

South Carolina Angus Association News Sharon Furr August 2016 and September 2016

As I write this article, much needed rain is falling, and I am overjoyed! For months now I have expressed my concern over the lack of rain, but for the last week the Lord has sent it and I am oh so happy. Some days when I'm out in the fields with the girls and it starts to rain, I just start singing and dancing, it's such a good feeling, the rain!

Funny how the 'small things' for some, are really 'big things' for others; like not enough rain or too much rain. Weather can completely devastate the world and life of a farmer and cattle producer. It can also make a person or break a person. If your hurting or in need of help in any way, reach out to me. It might be the need for hay, it could be getting your overstocked herd sold down, there are a lot of factors that might be an issue for you, just reach out. I promise I will work hard to find what's needed to help you get thru.

WOO – HOO It's all about the Juniors!

Last month I wrote about the next show stop for our Juniors would be the South Carolina Junior Beef Round-Up, which would be taking place on August 6-7, 2016 at the T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena in Clemson, SC. Just so happens it was the 30th Annual South Carolina Junior Beef Round-Up, unbelievable right, and if you missed it, well you missed out!

Man oh man was it a huge event. I have never been to a Junior Beef Round Up, shame on me, but when I pulled in, there were trailers as far as the eye could see, both lots were completely full with trucks and trailers, and tie out areas, I could hardly see a spot of grass. The Livestock Barn was jammed full of exhibitors, barely enough room to even move, there were mamas and daddy's and children of all ages everywhere. The wash racks were full, blowers were going in every direction, grooming shuts were set up all along the outside walls, and cattle of every size, shape and color imaginable were there.

For our Juniors, their leaders, their parents, and their friends, the two days consisted of:

Open Shows, Bred Shows, Showmanship Competitions, MA and PA Showmanship, Fitting Contest, Fitting Clinics, Jr. Cattlemen's Contest, Sales Talk Contest, along with announcing and highlighting scholarship winners and SC Beef Ambassadors, it was nothing but two days of jammed packed COW - WOW! It was awesome! Our Juniors are AWESOME!

Results:

Judge: Blake Bloomberg, Stillwater, OK

Owned Heifers: 30 shown

Grand Champion: Stillwater Rose B60, Madilyn Ryan, Fair Play, SC (18438429) Reserve Grand Champion: CWF Elba W118 B110, Jared Carnes, Iva, SC (18092183)

Bred and Owned Heifers: 5 shown

Grand Champion: Stillwater Rose B60, Madilyn Ryan, Fair Play, SC (18438429) Reserve Grand Champion: HS Hazel C10, Marcie Harward, Richfield, NC (18431448) Mary Margaret Smith, from Westminster S.C. - won Overall Reserve.

A few beautiful pictures of several new members – the Evan Girls from Clinton, Clinton Mobley an up and coming Cattle Producer from Clover and Sarah Shore from Saluda- new SCJAA member.









Make no mistake about it, there were a lot of winners, in so many different categories, I just didn't get them all down to tell you the truth. They had two different rings going on at the same time, different shows, and different juniors, and different cattle, and oh my gosh......they had it going on.

If you'd like to get involved with our Juniors or know more, contact Kelley Ryan at kryan3575@gmail.com.

Below are highlights from the event – ENJOY!

JUNIOR EVENTS:

September - York Co. (1St. Saturday in September) and Anderson Co. (Last Saturday in September) Junior Beef Livestock Shows

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!

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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 for your SCAA dues, they are \$20 for one year, also if you haven't sent in your Directory Ad attachment and your check they are due NOW! Please send both to me at: 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.....



Sharon