

South Carolina Angus Association

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"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the Heaven." *Ecc3.1*. To paraphrase a Bible verse from Ecclesiastes 3, "There's a time to sell and a time to buy." February and March in South Carolina combine both of those times.

March winds blow into South Carolina and it is time for Angus... a time for Angus to be bought or sold at the Carolina Angus Futurity.

The Angus Futurity is always the third weekend in March. On Friday March 20th the SCAA will have their annual meeting and banquet at the Clemson Outdoor Lab inside Kresge Hall, 415 Charlie White Trail, Pendleton, SC. The SCAA event starts at 6:00 PM with the social hour and a cash bar. At 7:00 PM the meeting and banquet begin. This year the Futurity will be dedicated in memory of Steve McPhail, who passed away in June 2014. The newly elected officers will be presented. Walter Shealy's committee, which includes Billy McLeod and Evelyn Edmunds, will present the new SC Angus Hall of Fame members. The SC Junior Angus president, Breann Steadman, will give a report on the junior activities. Please make your reservations with Windy Bartee (803-222-7533 or tumblet8@bellsouth.net). Ribeye steak is featured on the menu. Dinner tickets are \$30 for adults. Children 10 and under are \$10.

The Futurity sale will begin at 12 at the Clemson Cattle Complex on Saturday, March 21st. Angus females and commercial heifers will make up the 65 lots. A silent auction to benefit the juniors will precede the Angus auction. Contact Diana Mullikin (864-224-0280) if you have an item to offer for the silent auction, which benefits the juniors.

A block of rooms has been reserved at University Inn, (formerly Ramada), (864-654-7501) 1310 Tiger Blvd. Mention SCAA Group #1152 for the rate of \$62 plus tax. They provide free breakfast, wi-fi, and business center. Pool is closed. More rooms are reserved at the Hampton Inn, (864-653-7744), 851 Tiger Blvd., Clemson at a rate of \$104 plus tax. Release deadline for all reservations is March 6.

Our Angus youth in SC continue to meet land marks. This time Carly Watt has met a big junior Angus goal. Carly Watt was featured in an American Angus press release on January 26, 2015:

Carly Watt, Iva, S.C., has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaelyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The 19-year-old daughter of Jody and Rebecca Watt attends Clemson University where she studies recreational therapy and is a member of the NJAA and the South Carolina Junior Angus Association where she has served as reporter, director and royalty.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Carly participated in quiz bowl, team fitting and livestock judging contests and served as a voting delegate in 2014. She also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development conferences in 2012 and 2013.

Carly has consigned cattle at the South Carolina Angus Futurity.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, and then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

The NJAA promotes the involvement of young people in raising Angus cattle, while also providing leadership and self-development opportunities for the nearly 6,000 active members nationwide. *(AAA release)*

There is a time to lead in the SC Junior Angus Association; Breann Steadman will take over as president. Carly Watt is vice-president and Queen. Allison Harman is the secretary. The old leaders are in a time to move on to other challenges. The advisors for the SCJAA welcome Kelley and Mike Ryan to the group. The Ryans will serve along with the steadfast Ted Bourne and Jesse Adkins.

Carly's brother Cory Watts once served as president of the SCJAA. He now is serving as the National Junior Angus president. He was first elected to the NJAA board of directors in 2013. Cory has been bravely battling cancer all this time since he was in high school. He still continued his Angus interest and accomplishments. We admire Cory and his family for their deep faith and commitment.

February was the time to love... to love Angus, that is. Angus bulls especially were for sale:

Feb. 7 - Clemson Bull Test Sale

Feb. 14 - Black Crest Farm Annual Sale, Sumter, SC

Feb. 14 - Tokeena Angus Sale, Seneca, SC

Feb. 21 - Yon Family Farm Angus Sale, Ridge Spring, SC

Some of these sale results can be found at www.angus.org. At this writing they are not in yet.

As the writer of this "There is a time to start and a time to quit." I have enjoyed my years as the secretary of this Angus group. It has allowed me to meet and interview many Angus people I would not have known so well. Thank you to those who allowed me into their homes and barns to find out how they raised their Angus. The SC Angus Association is in the process of electing new officers. The new SCAA secretary coming in will be Sharon Furr from Spanish Oaks in Blackstock, SC. She has already begun by writing some of the articles in the Cattle Connection. I know all of you will benefit from her love of Angus and its people. I will be hanging around a little longer to complete my time and tasks with you.

If you want to become a member of the SCAA, send your \$20 dues and information to SCAA, c/o Windy Barteo, 1717 St. Paul Church Road, Clover, SC 29710.

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