

NEWS & NOTES

Interesting tidbits from around the country.

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▶▶▶ Japan approves bilateral trade agreement

On Dec. 4, the Upper House of the Japanese Parliament approved the U.S.-Japan trade agreement, which will greatly improve access for U.S. red meat in Japan, according to the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Key provisions of the agreement, which was approved by Japan's Lower House Nov. 19, were released in October by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). For fact sheets with details, visit <http://bit.ly/MoreOnJapan> online.

With the U.S.-Japan trade agreement now approved by the Japanese Parliament, the U.S. beef and pork industries look forward to expanded opportunities in Japan, which is already the largest value

destination for U.S. pork and beef exports (combined export value in 2018 was \$3.7 billion), said USMEF President and CEO Dan Halstrom.

"This agreement is one of the biggest developments in the history of red meat trade, as no international market delivers greater benefits to U.S. farmers and ranchers, and to the entire U.S. supply chain, than Japan," he said.

With tariff rates mirroring those imposed on major competitors, USMEF's forecast for 2020 is for U.S. beef and pork exports to Japan to reach \$2.3 billion and \$1.7 billion, respectively. Export volumes are projected to be roughly 360,000 metric tons (mt.) for beef and 410,000 mt. for pork. Volume and value projections are based on reduced tariff rates being in place for the full year.

▶▶▶ Tennessee auctioneer named WLAC qualifier

Jacob Massey, Petersburg, Tenn., was named champion at the 2020 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC) Eastern Regional Qualifying Event. Farmers Livestock Exchange Inc. in Winchester, Va., hosted the second of three WLAC qualifying events on Nov. 18. A total of 30 contestants competed for a top 10 placing, granting them a spot in the 2020 WLAC Semi-Finals at Dickson Regional Livestock Center Inc. in Dickson, Tenn., June 5-6.

Massey, a three-time qualifying event champion, has been competing in the WLAC qualifying events since 2010. He has earned a place in the Top 10 of the WLAC finals in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Competing in the WLAC and coming back year after year has made him a better person and a better auctioneer, says Massey, who was sponsored by Mid-South Livestock Center LLC, Lebanon, Tenn.

Ben Morgan, Organ Cave, W.Va., was reserve champion; Philip Gilistrap, Pendleton, S.C., was runner-up; and Alex Anderson, Abingdon, Va., was Top Rookie. Other contestants earning a top 10 finish were Andy Baumeister, Mullin, Texas; Colton Brantley, Modesto, Calif.; Wade Leist, Boyne City, Mich.; Jeremy Miller, Fairland, Okla.; Trey Narramore, Portales, N.M.; and Vern Yoder, Dundee, Ohio.

▶▶▶ Coffee table book launches Rural Relief Fund

"Every time I see an ambulance go by, I stop and say a prayer because odds are, I know the person riding inside," says Adam Jones, rancher near Saint Francis, Kan.

It's a sentiment shared by many in rural America, where neighbors may not be just around the corner, but the bond of community is thick. Jones'

family ranch, Crooked Creek Angus, is one of 40 stories included in the new coffee table book *Sheltering Generations — The American Barn*.

The book features stories of beef producers in more than 20 different states, cataloging ranch life, rural community and the role of barns in our landscape.

Produced by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), each family featured in the book has one thing in common: The brand logo was painted on their barn to commemorate the brand's 40th anniversary in 2018.

At each painting, ranchers, packers, food bloggers, government

dignitaries, meat salespeople and local community members gathered to "watch paint dry" and eat great beef. Sitting around a plate of beef, these diverse people shared stories of how the barns were built, the life lived under their roofs and the cattle cared for in their shelter.

Captivating images and short, entertaining stories fill the pages of the book, but in the spirit of community that inspired it, the funds from sales support farmers and ranchers. The entire purchase price of each book will benefit the newly launched *Certified Angus Beef*® Rural Relief Fund, helping cattlemen recover from natural disasters.

Sheltering Generations — The American Barn is available now at shop.certifiedangusbeef.com for \$19.95.

▶▶▶ Association names regional managers

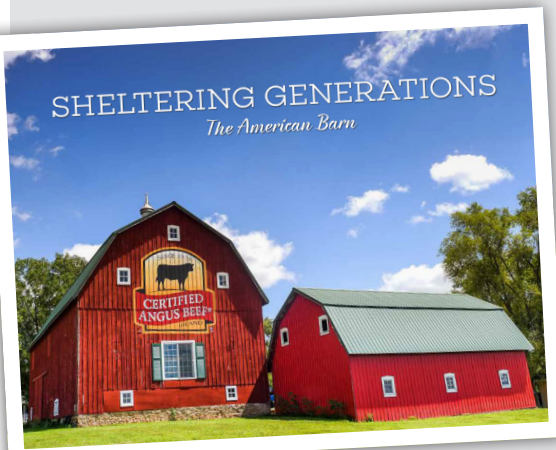
The American Angus Association recently named two regional managers (RMs).

REESE TUCKWILLER, a Lewisburg, W.Va., native, will serve Region 1, consisting of Delaware, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. He joins the Association from Western Sire Service, for which he was production manager.

"This Angus territory raised me, and I'm looking forward to helping the next generation in that area," Tuckwiller says. "We can sometimes take the quality of cattle from the East Coast for granted, and I hope to be able to reflect the quality to others."

Prior to joining Western Sire Service, Tuckwiller was the West

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Virginia University livestock judging coach. He has been the assistant herdsman on his family's farm, where he is a ninth-generation cattleman, since January 2002.



Reese Tuckwiller

Tuckwiller grew up on a registered Angus

seedstock farm, showed Angus cattle and served as vice chairman on the National Junior Angus Board. He graduated from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in production management.

JARED PATTERSON, Middleton, Idaho, will serve Region 12, consisting of Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. He joins the Association from the American Hereford Association (AHA), for which he was western regional representative.

"I'm most excited to grow the use of Angus genetics in an area that has

a high concentration of commercial cattle operations," Patterson says. "I'm looking forward to working with Angus breeders and their customers to expand the Angus footprint in the West."

Prior to joining the AHA, he served as northwest regional manager for Allflex and as a ranch manager for Genoa Livestock in Minden, Nev. He manages a small commercial cow-calf operation in southern Idaho.

Patterson grew up on a commercial cow-calf operation in southern Idaho and showed Herefords in the junior program. He graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor's degree in animal science after getting his associate degree from Casper College, where he was also on the livestock judging team.



Jared Patterson

▶▶▶ **PAP pioneer recognized**

Serving as a standard for researchers to follow, Tim Holt was named the recipient of the Tomhave Industry Achievement Award Nov. 2 at the 2019 Angus Convention in Reno, Nev.

The Tomhave Industry Achievement Award was created in partnership with Neogen Geneseek to recognize and celebrate those who have made an impact on the beef cattle industry.

The award was created in honor of 21-year secretary of the American Angus Association William H. Tomhave. Both an admired cattleman and longtime servant to the Angus breed, Tomhave helped rebuild confidence in the Association by overseeing a period in which registrations, transfers and membership grew at a historic pace.

Tim Holt, a veterinarian and associate professor at Colorado State University (CSU), has

distinguished himself globally as a leader in research in the field of high-altitude tolerance testing. Holt is known around the world for his pioneering of the pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP) test.

"Without innovation, progress cannot be made, and it's individuals like Dr. Holt who are leading the way in advancement," said American Angus Association CEO Mark McCully. "The development of PAP testing is another great tool for members to utilize to help ensure they meet their production goals."

Holt's contributions in the field of combating high-altitude disease with the use of pulmonary arterial pressure measurements, or PAP testing, have significantly benefited the breeders and ranchers who manage cattle in our nation's high country.

The American Angus Association released the first research expected progeny difference (EPD) for PAP in early 2019.

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This milestone would not have been possible without Holt's perseverance and ingenuity. This research EPD stems from collaborative efforts between CSU, the Association and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI®). This soon-to-be-released EPD is a first of its kind for any breed association and will help producers identify cattle less susceptible to high-altitude disease.

▶▶▶ **Apply for a 2020 Angus internship**

Applications are open for college-age students to apply for the American Angus Association, Angus MediaSM and AGI 2020 summer internships. All of these 10-week, paid internships provide hands-on, real-life opportunities in the Angus business.

The four internships being offered are:

ANGUS MEDIA: This writing-intensive opportunity offers the chance to participate in producing publications, including the *Angus*

Journal®, *Angus Beef Bulletin*®, *Angus Beef Bulletin EXTRA*, *Angus Journal Daily*, editorial websites and social media. The internship can be tailored to the intern's strengths, but many duties can be anticipated, including traveling to industry events. Experience in news and feature writing, editing and photography are strongly suggested.

COMMUNICATIONS: From print stories to video scripts, photography, graphic design and more, the communications intern will gain valuable ag communications experience. Applicants should have strong writing and design skills and have completed coursework in news and feature writing, editing and design. Experience in photography, video and social media would be helpful.

EVENTS AND EDUCATION: The intern will assist in planning and executing youth events hosted by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including

preparations, correspondence and coordination for junior shows and events. Applicants should be self-starters, detail-oriented and outgoing, with the ability to work well with others. Livestock and event planning experience is a plus but not required. Travel to the 2020 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference and other events is expected.

AGI: Students pursuing their master's or doctoral degree in animal breeding and genetics should apply for the AGI summer internship. The intern will have the opportunity to work with one of the world's largest beef genomic databases. The internship will be focused on research that involves data analysis, so candidates should have experience in analyzing animal breeding data sets and genomic data.

Students interested in applying should send a résumé, cover letter and references to [careers@](mailto:careers@angus.org)

angus.org by Feb. 1, 2020. Visit angus.org/careers for individual internship descriptions and requirements.

▶▶▶ **Range Beef Cow Symposium coverage**

Coverage of the 2019 Range Beef Cow Symposium (RBCS) is now available in the Newsroom at www.rangebeefcow.com. The coverage is made possible via the website sponsorship of Leachman Cattle of Colorado, Fort Collins.

RBCS is hosted every other year by the Cooperative Extension Service and animal science departments of four universities — the universities of Nebraska and Wyoming, South Dakota State University and Colorado State University.

Visit the Newsroom to read articles highlighting speaker presentations, review PowerPoints provided by the speakers, listen to the presentations and link to speaker biographies. |