



South Carolina Angus Association News

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Let's celebrate, June is Beef Month!

The last couple weeks have been ever so hot but it seems as each new day dawns the Lord sends just enough rain to quench the earth and nourish the grasses, and I am ever thankful that He does.

We have had a lot going on at the farm in the past few weeks, and have been in the hay fields for what seems like weeks, which is a good thing right?! I'm so thankful to have fields just overflowing with beautiful grass. The pastures, well they look a little un-kept and need bushog'd, but I'm so afraid if I do that then we will have another period of drought and I will have made a huge mistake, so yes, they look a little shabby, but better shabby than bare.

In the next few weeks I will start breeding on the spring calving mothers, and I am so very excited to be using a couple different Select Sire bulls this year in my program. I can't wait to see what they produce out of my mamas. That's always the fun part to breeding, you can run the numbers on the EPD's of the dams and the sires, but what I love is really seeing the end result with my very own eyes, and being able to tell if I've improved on my herd and on my current set of genetics. We all know if we're not improving each and every year, and you're in the Angus business, well you're just backing up.

Some crazy things have happened as well at the farm. First thing; Last week I went over to my sister Cindy's house to check on things. You see since her death, we have used her home as a guest house, so nobody is ever really over there all the time, so weekly Sheldon or I one will check on things, and so I was. As I got out of the car I could hear this very tiny baby meow coming from the house. I stood there in silence for a few minutes just listening, and then walking around very quietly trying to figure out just where this faint tiny meowing was coming from. I called Sheldon on the tele and asked him to go over and see if he could find out anything about the meowing and to look all over quickly before dark to find out just where the meowing was coming from. To our surprise the meowing was coming from inside the walls of the house!

Well, as many of you know, this would not happen to normal people ever, right?! Only to me!?!? So, nothing do but Sheldon work all morning the next morning taking the walls down on the side of Cindy's house to get to the sound of the meowing. Believe it or not, finally after working for hours there she was, one tiny little itty bitty 'KITTEN'! Yes, you heard me right, one kitten! No mother, no babies, just one itty bitty tiny kitten all alone, and meowing her little head off. As soon as we got her out we started tending to her and feeding her and loving on her and never left Cindy's house, just in case mother decided to come back and retrieve her, even though we knew that would be a slim chance after an entire night of being stuck in the walls crying and meowing and no mother ever showed up, right, so that afternoon we decided it'd be fine to just take her. What else could we do, it's not like we could just leave her out there in the yard, or put her back in the walls of the house, or maybe in a box, or just alone, and really since there was no others in sight and no mother in sight, we did just that, we took her home and started taking care of her! Just so you know her name is LouLou, not only that but she knows her name, she's using the litter box, she's eating and drinking big cat-girl food, and has been to the doctor!

Next thing: We had tended to the itty bitty baby kitten, put her in the porch for a nap and started out to check on the girls when all of a sudden the mothers just started freaking out for no reason. Sheldon took off in one direction and I took off in the other as fast as we could, we didn't know what was going on. Low and behold it was a tiny baby turkey chick they were after. I guess the mother turkey had her chicks with her in the field and when the cows saw them they took off after them and one tiny baby got separated from the rest, and so they were after that one tiny baby. I jumped off the golf cart and started running towards the baby turkey chick and ran the mothers away. I got the mothers away from her, and grabbed her up and just started holding her close to me and coddling her. This baby turkey chick was making a little cackling noise, and a little cooing noise, so I continued to just hold her and I just walked all over the pasture and all thru the woods trying to find the rest of the flock, after a while I called Sheldon and asked him what I should do?!?! He came out to where I was and we walked over to kinda the area where the chick had been first, then walked to an area that was safe and away from the cows, and Sheldon told me to put her right there and let's get back away from her so to see what she would do and if the mother turkey would hear her and call back. So I did just that and within a few minutes of us leaving her and moving way away from her, the chick began to cackle, and at first nothing back, but then we heard it, a kinda cackling and communication between turkeys and mothers and chicks, I guess you could say, Sheldon said once we got way away from them the mother would come closer and the baby chick would go to mother, and so they did and all was well. None of these things happen to other people, just me, only me!?!? What am I, Doctor Doolittle?!?!?



And then: Mother Wendy had her **THIRD** set of twins. Yes, you heard me right **THIRD!** In the beginning when she started having twins, she'd be in shock, kinda frightened of what was happening, but now when she calves it's so funny, cause if she only has one baby, she's a little confused, she looks all around, like isn't there supposed to be more, where's the other one, is this all I get this time.....Years ago I used to have to keep up with each of the calves for the first couple weeks, bringing one to her, then finding the other one and bringing that one to her, but now it's just old hat!

So far to date, I have had 37 sets of twins on the farm, and I still have one more mother to go that is carrying twins, Mother Lail, so more to come on that! Woo-Hoo-Two!

The summer months consist a lot about Juniors – so here's their calendar of events. If you'd like to get involved with our Juniors contact Kelley Ryan at kryan3575@gmail.com.

JUNIOR EVENTS:

Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA June 17-19, 2016. (Steadman, Watt, Carnes, Ryan's will be showing)

National Junior Angus Show Grand Island, Nebraska July 3-9, 2016. No one taking cattle. (Carly and Breanne will receive Gold award and have applied for scholarships)

Southern Nationals Jr Angus Show, Perry Ga. June 2-4, 2016. (Ryan's showing)

Jr. Beef Round Up – Clemson, S.C. August 6-7 (all SC juniors will be here)

GRAZING FIELD DAY:

The Newberry CCA is planning a Grazing Field Day on Friday, June 24 from 2-6 pm at the Setzler Farms & Black Grove Farm. Call Dixon Shealy at: 803/629-1174 for additional information or to register.

Mark your Calendar:

Yon Family Farms - Fall Bull & Female Sale - Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 11 am Eastern time . Ridge Spring, SC.

Angus, SimAngus & Ultrablack Cattle- Coming Two-Year-Old Bulls, Yearling Bulls, Fall Pairs, Spring Pairs, Bred Heifers and Cows, Open Heifers. Over 350 head will sell!

For more information or catalogs contact Kevin & Lydia Yon at (803)685-5048, lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com or PO Box 737, Ridge Spring, SC 29129.
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I can't wait to see you on the road, but until then.....



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