



South Carolina Angus Association News

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Happy New Year! Can you believe it, another year down and behind us? I'm sure as each of us look back on 2017, we all have some really great memories and yes, we probably all have even a few regrets. Don't worry though, with the New Year comes an added greatness, we all have the opportunity to do things over again, and even better once again. I hope this letter finds all of you doing great, having lots of hay to feed for the upcoming winter months, and lots of black babies everywhere!

South Carolina weather, well that's a totally nother story. In the South we go from 8 degrees to 60 degrees within a matter of hours! You just never know if you're gonna have ice, sleet, snow, or sun! With all that said, I hate the cold, let me just be very clear about that! I not only hate the cold, but I am not fond of ice, or sleet or snow either. Years ago, when I had nothing to worry about but myself, I didn't mind the beauty of the snow. But with animals, cows and calves and horses, and feeding and watering and breeding and clipping and.....well, 40 degrees is about as cold as I like for it to get! I know it's beautiful and all, but beauty, well it's great if it comes and goes all within a matter of hours!

With all that said.....I hope everybody has their cows bred and ready to get thru the winter months with enough hay to make it into April. With the recent drop in temps, weeks in the single digits, and the snow, we are making sure our mamas and babies have dry hay rolled out, and haylage in the racks, daily! You have gotta keep heat in their bodies, or you'll have weight loss, and don't let me remind you how hard it is to get a mother to catch if her body condition score is lower than a six. Not only that, but you will catch hell trying to get her body weight back up during the winter months if she is pulled way down now!

Not only is their dry matter important, but you have got to, I mean GOT TO, keep good minerals and blocks out for your herds. Skimp somewhere else, but never skip on your mineral programs! Also, don't forget to check your herds water source daily to ensure troughs are not frozen, and that there has not been a water pipe break due to the extreme cold temps. All of this I know you know, it's just a quick reminder!

Also, each month I say to all you readers, if you are in need of hay, please contact me so I can put the word out to get you the hay your needing to make it thru. Like-wise, if you have an over-abundance of hay, please contact me, there is always somebody out there looking to purchase hay! While I'm on the hay subject.....make sure you are feeding good quality hay to your cattle! So many times in my conversations with people about hay and feeding, I have heard people say this about their hay, "Well it's not good, but it's better than a snow ball!" Well let me be the first to break it to you, "No, your oh so wrong. Poor quality hay is the worst thing you can do for your cow herd!" Just remember this one statement from me, if you don't remember anything else..... "You can feed a cow to death!" Get it?! You can feed your cows day in and day out an over- abundance of hay, but if its crap, you're not doing them any favors!

Yes – I know we all have to feed what we have baled, but you can always supplement your cows with different lick tubs to offset your deficiencies in your hay. Best thing to do is always get your hay tested, then you know going into these harsh winter months what's your best hay verses what is your worst hay, then you'll know what you need to be supplementing your mamas on.

Upcoming and Calendar of Events:



February 3, 2018

Clemson Bull and Heifer Sale
Garrison Arena, Clemson S.C.

Sat., Feb. 10, 2018

Black Crest Farm - Spring Production Sale @ 11AM Eastern time

Angus, SimAngus & Ultrablack Cattle- LongYearling Bulls, Cow/Calf Pairs, Bred Heifers and Cows. Over 250 head will sell!

For more information or catalog contact:

Joey at 601-299-1552 or Billy at 803-491-6798

williammcleod@ftc-i.net

www.blackcrestfarm.com

Sat., Feb. 17, 2018

Yon Family Farms - Spring Sale @ 11AM Eastern time

Angus, SimAngus & Ultrablack Cattle- LongYearling Bulls, Cow/Calf Pairs, Bred Heifers and Cows. Over 250 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

www.yonfamilyfarms.com

March 16 and 17, 2018

SCAA Banquet and Futurity Sale

If you'd like to consign please contact Ken Brubaker, Sales Manager on our 2018 SC Angus Futurity – if you'd like to consign please contact Dixon Shealy, Vice President at 803-276-9385 (h), 803-629-1174 (c), bg@wshealy.com.

Clemson S.C. - Garrison Arena -

Moving on to great exciting news for South Carolina Angus, don't forget the SCAA Futurity is just around the corner, March 16th and 17th to be exact, so mark your calendars for a great time, as usual, had by many friends and great cattle producers all around our great state!

Also, once again this year for our 47th SCAA Futurity, we will be celebrating our banquet at the Clemson Outdoor Lab, 415 Charlie White Trail - Pendleton, SC 29670 – Social time starts at 6:00 pm!



UPDATES

New to SC Angus Association, dues will go up in 2018! Just so you don't have sticker shock at our March Annual Meeting, plan to pay your 2018 SCAA dues in advance. SCAA dues are \$50.00 beginning calendar year January 1, 2018.

Remember – if you're looking for some great gift ideas to buy or send out buy local. Support SC farmers, SC artisans, and your local SC shops.

The Nut House and Country Market @ TheNutHouse@YonFamilyFarms.com or PHONE (803) - 685 – 5335. Specializing in pecans, gourmet pecan candy, and pecan pies. Their homemade pecan treats are made with pecans from their very own orchards in Ridge Spring, South Carolina.



You can also call or visit The Bush and Vine, home to the Hall Family, to buy fresh local produce, preserves, jellies, spreads, honey or some of their Angus beef, or to get on one of their monthly produce/fruit plans! For more info contact Bob or Sam at info@bushvinefarm.com Phone 803-684-2732, or visit them at 1650 Filbert Hwy - York, SC 29745.



Please let me know if you know of other locals selling their products, services and wears, I would love to promote their business as well!!

Stay warm and keep bundled up – the winter months are supposed to be harsh for all of us!

You should have received your voting ballots to elect officers in the mail by now, if you have not, please contact me!

Don't forget.....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.

SCAA, c/o Sharon Furr - Secretary, 2049 Boyd Road, Blackstock, SC 29014, or to my email address below.

Contact information: 704.577.3639 – spanishoaks@truvista.net

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



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