

Newsletter

South Carolina Angus Association News

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I am thanking Him for mud puddles, fields soaked, and water standing, I find myself reeling in the fact that I am filthy and muddy and dirty from head to toe. Yes, we finally got rain!

For the past two weeks now, we have been getting oh such needed rainfall, it's been just wonderful, and I know everybody else has thought that as well, right?! Then Oct 1st., and 2nd., and 3rd. came and while being spared the full fury of Hurricane Joaquin, we had torrential downpours in the state of South Carolina, up to 18 inches in some places, some parts of our state were all but destroyed, some parts of our state were almost washed away, and some parts of our state are still under water, and they say it's only getting worse for some folks, as the roads collapse and the dams are breached because of the swelling waters. We were without power, but nothing like some of our other neighbors. Heart wrenching really.

Each town effected has had Mayors, local officials, our Governor, and our President calling on help, funding, and emergency assistance - their calling this the 'Historic Flood' or 'The Thousand Year Flood' in the state of South Carolina.



Bluff Road at I-77 (Source: Sam Bleiweis)



Local residents and members of the Lexington County Sheriff's Dept. Rescuing a stranded horse from flood waters on the side of the railroad tracks near Saluda Shoals. (Source: Chad Patterson)

A lot of the crops in South Carolina have been pretty much wiped out. Peanut crops especially have been hit hard, because moisture is trapped inside the peanuts, creating mold and other toxins that make them unfit for humans and animals to eat. Row crop farmers across the south are seeing a significant loss, about a 75-80% loss, in peanuts, cotton and soybean, and even if you're not a row crop farmer, and you think you're not suffering alongside them, well don't worry, you will be feeling the effects of this down the road in the cost of your cattle feed. For farmers, the worst of the flood damage was in low lying fields that spent days in standing water. South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers is promising to seek federal aid for farmers, plus you can always call on your local USDA Office – The U.S. Department of Agriculture has programs in place to help farmers and ranchers affected by the recent floods with their recovery efforts.

Not only was our state of South Carolina hit by Joaquin, but our sister state North Carolina suffered as well. As much as 20 inches of rain fell in some of their areas. Most of the apple crops in North Carolina will have significant loss. Apples are starting to split open because they are waterlogged, not to mention all the farmers that cannot get into the fields to harvest other crops, such as peanuts, sweet potato and tobacco. North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler said every major crop in the state took a hit with the recent heavy rains.

I hate to say a word about anything, but I do remember asking everybody to pray for rain. Now we just need to pray for all those who have been terribly effected by these floods, their homes, their lives and their livelihoods. If you know of someone that needs our help in any way, please contact me and I will get the word out.

CLEMSON

EDISTO FORAGE BULL TEST

Clemson held its Edisto Forage Bull Sale on Oct. 10th – here are the results from the sale:

Edisto Forage Bull Test - 2015 Sale Summary

Average	High	Low	High Lot
\$ 2,590.74	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 2,000.00	72

AN Avg	UB Avg	HP Avg	SM Avg
\$ 2,644.74	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,450.00

LF Avg	GV Avg	Overall Avg
\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,590.74

Angus	Gelbvieh	Hereford
38	4	4
Simmental	Ultrablack	Lim-Flex
4	2	2

Total Head Sold
54



Over the weekend I had the great honor to meet and hug Dr. Benjamin Solomon "Ben" Carson, Sr. at a book signing. I think he is just a wonderful man, he's an American author, a retired Johns Hopkins neurosurgeon, and my Republican Party candidate for President of the United States in the 2016 election. He, for a better lack of words, is just awesome. In 2001, Dr. Carson was

named by CNN and TIME Magazine as one of the nation's 20 foremost physicians and scientists. That same year, he was selected by the Library of Congress as one of 89 "Living Legends." He is also the recipient of the 2006 Spingarn Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the NAACP. In June, 2008, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bush, the highest civilian honor in the land. Dr. Carson holds 67 honorary doctorate degrees. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Science, the Horatio Alger Society of Distinguished Americans, and many other organizations. He has sat on the board of directors of numerous entities, including Kellogg Company, Costco Wholesale Corporation, the Academy of Achievement, and is an Emeritus Fellow of the Yale Corporation, the governing body of Yale University.

Dr. Carson is a prolific writer and author, having published eight books, including his autobiography, *Gifted Hands*, and two titles that were New York Times Bestsellers, *America the Beautiful*, *Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great*, and *One Nation, What We All Can Do to Save America's Future*, which was on the New York Times Best Sellers List for twenty weeks, five of those weeks at number 1. His wife Candy Carson will have a book due out on January 5th, 2016 titled, 'A Doctor in the House'. It's a classic American love story that reveals the private side of a very public figure. Can't wait!

One of my favorite things about this man, as if what I have just shared with you is not yet enough, right?! he is a Christian, and for me that's the best part about him! There are two quotes/comments that Dr. Carson has said that hang with me day after day after day; "Never get too big for God. Never drop God out of your life." And, "Listen and learn from people who have already been where you want to go. Benefit from their mistakes instead of repeating them." We, as cattle producers and farmers, can take these two quotes/comments to heart, because we always have to depend on God and each other in the business - for help, for guidance, for direction, and for tough love sometimes, if you know what I mean! Just remember, no matter who you chose as your man or woman to be our next President of the United States of America, be informed about everything, study, read, and learn all that you can about each and every individual.

So much has been happening over the past month, some good and some not so good. Keep strong and hold onto the truth that all things pass and this shall too.

Fall is the time of year we start seeing wonderful cattle sales, enjoy going to state fairs, and start having our fall babies hit the ground. Many things are coming up, take a look at our calendar of events for SCAA below. Don't forget to show your support for our Juniors as they showcase their cattle at the SC State Fair on October 24th. And don't forget to check out our new website at www.scangus.org and let me know what you think. Also, anyone interested in placing an ad on our website, please let me know. The advertisement cost is \$200.00 for the year – not only will your farm be showcased, but your logo and farm link will also be added as a perk.

October 24

State Fair Junior Show – Lets all go out and support our Juniors. They are extremely committed, and need our support and backing. (Showing starts at 8:00 am)
Columbia, SC

October 31

Yon Family Farms Fall Production Sale
Ridge Spring, SC

November 2

Kansas Angus Tour
Overland Park, KS

November 3-5

National Angus Convention
Overland Park, KS

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support as I traveled over to South Africa and Africa on my Jesus Journey! We ministered to, provided medical services to, and provided dental services to over 2500 baby children and over 500 women! It was humbling and just completely life changing from the inside out, I will never be the same - so thank you so for your prayers and support!



If you need to reach me, or if you have something cool to share with me, or if you have any great pictures from any event you have been to, please don't hesitate to call me, or text me, or email

me – I'd love to hook up with you. Don't forget too, if you haven't paid already, SCAA dues are \$20 for one year, so just send a check to: SCAA, c/o Sharon Furr - Secretary, 2049 Boyd Road, Blackstock, SC 29014.

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I can't wait to see you on the road, but until then.....



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