



**South Carolina Angus Association News
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we roll into the New Year, we all make New Year's Resolutions, right.....well, here's my New Year's Resolution for 2017.....first let me just say this; I have a lot of improvements to make, and a lot of learning to do, and a lot of waiting and listening to do, but.....

Most importantly this year, I want to love, dance, sing, laugh, find simply pleasure - in nothing at all, live out-loud all the time, and be the person my friends, the babies (our dogs), the cows and the horses think I AM!!!!

I want to love on people, out-loud!

I want to sit silently beside them, say nothing at all, and just love them, because I can.

I want to dance, and laugh, and sing with people, out-loud!

Because believe it or not, someday that's what you have to do to keep from going into the darkness.

I want to be that Gypsy Soul with people, out-loud!

I want to just be me, and that be just okay!

I want to color outside the lines with people, out-loud!

I want to live like there's no tomorrow, for none of us are promised anything in this world.

I want to be that Hippie Chic with people, out-loud!

Dress crazy, be silly, give good vibes to everyone around me, and wear flip-flops all the time.

But most importantly, at the end of the day, I'd like to be able to say, to all the people around me that I love and to our babies, "I gave it my all, I did the best I could do, I spent every penny on you, I'm not perfect, so thanks for excepting me and loving me just the way I am, and because of you, I've had the time of my life!"

What about you, what will your New Year's Resolution be? Happy New Year!

Now, getting into the more serious of things on our mind, cows, breeding, hay, weather, and sales!

For the past couple weeks now, I have been breeding, breeding, breeding!!!

Seems like that is my way of life for the entire month of December and part of January. I'll get a little lull period, then we will start ultra-sounding, and clipping, peeling back and torching girls, and getting ready for sales. I know I'm not the only one out there feeling it, and I'm a little bitty farm, many of you have way more head of cattle than I do! Man, I have no idea how all you big cattle producers do it, but I will be the first to commend you!

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 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 skimp 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:

January 28, 2017

Tokenna Angus – 23rd Annual Performance Tested Bull and Female Sale
12 Noon, At the Ranch

Seneca, South Carolina

February 4, 2017

Clemson Bull and Heifer Sale

Garrison Arena, Clemson S.C.

February 11, 2017

Black Crest Farms - Spring Production Sale
At the farm, Noon

Sumter, SC.

February 18, 2017

Yon Family Farms - Spring Bull & Female Sale

Ridge Spring, SC.

March 17 and 18, 2017

SCAA Banquet and Futurity Sale

Clemson S.C. – Garrison Arena

April 8, 2017

Spring Lake Angus/Black Grove Sale in Lynch, NE

Also, don't forget Yon Family Farms is now in the pecan business and offering delicious nuts and pecan candies through The Nut House and Country Market. Visit them online at: www.nuthouseandcountrymarket.com or if you need more information just contact Sally Yon at [803-312-4837](tel:803-312-4837).

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 and board members in the mail by now, along with receiving one via email. If you have not, please contact me!

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.

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



PEACE



LOVE



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