

South Carolina Angus Association

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Happy New Year! Now that 2015 is here, pull out your calendars and fill in these important Angus events.

January 7-8: Angus Hall of Fame Tour for Angus Selection for Futurity

February 7: Clemson Bull Test Sale

February 7: SCAA Officers and Directors meeting, after the Bull Sale

February 14: Black Crest Farm Annual Sale, Sumter, SC

February 14: Tokeena Angus Sale, Seneca, SC

February 21: Yon Family Farm Angus Sale, Ridge Spring, SC

February 28: Saluda County Cattlemen's Replacement Heifer Sale-Saluda, SC

March 7: SC Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting, Columbia, SC

March 20: SCAA Annual Meeting and Banquet, Clemson Outdoor Lab, Clemson, SC

March 21: Carolina Angus Futurity, Cattle Complex, Clemson, SC

Our SCAA Carolina Angus Futurity is in its 44th Year. The South Carolina Angus Association began the Futurity originally as a heifer and bull show and a sale. All the Angus were halter broken.

Evelyn Edmunds remembers how it began, "We started the show and sale to promote Angus in South Carolina. Anybody showed. We showed in an open field. Juniors were paid to keep the cattle clean and fitted by individuals. This was a way for our juniors to make money for their trips."

Many of the youth bought their first Angus heifer at the Futurity and went on to be members of the South Carolina Junior Angus Association.

But now quality Angus females are auctioned, often with a calf at side. Just females are sold. Some commercial heifers will be offered as part of the sale. Angus are in demand since their black hide and quality beef, such as CAB, bring high dollars in the lot and on the table.

The Angus Futurity will be the third weekend in March. On Friday March 20th the SCAA will have their annual meeting and banquet at the Clemson Outdoor Lab in Kresge Hall, 415 Charlie White Trail, Pendleton, SC. The Futurity will be dedicated

to Steve McPhail. The newly elected officers will be presented. Balloting was done by mail. Reservations need to be made with Windy Bartee (803-222-7533 or tumblet8@bellsouth.net). Ribeye steak is on the menu. Dinner tickets are \$30.

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 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.

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

Email: tumblet8@bellsouth.net. Web site: www.scangus.org. Thank you to Sharon Furr for her contribution to this article.

And oh did it rain...by Sharon Furr

As you may well remember from last months' article, I made mention to the fact that I would be on the road traveling to Elberton Georgia, for Larry Bramblett's Angus Performance-Tested Bull Sale and Registered Angus and Commercial Females Sale. It was on Saturday, December 6th and it started at noon. Bramblett Angus is located just 7 miles southeast of Hartwell, Ga., but I have to tell you, it's so close to the South Carolina line, we should just consider Larry a South Carolina man, it's just that close.

I pulled out that morning, pretty early because I had no idea where I was going. I left Sheldon in charge of all the chores, God help us, coffee mug in hand, coat and toboggan in the back and dressed for the occasion this time, I wanted to make sure I got there on time with plenty enough time to look at the cattle he was offering up. Yes, I had received a catalog, and yes I had looked at the numbers, but nothings better than looking at the bulls or the cows up close and personal. You can tell a lot about an animal when you're right out there in the field with them, in a big crowd of people, nobody they know, immediately you will know if they are docile, and if they will fit in with your herd, not only do the numbers tell you a lot about an animal, but how an animal acts tells you a lot about them too.

I had printed off a map quest to Larry's, and no I do not have GPS, and everything was going great until the last few miles, there's a lot of twist and turns and first right, and left at second light, and right then right then left, then okay you get it, I finally made it, and boy was I glad. Because what I had failed to mention was that it was literally pouring down the entire way down the road, sometimes so hard I could hardly

see the road, much less the road signs. But when I pulled up, the rains settled and within a matter of minutes, it was gone. I was ever so glad to be there, so many faces, so many people; it was great to see producers I hadn't seen in a while and cut up and talk. Larry made me feel ever so welcome, and introduced me to so many guys with such great cattle, it was overwhelming really. I felt so very proud and humbled to be able to be a part of it, and to take pictures of folks having fun, and talk to folks having fun, yes, we were all knee deep in mud, but we were all having a great time looking at great cattle.

Larry thanks for the invite! Your farm is beautiful, and so are you! Also, a big 'thank you Jeremy' for providing me with all the totals from the sale! See summary below.

Bramblett Sale on Dec. 6, 2014

Lots	\$ gross	\$ average
1 older bull	23,000	23,000
37 yrlg bulls	145,900	3,943
38 Total Reg. bulls	168,900	4,444
9 open heifers	60,000	6,677
47 sale total	229,000	4,872

I'll be breeding girls the first part of January, and traveling to Paris after that for a much needed vacation! 2015 is going to be a great year for Angus, I can just feel it! February is packed full, starting off with the Feb. 7, 2015 Clemson Bull Test Sale, then Billy McLeod's Black Crest Angus Sale, next Neil McPhail's Tokeena Angus Sale, and ending the month with Yon Family Farm's Angus and Sim/Angus Bull Sale, February 21st. So I'll see you on the road, until then, Bonjour!







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