

# NEWS & NOTES

## Interesting tidbits from around the industry

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### Association elects new officers, board leadership

Five directors were elected to the 2018-2019 American Angus Association Board of Directors, as well as a president and chairman and a vice president and vice chairman of the Board, during the 135th Annual Convention of Delegates hosted at the 2018 Angus Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

A total of 298 delegates from 41 states and districts represented Association members at the Annual Convention of Delegates and elected the 2018-2019 officers and directors. Directors can serve up to two three-year terms on the Board and, if elected, serve additional one-year terms in office as president and chairman and/or vice president and vice chairman.

Elected to his first term is Jim Brinkley, Missouri, and elected to their second three-year terms are James Coffey, Kentucky; Chuck

Grove, Virginia; Mike McCravy, Georgia; and Mick Varilek, South Dakota.

John Pfeiffer, Jr., Mulhall, Okla., was elected as Association president and chairman of the Board. Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., was elected Association vice president and vice chairman. David Dal Porto, Oakley, Calif., who is currently serving his second term

on the Board, will serve as the 2018-2019 Association treasurer.

For more information on the Angus Convention, see the *Angus Beef Bulletin*, *Angus Journal*, *The Angus Report* and [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### Angus head to NWSS

The 2019 National Western Angus Bull Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the National

Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver. As the only sale hosted by the American Angus Association, the National Western Bull Sale celebrates the breed's impact on western ranching and continued influence within commercial herds as the profitable choice for quality-minded producers.

Angus breeders have consigned an excellent group of bulls, says David Gazda, sale manager and director of field services at the American Angus Association. Approximately 35 bulls will be offered from some of the most respected and progressive breeding programs in the country.

All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records® (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (EPDs). Each bull must rank in the top 50% of the breed for non-parent bulls for at least five of the EPDs and dollar value indexes (\$Values) that include calving ease direct (CED), birth weight (BW), weaning weight (WW), yearling weight (YW), maternal milk (Milk), scrotal circumference (SC), weaned calf value (\$W), ribeye area (RE), marbling (Marb) and beef value (\$B).

The Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Bull Show will kick off the NWSS Angus shows on Wednesday at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time), followed by the Angus Bull Sale Show at noon. A committee will place the bulls in the sale show to make the sale order. Judges for the event will be Lake Elliott, Adams, Tenn.; Joe Fisher, Sacramento, Calif.; and Landi McFarland-Livingston, Ellston, Iowa.

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package and confirmed heifer pregnancies auction at 5:30 p.m.,

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### Cargill opens Wichita headquarters

With a new Wichita headquarters for its North American protein operations, Cargill is focused on inspiring the future of protein. The new \$70 million, state-of-the-art, 188,000-square-foot building was created as a destination to retain and recruit top talent and immerse customers in innovative culinary and food sensory experiences. Designed for collaboration and growth, the headquarters connects Cargill's 800 Wichita-based employees with 28,000 additional colleagues across North America and more than three dozen protein production facilities in the United States and Canada.

### 2019 Angus Foundation offerings

**ANGUS FOUNDATION HEIFER PACKAGE.** Krebs Ranch of Gordon, Neb., is donating the heifer to headline the 2019 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. KR Queen 8213 is a maternal sister to Barstow Cash sired by Basin Payweight 1682. She is the only heifer born from this mating.



The package also includes: 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics

and its cloning division, ViaGen, Sioux Center, Iowa.

**CONFIRMED HEIFER PREGNANCIES.** The Foundation will also auction five cutting-edge confirmed heifer pregnancies from notable Angus breeders (see Table 1).

Funds generated support Angus youth, education and research.

**Table 1: Angus Foundation confirmed heifer pregnancies**

Ranch	Sire	Dam	Due date
Blackstone Cattle Co., Mineral Point, Wis.	Byergo Black Magic 3348	Riverbend Blackcap X1245	3/1/19
Deer Valley Farm, Fayetteville, Tenn.	Deer Valley Growth Fund	Deer Valley Isabel X3C	1/26/19
Musgrave Angus, Griggsville, Ill.	Casino Bomber N33	MCATL Blackbird 831-1378	1/18/19
Riverbend Ranch, Idaho Falls, Idaho	Jindra Acclaim	Riverbend Miss Rita 6013	1/17/19
Top Line Farm, Tremont, Ill. offering choice — one of three matings	Conley Express 7211 S&R Roundtable J328 Conley Express 7211	CF Top Line Lady 814 Top Line Lady 1176 Top Line Lady 9111	3/13/19 1/22/19 3/13/19

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## March 6, 2019 At the Ranch near Agra, KS

Sons of these leading AI sires sell:

Connealy Iceman  
Connealy Armory  
Jindra Acclaim  
Quaker Hill Manning  
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and the NWSS Angus Bull sale will follow.

Other Angus events include the Junior Show Thursday, Jan. 17; the ROV Female Show Friday, Jan. 18; and the Carload and Pen Show

Saturday, Jan. 19. The Association will have a tent in the Yards and welcome cattlemen to drop by to visit with staff.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more information.

### Local foods for schools

Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue Dec. 6 empowered local schools with additional options to serve healthy and appealing meals. A final rule on school meal flexibilities will be published later in the month in the *Federal Register*.

The *Child Nutrition Programs: Flexibilities for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Requirements* final rule offers schools new options as they serve meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and other federal

child nutrition programs. The rule:

- ▶ Provides the option to offer flavored, low-fat milk to children participating in school meal programs and to participants ages 6 and older in the Special Milk Program for Children and the Child and Adult Care Food Program;
- ▶ Requires half of the weekly grains in the school lunch and breakfast menu be whole-grain-rich; and
- ▶ Provides more time to reduce sodium levels in school meals.

### President signs USMCA

The United States joined Canada and Mexico Nov. 30 in signing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) to replace the North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"This new deal will be the most modern, up-to-date and balanced trade agreement in the history of our country, with the most advanced protections for workers ever developed," said President Donald Trump of the agreement signed in Argentina on the sidelines of the G-20 meeting.

The agreement includes updated rules of origin that require 75% of auto content to be produced in North America. American autoworkers will benefit from rules that incentivize the use of high-wage manufacturing labor in the auto sector.

The agreement includes provisions that allow ag products to be traded more fairly. Canada will end its Class 6 and Class 7 programs that allow low-priced dairy products to undersell American dairy producers.

Canada will increase market access for U.S. dairy products, eggs and poultry.

According to the White House statement, the new agreement modernizes the United States' trade relationship with Canada and Mexico to reflect the realities of the 21st century. It includes stronger intellectual property protections and the strongest digital trade and financial services provisions of any U.S. trade agreement. USMCA will cut red tape at the border, streamline trade and reduce regulatory uncertainty; and it includes a currency chapter that will help reinforce transparency and stability.

All three countries must complete their own domestic processes before the USMCA comes into force. In the United States, Congress will need to pass legislation to implement the deal.

The U.S. International Trade Commission is conducting an investigation into the likely impacts of USMCA. |