0176
(406) 623-0862 • www.McDonnellBeefCounty.com
- 4 **Sitz Angus Fall Bull & Female Sale** • Harrison, MT • 11am
(406) 685-3360 • www.SitzAngus.com
- 5 **KG Ranch Annual Production Sale** • Headwaters Livestock
Three Forks, MT • 12:00pm • (406) 285-3660 • www.KGRanch.com
- 7-9 **Diamond D Angus Annual Bull Sale** • Online
(800) 932-6487 • www.DiamondDAngus.com
- 8 **Hollow Top Angus Bull Sale** • Pony, MT •
(406) 223-5078 • www.HollowTopAngus.com
- 8 **Indreland Angus Bull Sale** • Big Timber, MT/Online • 1pm
(406) 932-4232 • www.IndrelandRanch.com
- 10 **Armstrong Angus Ranch ONLINE Bull Sale ENDS**
(406) 224-0586 • www.ArmstrongAngusRanch.com
- 10 **Shipwheel Cattle Co. Annual Bull Sale** • Chinook, MT • 1pm
(406) 357-2492 • www.ShipwheelCattle.com
- 13 **Gaugler Angus Annual Production Sale** • Judith Gap, MT
1pm • (406) 350-9283 • www.GauglerAngus.com
- 16 **Hunt Creek Angus Bull & Commercial Heifer Sale**
Miles City, MT • (406) 425-0612
- 18 **Bobcat Angus Annual Production Sale** • Western Livestock
Great Falls, MT • 12:30pm • (406) 788-3272 • (406) 788-3244
www.BobcatAngus.com

February 2026

- 9 **Skyline Angus Ranch** • Stevensville, MT • 1pm • (406) 381-3764
- 12 **Wittkopp Angus Annual Bull Sale** • Glasgow, MT • 1pm
(406) 974-3552 • (406) 228-9306 • www.WittkoppAngus.com
- 17 **Coleman Angus Ranch Bull Sale** • Charlo, MT • 1pm
(406) 833-0117 • (406) 644-2697 • (406) 240-2751
www.ColemanAngus.com
- 19 **VanDyke Angus Ranch Cattleman's Advantage Bull Sale**
Manhattan, MT • 12:30pm • (406) 580-1606 • www.VDAR.com
- 23 **Circle L Angus Bull Sale** • Dillon, MT • 1pm • (406) 491-7363
www.CircleLAngus.com
- 24 **Connelly Angus** • Valier, MT • 1pm • (406) 899-3826
www.ConnellyAngus.com
- 24 **JC Heiken & Sons Angus Annual Production Sale** • Miles City
Livestock • Miles City, MT • 1pm • (406) 855-7839
www.JCHeikenAngusAndSons.com
- 27 **Skinner Ranch Seedstock Annual Production Sale** • Hall, MT
1pm • (406) 581-1852 • (406) 581-6224 • www.SkinnerRanch.com
- 28 **Never Sweat Ranch Production Sale** • MT Livestock Auction
Ramsay, MT • 1pm • (406) 370-7623 • www.NeverSweatRanch.com

March 2026

- 1 **Stevenson Angus Spring Production Sale** •
White Sulphur Springs, MT • (406) 350-5443
www.StevensonAngus.com
- 2 **Clear Creek Angus Bull Sale** • Chinook, MT • 1pm
(406) 399-0403 • (406) 399-5335 • www.ClearCreekAngus.com
- 3 **Apex Angus Value Added Production Sale** • Valier, MT • 1pm
(406) 279-3350 • (406) 279-3548 • www.ApexAngus.com
- 4 **Ox Bow Ranch Annual Bull Sale** • Wolf Creek, MT • 1pm
(406) 235-4281 • www.OxBowRanchAngus.com
- 5 **Split Diamond Ranch Annual Bull Sale** • Dillon Livestock
Auction • Dillon, MT • 1pm • (406) 581-0612 • (406) 498-3005
www.SplitDiamond.com
- 5 **Anderson Cattle Company Bull Sale** • Fallon, MT • 1pm
(406) 945-2657 • (406) 945-4411
- 6 **Reminisce Angus Ranch Annual Bull Sale** • Dillon, MT • 1pm
(406) 925-1416 • (406) 683-6363 • www.RemAngus.com
- 7 **Kimm Angus 'Focus on the Factory' Bull Sale**
Three Forks, MT • 1pm • (406) 209-2653 • (406) 580-6172
- 7 **3C Cattle Annual Bull Sale** • Stevensville, MT
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- 9 **Pine Coulee Angus Annual Bull Sale** • Wagon Box Ranch
Hardin, MT • 12pm • (406) 855-2832 • (406) 780-1230
www.PineCoulee.com
- 10 **Veltkamp Angus Annual Bull Sale** • Manahitan, MT • 1pm
(406) 539-8564 • www.VeltkampAngus.com
- 11 **Sitz Angus Ranch Spring Bull Sale** • Dillon, MT • 12:30pm
(406) 683-5277 • www.SitzAngus.com
- 12 **Wheeler Mountain Angus Bull Sale** • Whitehall, MT
(406) 490-2734 • www.WheelerMountainRanch.com
- 13 **Green Mountain Angus Ranch Spring Sale** • PAYS
1pm • (406) 220-1915 • www.GreenMountainAngus.com
- 14 **47th Annual Duncan Ranch Production Sale** • Joplin, MT
1pm • (406) 399-6300 • www.DuncanRanch.com
- 14 **Thousand Hills Angus Maternally Minded Bull Sale**
Headwaters Livestock • Three Forks, MT • 1pm
(406) 581-2078 • www.ThousandHillsAngus.com
- 16 **Whistling Winds Angus Bull Sale** • Hingham, MT • 1pm
(406) 390-1471 • www.WhistlingWindsAngus.com
- 17 **Rocking L Genetics & Snowy Mountain Angus Sale**
Lewistown Livestock • Lewistown, MT • 1pm • (406) 350-1059
- 17 **Blevins Angus Ranch Bull Sale** • 5 Valleys Livestock, Missoula, MT
1pm • (406) 728-3052 • www.BlevinsAngusRanch.com
- 18 **Stevenson's Diamond Dot "Bulls & Beers Sale" Sale**
Hobson, MT • 4:30pm • (406) 366-9023
www.StevensonsDiamondDot.com
- 20 **Montana Performance Bull Coop w/ Basin Angus**
Midland Bull Test • Columbus, MT • 1pm • (406) 350-0350
www.BasinAngus.com
- 21 **South Montana Angus Association Bull Sale**
Ramsay, MT • 1pm • (406) 580-6973
- 21 **Gnerer Angus Bull Sale** • Olive, MT • 1pm • (406) 498-6113
www.GnererAngus.com
- 21 **Winding River Angus Opening Day**
Bridger, MT • 12pm • (406) 208-8643 • www.WindingRiverAngus.com
- 23 **Larsen Ranch Angus 52nd Annual Bull Sale** • Forsyth, MT
1pm • (406) 351-1412 • (406) 351-9828 • www.LarsenRanch.com
- 23 **Cole Creek Angus Ranch Annual Bull Sale** • Midland Bull
Test • Columbus, MT • 1pm • (406) 839-7588 • (406) 694-7254
www.ColeCreekAngusRanch.com
- 24 **Bar JV Angus Bull Sale** • Fairview, MT • 1pm
(406) 798-3506 • (406) 798-3653 • www.BarJVAngus.com
- 25 **Peterson Grain & Cattle Bull Sale** • Havre, MT • 1pm
(406) 945-0544 • (406) 945-2717 • (406) 945-1335
www.PetersonGrainAndCattle.com
- 26 **Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch Annual Bull Sale**
Sidney, MT • 1pm • (406) 798-3355 • (406) 798-3541
www.GDAR-Angus.com

- 26-27 **Vermilion Ranch Angus Spring Production Sale** • PAYS
Billings, MT • 11am • (406) 670-0078 • www.VermilionAngus.com
- 28 **Lund's B Bar Angus Annual Bull Sale** • Bull Palace • Baker, MT
1pm • (406) 978-3634 • (406) 978-3633
www.LundsBBarAngus.com

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- 1 **Nissen Angus Annual Production Sale** • Chinook, MT • 1pm
(406) 949-1101 • (406) 262-4125 • www.NissenAngus.com
- 1 **Pleasant Valley Angus Bull Sale** • Sidney, MT • 1pm
(406) 489-0809
- 2 **Arntzen Angus Ranch Production Sale** • Hilger, MT • 1pm
(406) 462-5557 • www.ArntzenAngus.com
- 3 **Midland Bull Test Angus Day** • Midland Bull Test • Columbus, MT
11am • (406) 322-9911 • (406) 322-5597
www.MidlandBullTest.com
- 6 **Fitzsimmons Baltrusch Angus Production Sale** • Havre, MT
1pm • (406) 570-8646 • www.FBARanch.com
- 7 **Hinman Angus Annual Bull Sale** • Malta, MT • 1pm
(406) 654-1809 • www.HinmanAngus.com
- 8 **Hilltop Angus Ranch** • Denton, MT • 1pm • (406) 366-3461
www.HilltopAngus.com
- 8 **Pass Creek Angus Bull Sale** • Wyola, MT • 1pm
(406) 343-2551 • www.PassCreekAngus.com
- 8 **Jocko Valley Cattle Co.** • Columbus, MT
- 9 **Carr Angus Ranch Bull Sale** • Hobson, MT • 1pm
(406) 570-4264 • www.CarrAngus.com
- 10 **Thiessen's Regency Acres Bull Sale** • Sidney, MT • 1pm
(406) 480-5988 • www.RegencyAcres.com
- 11 **Math Farms Angus Bull Sale** • Glasgow, MT • 1pm
(406) 674-5562 • www.MathFarms.com
- 13 **C Spear Angus Annual Bull Sale** • Billings, MT • 1pm
(406) 670-0689 • (406) 670-6311
- 15 **Milk River Bull Sale** • Chinook, MT • 1pm
- 16 **Big Dry Angus Ranch Bull Sale** • Glasgow, MT • 1pm
(406) 977-2778 • www.BigDryAngus.com
- 17 **Timber Line Ranch "Bred for Business" Bull Sale**
Manhattan, MT • 1pm • (406) 581-4764
www.TimberLineAngus.com
- 17 **DeGrand Angus Bull Sale** • Baker, MT • 1pm
(406) 978-6423 • www.DeGrandAngus.com
- 21 **Treasure Test Bull Sale** • Western Livestock • Great Falls, MT
1pm • (406) 788-9869 • www.TreasureBullTest.com
- 23 **North Country Bull Sale** • Glasgow, MT • 1pm
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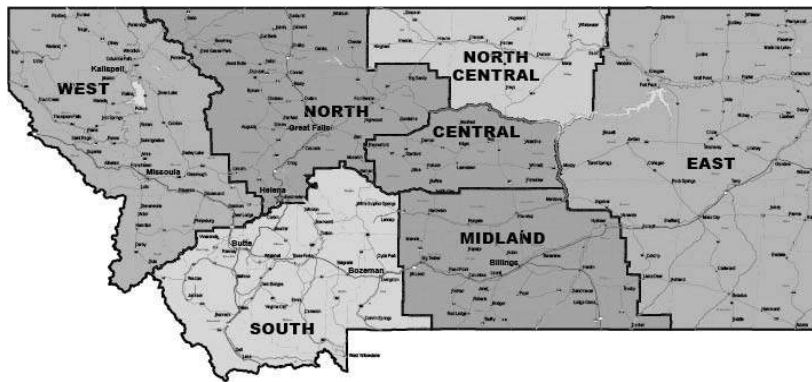
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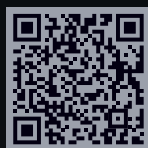
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