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About a year and a half ago, we expanded the circulation of the Angus Beef Bulletin to include the nonmember bull-buyers list for the past three years (vs. the past two years) and other industry sectors that help market Angus genetics (livestock markets, veterinarians, Extension personnel, etc.).

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