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WW	94
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\$C	336

Spring Cove Grant 200K x Payweight  
DOB 2/05/2025 | AAA 21412648

### LT TURBO 5297 ET



BW	2.4
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YW	177
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MILK	31
CLAW	0.37
ANGLE	0.46
MB	0.91
RE	0.67
\$M	77
\$W	101
\$F	117
\$C	316

Spring Cove Grant 200K x Payweight  
DOB 2/03/2025 | AAA 21412646

### LT CRUSHER 5788



CED	5
BW	0.7
WW	67
YW	118
SC	0.86
MILK	48
CLAW	0.24
ANGLE	0.43
MB	0.77
RE	0.71
\$M	71
\$W	88
\$F	91

HF Alcatraz 60F x Koupals B&B Pathfinder  
DOB 2/04/2025 | AAA 21412723

### LT THUNDER 5727



CED	5
BW	0.7
WW	86
YW	144
SC	0.20
MILK	41
CLAW	0.31
ANGLE	0.36
RE	1.32
\$M	76
\$W	105
\$F	110
\$C	276

HF Alcatraz 60F x S A V Wentz 9651 (SAV Quarterback)  
DOB 1/31/2025 | AAA 21412713

### LT VIEW 5002



CED	12
BW	-1.0
WW	74
YW	124
SC	0.37
MILK	31
CLAW	0.41
ANGLE	0.41
MB	0.76
RE	0.76
\$M	88
\$W	87
\$F	103
\$C	289

LT Converse x LT Revered  
DOB 2/15/2025 | AAA 21394243

### LT RAPTOR 5759



CED	3
BW	1.6
WW	95
YW	164
SC	1.46
MILK	27
CLAW	0.33
ANGLE	0.42
MB	0.82
RE	0.84
\$M	83
\$W	95
\$F	121
\$C	327

Boyd Bedrock x Commodore  
DOB 2/02/2025 | AAA 21419430

### LT STRIKER 5025



CED	15
BW	-1.1
WW	68
YW	126
SC	1.74
MILK	27
CLAW	0.36
ANGLE	0.39
MB	1.08
RE	0.41
\$M	109
\$W	76
\$F	95
\$C	322

LT Titus x Tehama Tahoe  
DOB 2/26/2025 | AAA 21394251

### LT VIPER 5667



CED	7
BW	1.0
WW	82
YW	142
SC	0.83
MILK	27
CLAW	0.38
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# An Exciting Start to 2026

SD Angus Breeders, The year 2026 is off to an exciting start these first three columns for the *South Dakota Angus News* have been back-to-back to meet the deadlines. Thank you to *The Cattle Business Weekly* for publishing our *Angus News!*

With the first production sales setting records and reaching new heights, the optimism is strong. As I traveled across the state to the Black Hills Stock Show last weekend I saw no snow the whole way. I attended the Black Hills Angus Association banquet on Sunday evening February 1st, this was well attended and enjoyable as a live band played while we ate. The Black Hills Stock Show Angus Show and Sale went well with a high caliber show and an active bidding crowd at the sale.

Thank you to Martin-Trudeau Insurance as they presented the SD Angus Association with a \$32,000 check from their Nationwide signing kickback program, to date they have presented SD Angus with \$208,000 in the last 11 years. This has allowed the SD Angus to increase our Scholarship and Heifer Grant awards for students and junior members. We appreciate their support, if you see any Martin-Trudeau staff at sales this spring please thank them. The state Phenotype and Genotype Show (PGS) for junior members will be at the SD Junior Angus Field Day June 5th in Redfield. This year the PGS Show will be open to bulls and heifers. Please make sure to complete the preshow requirements. Juniors please be on the lookout for the entry forms that

will be coming in the mail for the Field Day.

The SD Angus sponsored Heifer and Steer Futurity Show will be at the Spotlight Show in July, junior members please consider purchasing from a SD Angus member so you are eligible for this show as you are procuring show calves for this year.

The Powered by Angus radio ad campaign kicked off on radio stations across the state, so keep an ear open as we have nearly statewide radio coverage. There is value in the registration paper of a registered Angus bull.

The sale season is off to a great start and the weather has been beautiful. May you have a safe calving season and a great sale!

Lee Kopriva,  
S.D. Angus President

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## On The Cover

One of the tour stops on the 2025 South Dakota Angus Tour was at Baxter Farms where cattle were on display from Mark Baxter and Jade Jandel.



CODI VALLERY-MILLS

Martin Trudeau Insurance presented the South Dakota Angus Association with a check for \$32,000 before the start of the Black Hills Stock Show Angus Sale. Shown (l to r): South Dakota Angus Association officers Lee Kopriva, Ty Dieters, and Royce Erdmann along with Amy Puepke, Colton Tobin and Ray Trudeau with Martin Trudeau Insurance.

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# Angus Foundation Highlights Successes in January

**Molly Biggs**  
Angus Communications

From the first days of January, the Angus Foundation hit the ground running, energized by the support of donors and bidders at Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City and the National Western Stock Show in Denver. With these contributions driving education, youth and research forward, the year ahead is poised to deliver lasting impact.

The enthusiasm and contributions in support of the Foundation's mission, helped raised over \$200,000 through "Join us in January" events like the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, Herdsman Social Auction and Fund the Future lots.

"These events help us encourage success for our Angus membership through leadership and educational develop-

ment, advancement of the breed's genetics and development of our next generation," said Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation, executive director. "It is astonishing to have the unwavering support of our donors and supporters to keep advancing our Foundation's mission."

The Foundation was also fortunate enough to have Fund the Future lots offered in the Bases Loaded and Denim and Diamonds sales hosted in conjunction with Cattlemen's Congress and the Foundation Angus Female Sale at National Western Stock Show, to raise money for the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted funding for Angus education, youth and research. The Angus Fund supports various initiatives, including educational programs like the Beef Leaders Institute, leadership conferences and

cutting-edge research aimed at enhancing the breed's future. To learn more about the Angus Foundation, visit [www.angus.org/foundation](http://www.angus.org/foundation).

More about the donated lots:

**Bases Loaded Sale at Cattlemen's Congress | Jan. 6**

Lot: Heifer Pregnancy Sire: AAA TRUE BLOOD 3553

Dam: G3 BLACKBIRD 3051

Donated by AAA Farms, Lavina, TN

Purchased by Edisto Pines Farm of Leesville, SC. for \$10,000, with all funds supporting the Fund the Future Campaign

**Denim and Diamonds at Cattlemen's Congress | Jan. 7**

Lot: Heifer Pick Sire: EXAR Tomahawk 2836B

Dam: PAF RITA 5091

Donated by Pfeiffer Angus Farm of Mulhall, OK

Purchased by Heritage Farm of Shelbyville, KY, for \$23,000, with all funds supporting the Fund the Future Campaign

**National Angus Bull Sale at Cattlemen's Congress | Jan. 9**

Lot: Donation Heifer Package

Donated Heifer: WILKS Rita 4728, Registration No. AAA +\*21207190

Sire: FF Rito Ambitious Dam: Lylester Rita 786

Donated by Wilks Ranch, Eastland, Texas

Purchased by: Express Angus Ranches of Yukon, OK; Nowatzke Cattle/Maple Lane of Michigan City, IN; and Pollard Farms, LLC of Waukomis, OK for \$150,000.

The heifer package also includes an Advanced Reproductive Technology Package from Trans Ova

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To learn more about the 2026 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, visit: [bit.ly/FoundationHeiferPackage](http://bit.ly/FoundationHeiferPackage)

**Foundation Angus Female Sale at the National Western | Jan. 16**

The following week, the Angus family headed west to Denver for the National Western Stock Show. The Foundation Angus Sale featured a special Fund the Future lot through the sale of Sadler Rito Lady 5004. She is a maternal sister to Hoffman Thedford.

Donated by Sadler Ranches of Perkins, OK, Sadler Rito Lady 5004,

purchased by Spruce Mountain Ranch of Larkspur, CO; Ingram Angus of Pulaski, TN; and Stellpflug Cattle Company of Guernsey, WY for \$40,000. This is the inaugural female to sell in support the newly established scholarship honoring Dr. Barry Pollard, past president and chairman of the board.

Lot: Fund the Future Donation Heifer

Donated Heifer: Sadler Rito Lady 5004

Sire: Spring Cove Grant 200K

Dam: HA RITO Lady 3839

Donated by Sadler Ranches, Perkins, OK

Purchased by Spruce Mountain Ranch of Larkspur, CO; Ingram Angus of Pulaski, TN; and Stellpflug Cattle Company of Guernsey, WY, for \$40,000.

- American Angus Association

## S.D. Junior Angus Announcements

The National Junior Angus Association has rule changes for the 2026 year:

1. Age Eligibility has been lowered - Exhibitors must be ages 7-21 as of January 1 of the

current year with birthdates ranging from January 1st, 2005 through December 31st, 2018 and

must be a Junior, Regular, or Life Member of the American Angus Association.

2. Sibling Ownership Now Allowed - Owned animals can now be multi owned between siblings as long as all siblings own the animal by the ownership date and are within NJAA show rule ages (as of Jan 1)

\*Bred & Owned animals must still meet first breeder, first owner, and continuous ownership requirements.

\*Animals still need to meet ownership deadlines.

\*Animals may have a maximum of 3 owners.

**S.D. Junior Association Adds Shows**

In addition to the PGS Bred & Owned Heifer show at the SD Junior State Show, there is now a PGS Owned Bull Show to be held alongside the PGS Bred & Owned Heifer Show. Same rules apply.

\*PGS show important information: All animals must have been genomic tested, with a DNA test on file with AGI BY the ownership deadline of May 15th. The animal must be tested with Angus GS or HD50K. Basic parentage testing does not qualify for this show.

\*DNA testing can take up to 5 weeks, so please keep that in mind if you are planning on entering the PGS Show at our State Show in June.

There will also be an Angus Steer Futurity Show alongside the Heifer Show at the SD Summer Spotlight. The Steer must be purchased from an actively paid SD Angus Association member and ownership deadline still applies.

Important dates to remember:

May 15th - ownership deadline for NJAA and June 1st for SDJAA

June 5th - SD Junior Angus State Show to be held in Redfield, SD at the Spink County Fairgrounds. Check In's will be from 10am -11am with the show starting at 1pm. More information to follow.

Contact information for any SDJAA questions can be directed to Erica Styles or Jeana Hurlbut

Follow updates on Facebook under SD Junior Angus Association for more information and announcements. Be sure to check out [www.sdjps.com](http://www.sdjps.com) for a list of Jackpot Shows throughout the state throughout the year.

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Andrew Swanson

## The 2026 Pathfinder Report is Live

The Pathfinder program identifies females in the breed who excel in early puberty, early breeding and calving, and producing quality calves on time, year over year. A list of the latest Pathfinder females and sires who have produced at least five Pathfinder daughters is available using the Pathfinder search tool.

Pathfinders are identified with a # sign in front of their registration number. Members can print 2026 Pathfinder certificates for their qualifying animals from their AAA Login account by going to Reports > Dam Report or Sire Report > Pathfinder Awards.

To qualify, a female must have had a minimum of three calves

and have produced a calf within the past 18 months that was reported through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). The cow must also meet the following criteria:

- Produce her first calf by 2 years and 181 days of age.

- Calve her first calf within 30 days of the herd's average age for first calving. This is determined separately for each herd from all first calf heifers reported in the herd.

- Maintain a regular calving interval. The maximum calving interval is:

- Her first three calves must post a minimum average progeny weaning weight ratio of 105. OR she must reach an average progeny weaning weight of 105, later in life.

- A minimum of five calves in single-sex contemporary group is required each year to calculate the average.

- Calves must be sired by a Registered Angus bull.

Females must meet the requirements annually to be included in the annual report, but once designated a Pathfinder Cow, is always a Pathfinder.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Andrew Swanson, American Angus Assoc.

## Nick Jorgensen on Bettering the Business

Amy Blum  
Cattle Business Weekly

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: South Dakota Angus producer Nick Jorgensen was selected as a Top 10 Industry Leader by The Cattle Business Weekly in 2025. This article originally ran in the October 2025 Cattle Business Herd Reference Guide.)*

As a child, Nick Jorgensen worked in his family's hog barns. There, he developed a strong work ethic and knew he wanted to return home as an adult. Of course, Jorgensen had no idea his return would include three degrees, office hours, and an acronym.

"My family has held weekly business meetings for as long as I can remember, so when I was invited to the table as a high school kid, it was pretty special," Jorgensen says. "Grandpa Martin gifted me some ownership in the business when I was 22, and that skin in the game became fuel for me to lean into the side of agriculture that I really love."

That side of agriculture for Jorgensen is the business side.

While at SDSU, he got "really good at building databases." That talent led him to improve the family's record keeping system during harvest, which ultimately led him to develop an enterprise resource planning (ERP) platform customized for Jorgensen Land & Cattle. Nearly a decade later, his ERP remains in place as flagship software designed to streamline the family's core business processes while freeing up time for more strategic or pressing work.

"We kids [Jorgensen siblings and cousins] have always known we're welcome in the family business, but we also

knew that no one walked into a role just because they wanted to," the father of five says.

Jorgensen, 34, admits landing the role as chief executive officer (CEO) eight years ago wasn't his idea. He also realizes such a role is uncommon for most farming and ranching businesses.

"We began working with Alan Hojer through the Keep Farmers Farming program in 2018," Jorgensen says. "Things were good, but we felt like it was time to have guidance around all the moving parts. The choice to work with Alan was our tipping point."

Those first meetings led the family to get honest about organizational structure and leadership. Today, JLC is led by an executive team of seven including Cody as Chief Livestock Officer, Bryan as Chief Agronomy Officer, Nick as Chief Executive Officer, and Greg as VP of Sales.

"I won't tell you we all love being in the office every day, but if we had each stayed in the pastures, feedlot, and fields, could we have staked claim to being the world's largest seedstock producer?" Jorgensen shares.

Inquiring minds often want to know how the family business runs as it does. Jorgensen shares that the "how" comes from the "why."

For over 100 years, the family has worked to improve their land, cattle, and crops while bettering life for their families and those families near them because they believe in their legacy of innovation and excellence.

"The 'how' is the easiest part to answer," Jorgensen says. "Plain and simple, we have a stellar team of super people."

According to Jorgensen, staffing is how the family business

became more profitable and efficient.

"Developing an organizational structure and staffing our team with people who want to be here means no one's life has to revolve around work," Jorgensen says. "Weekend work isn't required. We've structured a business that keeps moving and offers all of us some balance with our personal lives."

For Jorgensen and his wife Ashley, the balance they've found means the

world. Together, they are raising five children, sons Hayes (10), Porter (8), Harvey & Walker (5), and daughter Scottie (2) and find themselves entrenched in youth baseball as a favorite family activity.

"I'd be lying if I told you that I don't struggle with how different life is for my kids," Jorgensen admits. "It is harder to have them involved now than it was when I was growing up as part of a smaller operation."

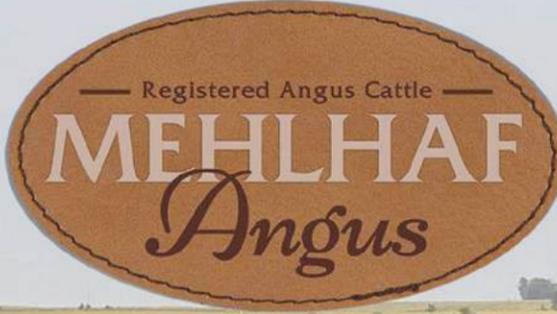
But, with a golf course, thousands more bulls, and projects yet to be imagined, Jorgensen also knows his kids will have a myriad of opportunities to apply their talents, passions, and abilities if they choose.

"Alan [Hojer] once shared Proverbs 29:18 with me, 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.' That hit home for me because it's my job in a nutshell," Jorgensen says. "My job is to make sure the vision



Nick Jorgensen

is clear not only for our family but also for all the JLC stakeholders. It's a responsibility I don't take lightly and feel blessed to have."



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 <p><b>Lot 42 MA Fair-N-Square 5047</b> AAA 21417940   DOB: 01/31/25 Sire: Connealy Fair-N-Square 6717 CED: 15   BW: -3.3   WW: 49   YW: 99   M: 31</p>	 <p><b>Lot 53 MA Growth Fund 5045</b> AAA 21418455   DOB: 01/31/25 Sire: Connealy Growth Fund 3726 CED: 5   BW: 2.3   WW: 76   YW: 134   M: 27</p>	 <p><b>Lot 58 MA Tahoe 5001</b> AAA 21418405   DOB: 12/13/24 Sire: MOGCK Tahoe 31 CED: 3   BW: 2.1   WW: 79   YW: 136   M: 30</p>

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# Black Hills Angus Hosts Annual Banquet on Jan. 31

During the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo, a South Dakota Angus Association affiliate, the Black Hills Angus Association, held its annual banquet and auction.

Held at The Monument, the evening provided music, a nice sit down meal and an auction to support youth scholarships.

Two scholarships and honors were given that night.

The Frederickson Ranch of Spearfish, S.D. was honored as Seedstock Producer of the Year.

Martin Trudeau Insurance, Mitchell, S.D. was chosen as Ag Business of the Year.

Tez Dieters, Faith, S.D. and Mallory Carlson, Lake Preston, S.D. received scholarships through the association.

A heifer from the Frederickson Ranch was also raffled off with Mike Lehrkamp as the winner.



Kelon Lehrkamp with his basket of farm goodies that was auctioned off as part of the auction to raise funds for Angus scholarships. He is shown with high bidder Johna Rovere.



The Frederickson Ranch of Spearfish, S.D. was chosen as Seedstock Producer of the Year by the Black Hills Angus Association. Shown is the Frederickson family (l to r): MaryKay, Mark, Jayna, Teegan, Tiernan, and Nate Frederickson. Black Hills Angus President David Uhrig is shown with the Fredericksons.

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Mallory Carlson of Lake Preston, S.D. received a Black Hills Angus Scholarship on Jan. 31 during the annual banquet. She was accompanied by her parents Penny and Steve Carlson. Marcia Amdahl and Deb Kukuchka made the presentation.



Tez Dieters was awarded a Black Hills Angus Scholarship. She is the daughter of Ty and Kari Dieters of Faith, S.D. Marcia Amdahl and Deb Kukuchka chair the scholarship committee.



Martin Trudeau Insurance was honored as Ag Business of the Year by the Black Hills Angus Association. Accepting the award were: Rhonda and Ray Trudeau, Amy and Cam Puepke and Colton Tobin.

## Attention!

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If anyone would like to restart the Auxiliary, please get in touch with Erica Styles by March 1st. Reach out to her at [cestyles@nvc.net](mailto:cestyles@nvc.net).

# Nate Smith to Play South Dakota State Fair

The South Dakota State Fair and the team at Pioneer are proud to welcome multi-platinum chart-topper Nate Smith to the State Fair on Saturday, September 5 at 8:00 P.M. CT.

Just two years after smashing the doors open to the country music scene, Smith has risen to the ranks of the genre's biggest hitmakers. With over 2.9 billion global career streams to date, he's already earned his fourth consecutive #1 with current single "Fix What You Didn't Break" (Sony Music Nashville), after becoming the first artist in Country Aircheck/Mediabase chart history to launch their career

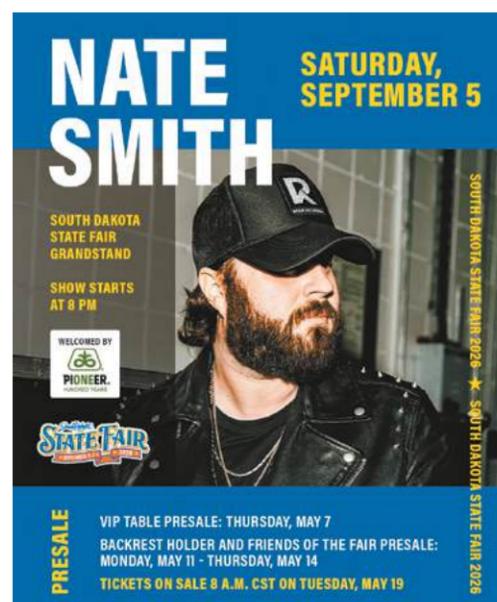
with three straight multi-week #1 smashes including three time platinum #1 "Whiskey On You"; platinum, record-setting, 10-week consecutive #1 "World on Fire"; and platinum #1 "Bulletproof." The Paradise, California-born musician made a knock-out debut in 2023 with his gold self-titled LP, and next brought his high-octane brand of country to his sophomore album, California Gold, the following year with genre-defying collaborations featuring Avril Lavigne and Alesso (on the #1 dance hit "I Like It").

With his TV appearances including Today, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, and

Jimmy Kimmel Live!, Smith's racked up nominations from CMA, CMT, iHeartRadio, and People's Choice Country Awards, all while being recognized as ACM New Male Artist of the Year 2024, Billboard's Country Power Players Rookie of the Year 2024, and Amazon Music's Breakthrough Artist 2024, and winning acclaim from the likes of Rolling Stone, Grammy.com, American Songwriter, Los Angeles Times, and The Tennessean (who praised him as "country music's fastest-rising beloved voice"). Selling out crowds across the country as an incendiary headliner with his Long Live Country Rock & Roll

Tour next spring, he's also on deck as direct support for Jason Aldean's Full Throttle Tour 2026, after previously opening for Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, and Morgan Wallen. Dropping "After Midnight" featuring Tyler Hubbard, after last joining forces with HARDY for "Nobody Likes Your Girlfriend," he also delivered the deeply poignant "Dads Don't Die."

"We are excited to welcome Nate Smith to the South Dakota State Fair," said Peggy Besch, State Fairgrounds Manager. "His incredible talent and energy have made him one of country music's fastest-rising stars, and we know our fairgoers



are in for an unforgettable performance."

Ticket presale for backrest signage holders and Friends of the Fair begins Monday, May 11, through Thursday, May 14. Tick-

ets go on sale to the general public at 8:00 A.M. CT on Tuesday, May 19. Pricing and ticket information can be found at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com).

# DANR Touts Statewide Riparian Buffer Initiative Following Additional Funding

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) is touting the success of the statewide Riparian Buffer Initiative (RBI) following the announcement that the Board of Water and Natural Resources approved an additional \$1,000,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant for the initiative. Following awards in April 2022 and June 2024, this announcement brings total APRA funding for RBI to \$7.0 million.

"The additional funding strengthens our commitment to improving water quality by enhancing riparian buffer across the state," said Secretary Roberts. "These dollars support landowners while delivering long-term benefits for our lakes, rivers, and streams."

To date, DANR has executed 42 Riparian Buffer contracts, investing \$2,900,000 to protect 123.6 miles of streambank and shoreline. In addition, DANR has 64 potential

contracts currently in process that would protect an additional 116 miles of waterways.

DANR has also invested \$525,000 into three Animal Waste Management Systems (AWS), accounting for 2,099 animal units. There is a potential for 11 more systems that would account for 4,089 animal units.

DANR estimates that the installed riparian buffers and animal waste systems have prevented 45,733.8 pounds of nitro-

gen, 5,029.5 pounds of phosphorus, and 234 tons of sediment from entering South Dakota's waterbodies.

A riparian zone is land along rivers, streams, lakes, and other waterbodies where vegetation acts as a natural buffer to prevent pollutants from entering waterways. Riparian buffers are a proven conservation practice that improves water quality, supports wildlife habitat, provides additional forage for livestock,

and increases the value of marginal cropland.

Landowners enrolled in the Riparian Buffer Initiative receive direct payments to install and maintain buffers on eligible lands. Buffers must be 50-120 feet wide, may not be harvested or mowed from May 1 to August 1, may not be grazed from May 1 to September 30, and must maintain a minimum of four inches of vegetative cover.

DANR is partnering with the South Dakota

Game Fish and Parks (GFP) to add additional incentives for riparian buffers in areas also participating in CRP and CREP contracts.

For more information about DANR's Riparian Buffer Initiative click here. Landowners interested in enrolling in RBI should contact DANR's Tanner Clausen at 605-362-3559.

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# FEATURING ANGUS

## Production Testing at the Core of Johnson Angus

**Kelly Brandlee**  
Cattle Business Weekly

“Performance is what we were looking at then, and it’s still what drives our decisions today,” says Bailey Johnson, fourth-generation producer at Johnson Angus near Mobridge, S.D.

For more than six decades, production testing has been central to the Johnson Angus program. Long before performance data became common, the Johnson family committed to evaluating cattle based on measurable results, longevity and real-world functionality.

That commitment continues to shape breeding decisions today as the operation prepares for its 54th Annual Production Sale on Feb. 28 at Mobridge Livestock Auction, beginning at 1 p.m. Central. The sale offering includes approximately 80 yearling Angus bulls and, for the first time, 25 commercial bred heifers.

Johnson Angus began formal progeny testing more than 65 years ago, testing multiple herds and comparing sires

across varying conditions. Artificial insemination (AI) has allowed the family to expose cows to different genetics and evaluate how those bulls performed in similar environments.

“When you’re able to compare multiple bulls side by side, performance becomes very clear,” Johnson says. “That was the whole goal, identify what works and build from there.”

While technology has advanced, the philosophy remains unchanged. AI continues to play a major role in the herd, though the program has evolved to rely more heavily on home-raised genetics. Just over 60% of the bulls in this year’s offering are sired by bulls born and developed within the Johnson herd.

“We set such a strong foundation with AI early on that we can now trust our own genetics,” Johnson says. “That consistency allows us to focus on cattle that fit our environment and our customers.”

The Johnson herd is managed in a demanding Northern Plains

environment where cattle must withstand weather extremes, limited resources, and long winters. The operation relies on stock dams, and the landscape can be challenging along the Missouri River Valley. That management style reinforces the need for cows that remain productive under stress and maintain longevity within the herd.

“Our herd replacement selection centers on foot quality, cow longevity, maternal instinct and overall functionality,” says Johnson. Bull development at Johnson Angus reflects those same priorities. Bulls are not creep fed and are developed on a ground hay-based total mixed ration with no silage.

“I believe that kind of development supports longevity,” Johnson says. “Longevity matters to our customers, not just for the bulls, but for the daughters they leave behind.”

As production testing has evolved, Johnson Angus has incorporated DNA technology to confirm parentage in multi-

sire breeding groups. Parentage testing provides insight into breeding efficiency, identifying bulls that consistently settle cows early in the breeding season.

“When you run multi-sire groups, it’s really interesting to see which bull is dominant,” Johnson says. “That’s what our customers want, bulls that go to work and get cows bred.”

Early conception remains a key focus for the program.

“You want a bull that gives your customer as many first-cycle calves as possible,” Johnson says. “We calve nearly 90% of our cow herd in the first cycle. That impacts uniformity, calving season length and profitability in a lot of ways.”

One bull that exemplifies that breeding efficiency is BJJ Cuervo 3/3. As a yearling, Cuervo ran in a multi-sire group with another yearling bull and sired more than 75% of the calves.

“In that respect, he has a lot of breeding intelligence,” Johnson says. “Some cattle are just

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MIDWEST MARKETING SOLUTIONS  
Bailey Johnson and her father, Stuart at a previous production sale.



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# AngusLink Offers GeneMax Enhancement for Genetic Merit Scorecard

Commercial producers with Angus-based cow herds can access a new value-added marketing option with the GeneMax®-enhanced Genetic Merit Scorecard® (GMS) from AngusLink®.

This connection serves as another way for producers to set themselves apart in the marketplace, says Troy Marshall, director of commercial industry relations for the American Angus Association®.

GeneMax Advantage is a genetic test for high-percentage commercial Angus females, and the GMS is a valued-added marketing tool that objectively describes the performance potential of a group of feeder calves. Each is powered by the Association's database, the industry's largest genetic database, with product research and intelligence managed by Angus Genetics, Inc. (AGI®).

"The GMS has already proven to be exceptionally accurate, but building values to represent the cow herd side [of the scorecard's calculations] naturally took time," Marshall says. "GeneMax

speeds up the process, so the latest update to the GMS is about improving it further. The more precise the GMS becomes, the more value it creates for the entire industry."

He says GeneMax Advantage has also built itself a reputation as a reliable tool. Recent improvements have included adding five dollar value indexes (\$Values) to test results on individuals as well as scores for five additional traits: Functional Longevity (FL), Teat Size (Teat), Udder Suspension (UDDR), Hair Shed (HS), and Pulmonary Arterial Pressure (PAP). The \$Values on the test are directly comparable to the \$Values of registered Angus bulls, making it the practical choice to test commercial heifers out of registered Angus bulls. It also includes Sire Match™ services, which provides sire parentage for tested daughters of registered and HD 50K or Angus GS-tested bulls.

### What's required

To qualify for the GeneMax-enhanced score-

card, 10% or more of a producer's cow herd must be tested. The standard requirements for enrolling a calf crop in the GMS program also still apply. Those include Age and Source verification through IMI Global, a division of Where Food Comes From; the cow herd breed composition for the calves being enrolled; and a list of sire registration numbers. Sires must be predominantly (50% or more) registered Angus.

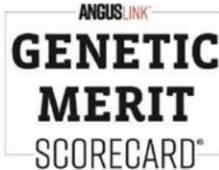
"Having an additional source of information brings more precision to the calculation, but the logic behind the scorecard is still the same," says Rafael Medeiros, geneticist with AGI. "The scores of GeneMax-tested cows will be considered in the cow side of the equation — on a scale that matches the percentage of your cow herd that's been tested — to calculate that calf crop's GMS. This added transparency and credibility makes your marketing even stronger, helping buyers recognize the depth of your genetic investment."

During the American Angus Association's fis-

cal year 2025, AngusLink premiums averaged \$20.92 per hundred-weight (cwt.). Medeiros and Marshall agree this new scorecard option is an extension of efforts by the Association and AGI to help commercial producers both make genetic progress in their herds and help them get paid for it on sale day.

There is no additional cost for the connection. The only cost for receiving a GeneMax-enhanced GMS is the regular cost of GeneMax testing at \$28 per female and typical AngusLink enrollment costs, which include the expense of Age and Source verification.

To signal interest in the enhanced scorecard, producers check a box indicating they have tested with GeneMax Advantage when completing the AngusLink enrollment form. To begin an enrollment, producers can contact the AngusLink team at [anguslink.com](http://anguslink.com) or 816-383-5100. To begin GeneMax testing, visit [www.GeneMaxAngus.com](http://www.GeneMaxAngus.com) and place an order, or complete the "Talk to a Rep about GeneMax" form on the webpage.

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	FEEDLOT SCORE <b>125</b>
	GRID SCORE <b>127</b>
	MATERNAL SCORE <b>142</b>

### Improving GMS scores

A frequently asked question about the GMS from users is, "How can I improve my scores?" Medeiros says this connection provides an efficient path for doing that.

"Producers of all sizes have found success with GeneMax Advantage," he says. "Because GeneMax delivers results on individual animals, you can make selection and breeding decisions with greater precision and have a greater effect on genetic merit within a shorter period. The sooner you begin, the sooner you'll see the advantages of integrating GeneMax data into your marketing strategy."

The scorecard values range from 0 to 200, with the industry average being 100. The higher the score, the greater

the genetic merit of the calves. Medeiros says the effect of adding GeneMax scores depends on the genetic quality of a herd.

The more cows you test, the greater the impact GeneMax data will have on your Genetic Merit Scorecard scores, Marshall adds.

"Testing a higher percentage of females adds more detail and insight, giving buyers a clearer view of your herd's genetic potential," he says. "By incorporating GeneMax Advantage insights into selection and mating decisions, you can really accelerate the rate of genetic improvement within your herd."

Marshall says this enhancement brings full circle the suite of tools designed in partnership with AGI for the the American Angus Association to benefit commercial cattlemen.

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# Cattle Water Needs During Cold Weather

**Dana Zook**

OSU Cooperative Extension Livestock Specialist

During winter, much of the conversation around cow management focuses on helping cattle maintain body condition through cold temperatures. Supplementation and feeding strategies are always top of mind, but one often overlooked component of winter management is water. How much

water do cows really need during cold weather?

As temperatures decrease, cows' energy requirements increase. This added energy is typically supplied through dry feeds such as hay, byproduct cubes, or commodity blends. Adequate water intake is essential for cows to properly digest these feeds. When water is limited, feed intake often declines, making it difficult for cows to maintain body weight and condition.

Stage of production also plays a significant role in determining water needs. As production demands increase, so does water intake. Lactating cows, for example, require more water than pregnant, non-lactating cows. Water intake data collected by Oklahoma State University and other research institutions provide baseline estimates across production stages. These guidelines are useful for producers hauling water

or planning new water infrastructure.

So, how much water do cows need in cold weather? OSU factsheet AFS-3299, Estimating Water Requirements for Mature Beef Cows, reports that 1,300-pound cows experiencing 40°F temperatures typically require 9 to 15 gallons of water per day. The lower end of this range applies to open or pregnant, dry cows, while the higher end reflects the needs of lactating cows.

Additional research is currently underway by Dr. Dave Lalman and his research team to further refine these estimates. In a recent study, five-year-old cows averaging 1,363 pounds with calves at side have consumed an average of 15 gallons per day since mid-November. This total includes calf consumption; however, it is reasonable to assume calves account for 1 to 2 gallons daily.

This highlights the importance of ensuring calves have access to water. Tanks should be

filled high enough for smaller animals to reach the water, and natural water sources should be kept open so calves can safely drink.

Water is often considered a "hot weather" concern, but its importance should not be overlooked during winter. Dehydration adds stress during cold conditions. Ensuring cows have adequate access to water is a simple yet critical step in helping them manage winter stress and maintain body condition.

— OSU

## Upcoming: AI School

SDSU Extension will host a Cattle Artificial Insemination (AI) School from March 26-27, 2026. Participants will learn overall herd management for reproductive success and profitability during the 2-day school.

AI Schools are open to anyone wanting to learn to artificially inseminate.

The school will be held at Bieber Red Angus Ranch, 11450 353rd Ave, Leola, S.D.

The school consists of classroom and hands-

on training that impact reproductive success to an AI program including AI equipment and technique, semen handling, herd management and nutrition, bull selection, heat detection, and estrous synchronization.

### Schedule

Day 1: 9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Day 2: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The schedule is subject to small changes.

### Registration

The registration fee is \$550, which covers the cost of educational materials, supplies, facility

and cow use. Registration is required and can be completed using the form below. This school is limited to 13 participants.

Refunds will not be provided if spots cannot be filled prior to the school. If a participant is under the age of 18 and will be attending without

a parent or legal guardian, release forms must be completed. Proceed with payment and contact Robin Salverson for release forms. She can be contacted at 605-374-4177 or email Robin.Salverson@sdstate.edu.

— SDSU

## Cow-Calf Share Lease Calculator

Of interest to South Dakota Angus producers is a tool through South Dakota State University Extension to help streamline share agreements.

The Cow-Calf Share Lease Calculator was designed to help livestock producers determine how to split a calf crop between the cow owner and the operator based on contributions made by each party.

You can download the Xcel document by going to <https://extension.sdstate.edu/cow-calf-share-lease-calculator>.

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## AngusLink

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"We can always get better," he says. "Once you've selected the right bulls, GeneMax Advantage offers the most accurate heifer selection tool available, allowing you to build and describe a cow herd that aligns with your goals. After establishing the right genetics, the focus shifts to capturing their value — marketing your feeder cattle in a way that reflects their true worth. AngusLink has transformed that process. It is the most recognized and trusted method for conveying the genetic merit of commercial feeder cattle."

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# Black Hills Stock Show Angus Results

The Angus breed had its show and sale on Feb. 2 at the Black Hills Stock Show. Judging the show was Zane Barragree, Columbus, MT and Seth Weishaar conducted the sale.

Grand Champion Angus Heifer was Lot 13, Chestnut Wetonka, 5106, from Chestnut Angus, Pipestone,

Minn. She is a February 2025 daughter of UDE New Heights 62/87 and Chestnut Wetonka 132. She sold to Delton Gimbel, Ree Heights, S.D. for \$25,000.

Reserve Grand Champion Angus Heifer Lot 7, Lakeview Sandy 504, from Erdmann Angus Ranch, Leola, S.D. She is a March 2025 daughter

of BNWZ DIGNITY 8017 and Lakview Sandy 138.

Grand Champion Angus Bull Lot 26, S&R Reality J527, from S&R Angus, Weston, Wisc. He is a February 2025 son of Woodhill Reality and S&R Candy Ann J127. He sold for \$9,400 to Bart Ness, Kennebec, S.D.

Reserve Grand Champion Angus Bull Lot 19,

BAR Colder Weather 5555N ET, from Britney Spencer, Pierre, S.D. He is a March 2025 son of Coleman Below Zero 2106 and Coleman Donna 6206. The bull sold for \$9,000 to DD Linse, Springview, Neb.

Sale Averages:  
29 Angus Bulls \$9,755  
14 Angus Heifers \$7,832



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A nice crowd was on hand for the Angus sale at the Black Hills Stock Show on Feb. 1.

## USDA to Open Continuous and General Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment for 2026

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the enrollment periods for agricultural producers and landowners to submit offers for the Continuous and General Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting offers

for Continuous CRP starting Feb. 12, 2026, through March 20, 2026. Enrollment for General CRP will run from March 9, 2026, through April 17, 2026. FSA will announce dates for Grassland CRP signup in the near future.

CRP is USDA's flagship conservation program, providing financial

and technical support to agricultural producers and landowners who place unproductive or marginal cropland under contract for 10-15 years and who agree to voluntarily convert the land to beneficial vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and support wildlife

habitat. The Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026, extends FSA's authority to administer CRP through Sept. 30, 2026.

"We're still very close to the 27-million-acre statutory cap with 1.9 million

acres available for all CRP enrollments this fiscal year so enrollment is likely to be competitive," USDA's Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Richard Fordyce said. "This isn't about the total number of acres enrolled, it's about producers and landowners offering and USDA

accepting the acres that can best deliver real, lasting benefits to soil, water and wildlife."

### Continuous CRP (Signup 65)

FSA will batch Continuous CRP offers submitted by interested agricultural producers and landowners. Offers to re-enroll expiring CRP continuous acreage will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. New acreage offered in continuous CRP practices will be considered for acceptance on a first-come, first-serve basis if they support USDA conservation priorities including but not limited to practices that address water quality, such as filter strips and grass waterways, and practices that restore native ecosystems or target specific resource concerns.

The first Continuous CRP batching period ends on March 20, 2026. Offers submitted after this date will be considered for acceptance in subsequent batching periods if acreage remains available.

Continuous CRP participants voluntarily offer environmentally sensitive lands, typically smaller parcels than offered through General CRP including wetlands, riparian buffers, and varying wildlife habitats. In return, they receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative cover.

Producers and landowners interested in participating in CRP should contact their local FSA county office.

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# Bush Angus Wins in Ft. Worth



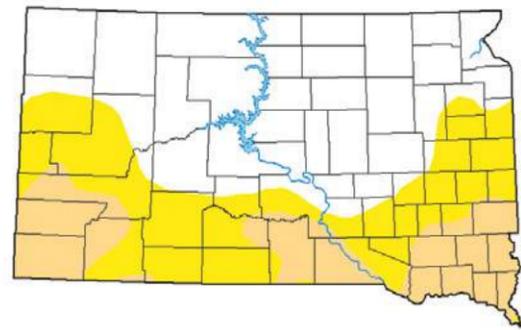
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Angus exhibitors led 68 entries at the 2026 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show's Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, January 31 in Fort Worth, Texas. Garrett Lampe, Petersburg, Ill., evaluated the 68 entries before naming champions. M C Caesar 3109 won grand champion bull at the 2026 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show's Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, Jan. 31 in Fort Worth, Texas. Clifford Bush & Sons, Britton, S.D.; Seldom Rest Farms, Niles, Mich.; and Zach McCall, Greenville, Va., own the October 2023 son of Riverstone Vegas 49H. He first claimed senior champion. Garrett Lampe, Petersburg, Ill., evaluated the 68 entries.

# Where are You on this Map?

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South Dakota

February 10, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026)  
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 D4 Exceptional Drought

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**Author:**  
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National Drought Mitigation Center



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# Pine Needles: Another Possible Threat to Beef Cow Pregnancies

**Russ Daly**  
Professor and SDSU  
Extension Veterinarian

Seasoned cow-calf producers know the long list of everything that has to go right for a cow to become pregnant during breeding season. Nutrition, as measured by cow body condition, needs to be right. The number of fertile bulls needs to be sufficient for the number of cows to be bred. Heat waves, dry spells, infectious diseases from the neighbor's cows over the fence line – the harmful effects of all of these have to be managed so they don't interfere with the cow's ability to become pregnant and to maintain that pregnancy.

Cows confirmed pregnant in the fall and win-

ter have so far dodged all that adversity. Fortunately, once mid-gestation is reached (4-5 months post-breeding), it's uncommon for anything bad to happen to that pregnancy; cows that are deemed pregnant at preg-check time yet open at calving time are an unusual occurrence. Studies have shown that once gestation hits even 42 days, herd pregnancy loss is only 2% at the most.

Yet late term pregnancy loss occasionally happens. Within a given herd, it's not unusual for a sporadic cow or two to expel her calf prematurely, oftentimes for no discernible reason. In even rarer situations, exposure to a germ or toxin

can cause large numbers of pregnancy losses.

Germs such as BVD virus, IBR virus, and Neospora are often mentioned as the usual causes of infectious abortion outbreaks. But there's another interesting cause of pregnancy loss that cattle producers in less mountainous areas maybe haven't heard of before – Ponderosa Pine needles.

For at least the past 50 years, consumption of Ponderosa Pine tree needles (and those from a few other pine tree species) by pregnant cattle has been recognized as a cause of abortions during the last trimester (three months) of gestation. A compound called isocoumaric acid in the pine needles causes the prob-

lem. Once in the pregnant cow's system, this chemical interferes with the production of normal hormones like progesterone that help maintain pregnancy.

One might think it unusual for cattle to eat pine tree needles, of all things. For the most part, that's correct. When these animals have an ample source of more typical, more palatable feed, they usually won't resort to pine needles as a source of dietary sustenance. It's during cold winter temperatures and deep snow conditions that cattle start thinking about consuming them. Cows hunkering under trees to avoid wind will encounter fallen needles to chew on (dead needles still contain the



JESSALYN BACHLER, SDSU EXTENSION  
Ponderosa pine trees are found across South Dakota in wooded areas and are especially common across the Black Hills region.

chemical). Unfortunately, those winter weather conditions often coincide with the last trimester of gestation when the fetus is most susceptible to the effects of the chemical.

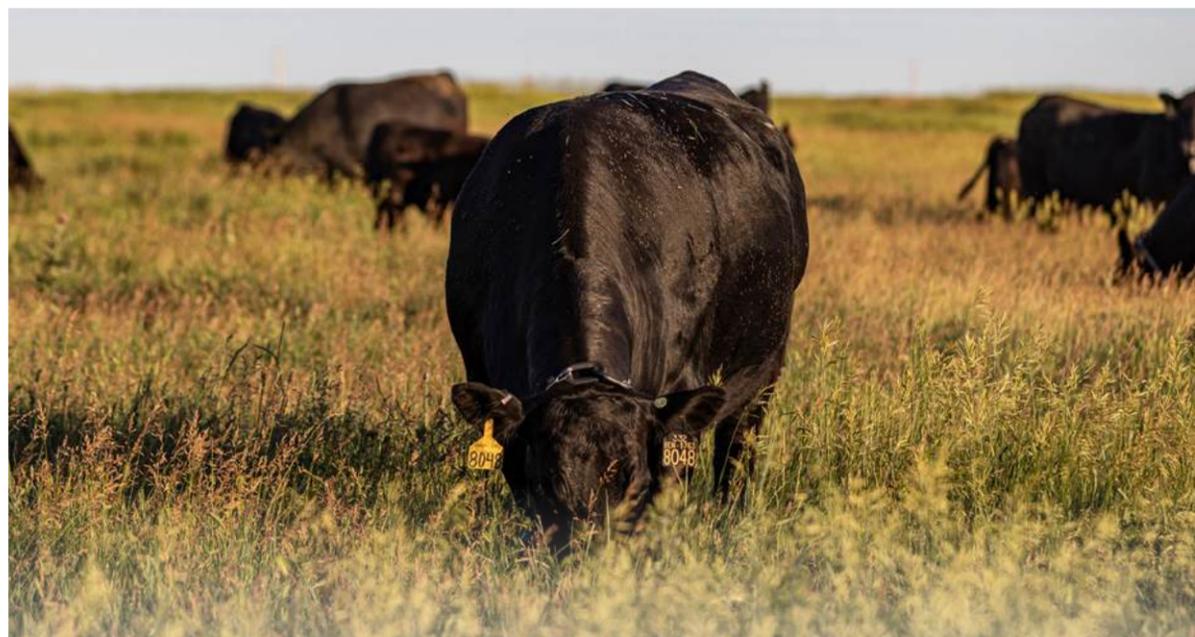
A great number of cattle producers won't ever have to worry about this potential exposure since Ponderosa Pines are fairly unusual in their locations. On the other hand, for cattle producers in the Black Hills of South Dakota for example, where the trees are plentiful, the threat is all around them. Ponderosa Pines are also common in other parts of southwestern South Dakota (they're the namesake of "Pine Ridge"), northern Nebraska, and throughout mountain forests in the western US.

There's no vaccine against pine needle abortion, nor are there pre-

ventive medications or antidotes. The only tool at our disposal against the problem is to make sure pregnant cattle don't have the chance to consume the needles. It's especially important during winter once snowfall and cold temperatures encourage cows to look to these needles as something to eat. Avoidance doesn't just apply to the standing trees themselves, but also to brush piles from pine trees and fallen needles on the ground underneath the trees.

Pine needles are just one more pregnancy threat to put on the list for cattle producers to manage. If you're a cattle producer in areas where the trees are prevalent, it's certainly something to pay attention to.

– SDSU



## Bailey Johnson

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smarter than the rest, and he's one of them."

Cuervo's influence is evident in this year's sale, with 13 sons offered. The bull was heavily utilized on a large group of cows this past summer and is expected to be collected this spring, with plans to pasture breed him again next year. His longevity genetics are proven, as his granddam remains productive in the Johnson herd at 14 years of age.

"That's the kind of cow family we want to build around," Johnson says.

Johnson Angus collects bulls at World West Sires in Billings, Mont., while maintaining select herd bulls for cleanup and specific pasture needs.

Customer expectations have remained relatively consistent over time. Johnson hears strong demand for Angus bulls that balance performance with soundness, moderation and breed character.

"We've stayed true to the Angus breed character," Johnson says. "The breed has gone in a lot of directions, but we want

to stay in the middle of the trends."

Despite changing markets and genetics, Johnson notes that commercial producers continue to sell calves by the pound.

"That reality still matters," she says. "You have to keep performance in mind while navigating trends."

Looking ahead, Johnson sees opportunity for commercial producers to rebuild and strengthen their herds by retaining replacements and selecting bulls from programs that emphasize function.

"Finding a bull supplier who prioritizes foot quality, udder quality and overall function is huge," Johnson says. "Those traits matter as we rebuild the beef herd."

Carrying a program built over generations comes with responsibility, and Johnson embraces that role.

"Production testing has always been part of who we are," Johnson says. "It's what past generations believed in, and it's what gives us confidence in the cattle we sell today and the direction we're heading."

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# New Forage Field Specialist at SDSU

South Dakota State University Extension welcomes Kim Ricardo as its new Forage Field Specialist, expanding its support for producers focused on pasture and hay management. In her role, Ricardo will work with farmers and ranchers to improve forage productivity and sustainability using practical, research-based information.

Ricardo is based in Pierre and focuses on helping producers strengthen pasture and hay land performance. Her work supports long-term forage health, improved livestock nutrition, and stronger farm operations. She will work directly with producers, applying research findings in real field settings to address everyday challenges.

Ricardo brings a strong agricultural background to the position. She grew up in Missouri on a fifth-generation com-

mercial cow calf operation, which shaped her interest in agriculture and producer support. Her hands-on experience includes work with advanced reproductive technologies at Select Sires and Trans Ova Genetics. She has also contributed to stocker calf research and rotational grazing management at the University of Missouri Southwest Research Extension and Education Center.

Ricardo explained that her goal of working in Extension led her to pursue advanced education. She holds a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in animal science with a focus on beef cattle reproductive physiology and nutrition, both from the University of Missouri. Her education and experience support her ability to connect forage management with livestock production.

"Kim comes from a farm background where she grew up in Missouri and received strong academic training in beef production and use of forages from a grazing and feed perspective at the University of Missouri," said Sandy Smart, professor and SDSU Extension Interim Director. "She provides a great addition to our team at the regional center in Pierre as we continue to grow our commitment to helping producers diversify their operations through crop-livestock integration."

# Nominate Someone for the Ag Ambassador Award

South Dakota Governor Rhoden is inviting nominations for the 2026 South Dakota Governor's Ag Ambassador Award, which recognizes individuals or organizations that have made a lasting, positive impact on the state's agriculture industry.

The award honors leaders who provide visionary leadership, advocate for agriculture,

promote responsible stewardship of land and livestock, and highlight the importance of South Dakota agriculture to the global food system. Nominees should demonstrate servant leadership, hard work, honesty, humility, and respect for others.

Nominations are due to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural

Resources by March 13, 2026. The recipient will be recognized during the Governor's Ag Summit in June 2026.

For additional information, including the nomination form, please visit the website under the Office of the Secretary tab or contact Brian Faris at 605.773.5559 or [Brian.Faris@state.sd.us](mailto:Brian.Faris@state.sd.us).

-S.D. Dept. of Ag

# Watertown Winter Farm Show Angus Results

Champion Bull – Lot 21 Consigned by Reese Family Angus, Hancock, MN. Purchased by Dustin Laurence, Rosholt, SD, for \$11,000.

Reserve Champion – Lot 28, Consigned by Dandy Acres Angus, Pipestone, MN. Purchased by Dexter Lick, Rosholt, SD, for \$10,000.

Top Selling Bull – Lot 16, Consigned by Arrow J Cattle, Wolsey, SD. Purchased by Bruce Micheel, Cavour, SD, for \$13,500.

Champion & Top Selling Female – Lot 4, Consigned by Arrow J Cattle, Wolsey, SD. Purchased by Bruce Micheel, Cavour, SD, for \$5,500.

Reserve Champion Female – Lot 3, Consigned by Dandy Acres Angus, Pipestone, MN. Purchased by Don Standeland, Pipestone, MN, for \$4,500.

Top Selling Female – Lot 7, Consigned by Z Doc Ranch, Bellingham, MN. Purchased by Todd Ries, Watertown, SD for \$5,500

Top Selling Female – Lot 8, Consigned by Ian Seuser, Clear Lake, SD. Purchased by Christopher Uckert, Clear Lake, SD for \$5,500.

22 bulls grossed \$169,250 with an average of \$7,693

5 females grossed \$26,000 with an average of \$5,200

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6	2.9	98	160	30	.34	.94	303



**Styles Ground Zero F016**

AAA 21322625 **SIRE:** Musgrave Source

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	REA	SC
3	1.8	79	139	31	.64	.46	272



**Styles Prolific F041**

AAA 21343784 **SIRE:** Ellingson Prolific

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	REA	SC
7	1.6	84	149	24	.47	.96	308



**Styles Beauty F048**

AAA 21343733 **SIRE:** Stellpflug Hoffman RiseAbove

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	REA	SC
7	3.2	106	175	23	.81	.65	341



**Styles Source F020**

AAA 21343774 **SIRE:** Musgrave Source

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	REA	SC
3	2.5	75	132	26	.41	.60	262



**Styles Hollywood F064**

AAA 21344023 **SIRE:** Mohnen Hollywood

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	REA	SC
1	2.4	70	123	25	.90	.53	264



**Styles Riseabove F012**

AAA 21343772 **SIRE:** Stellpflug Hoffman RiseAbove

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	REA	SC
5	1.6	85	132	20	.44	.59	267



**Styles Amendment F024**

AAA 21343776 **SIRE:** Styles Amendment B024

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	REA	SC
15	-2.3	46	90	33	.41	.11	205



**Styles Ambassador F045**

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13	0.1	87	156	32	.55	.82	295



**Amc Source F005**

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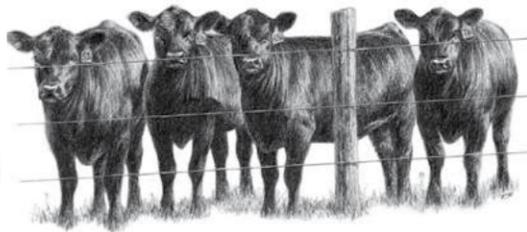
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HP: 16 • MILK: +28 • \$M: +106 • \$C: +340



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Sire: GB Mogul M64J

Dam: Diamond Bell 9J03

BW: +3.0 • WW: +106 • YW: +184 • MILK: +32  
CW: +84 • \$W: +106



**MILLERS ENTERPRISE 5722** AAA 21435779

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Dam: Zara Lady P215 of M A F (Millers Hidewood M409)

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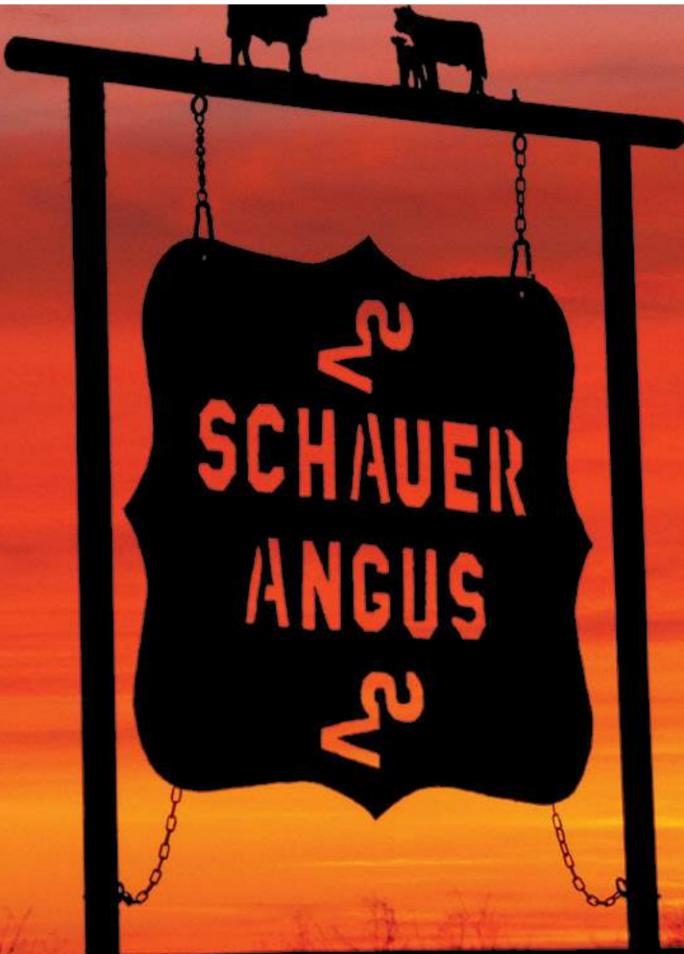
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# Carrying Capacity Versus Stocking Rate: Getting the Numbers Right

Devlon Ford has heard “stocking rate” and “carrying capacity” defined a dozen ways. As a regenerative ranching advisor at Noble Research Institute, he gets excited about helping ranchers understand their carrying capacity and how it impacts both grazing and their bottom line.

The first thing to know: Stocking rate is not the same thing as carrying capacity. “Stocking rate is strictly a management decision,” says Ford. The number of animals you choose to place on your ranch is your stocking rate — or the rate at which your land is stocked. Carrying capacity, on the other hand, is a calculation that tells ranchers exactly what their land can support.

over our carrying capacity, then we start harming the microbes and fungi and all those living organisms in the soil.”

### Critical Calculations to Prevent Overgrazing

The first criteria is grazable acres. Rather than using every acre of your ranch to determine carrying capacity, you’ll want to narrow that number down to just the acres that provide forage for your animals. Non-grazable acres include a homestead area, roads or lanes, wooded areas and even oil or gas drilling pads.

Next, you’ll want to know your forage production per acre. There are several ways to deter-

mine your ranch’s forage production if historical records aren’t available from past grazing or haying seasons.

“You can go back to the old grazing sticks — that’s a decent way to get a baseline measurement. For a digital approach, you can go to the USDA’s Web Soil Survey website or Rangeland Analysis Platform to get a baseline forage production number,” says Ford.

The critical piece that ranchers are most in control of is utilization, or how much forage you plan to use. This is calculated as a percentage. Ford recommends setting your utilization rate to something below 50%.

To calculate how much your herd eats, deter-

mine the average weight of your livestock and multiply by a standard intake percentage.

“If you’re running cow-calf, we’ll typically suggest using 2.6% to 3%,” says Ford. “When I was in college, we talked 3%. It’s changed; now a lot of people are saying 2.6%. Either number is a good place to start, but if you use 3%, you’re a little bit safer.”

Then multiply the average daily intake by the number of days you plan to graze. Ranchers who don’t plan to substitute grazing with hay would multiply by 365.

“Once you do all the math, it will tell you how many animals your operation can run,” says Ford. “Quite often, that’s



Understanding your carrying capacity impacts both grazing and bottom lines on a ranch.

an awakening moment for people.”

### Determine Your Stocking Rate From Carrying Capacity

Knowing your ranch’s carrying capacity for the year can support soil health and grazing goals. There are a few other things to consider when right sizing your ranch’s herd.

“Some people want to set their carrying capacity at 100%,” says Ford. “But what if you get any years of drought? That’s not going to be good. One thing we’ve got to keep in mind is that since carrying capacity is heavily dependent upon forage production, it’s also heavily dependent upon rainfall and climate.”

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### What You Can Feed and What You Do Feed

Pretty often, Ford hears ranchers use carrying capacity and stocking rate interchangeably. Which can mislead ranchers into overgrazing their land. For example, using a rule of thumb for stocking rate, like running one cow for every 10 acres of land, isn’t necessarily the same herd size that would be determined by correctly calculating your carrying capacity.

“In our classes, we talk about carrying capacity as the maximum number of animals you can run based on certain criteria,” says Ford.

In the classroom, Ford uses an analogy to help ranchers visualize the difference between the terms. He pulls up an image of a stock trailer. In this scenario, the trailer is rated for 12,000 pounds of cargo — so 12,000 is the trailer’s carrying capacity. He clicks through the graphic to show several animals loaded on the trailer. With the maximum carrying capacity of 12,000 pounds of cargo loaded, the trailer is about three-quarters full.

Clicking again to advance the graphic, a few more animals are added to fill the trailer. It now holds 16,800 pounds of cargo — a “stocking rate,” if you will, that is well over its carrying capacity. Ford talks about what could go wrong in this scenario.

“We’re going to wear out our bearings or springs or tires. We’re going to blow out these tires eventually and be stranded somewhere,” he says. “And that’s the same thing with our carrying capacity. If we set our stocking rate too high, especially if it goes

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# APRIL 21, 2026

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# Champions Named at 2026 National Western Stock Show Super Point ROV Angus Show

Angus enthusiasts led 165 entries at the 2026 National Western Stock Show Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, Jan. 17 in Denver, Colo. Alan Miller, Gridley, Ill. judge; and Kurt Meyer, Onarga, Ill., assistant judge, evaluated the 114 females and 34 bulls. They also judged the seven bulls and ten females in the phenotype and genotype portion of the show.

M C Caesar 3109 claimed the grand champion bull title after first earning senior champion. Clifford & Sons

Bush, Britton, S.D.; Seldom Rest Farms, Niles, Mich.; and Zach McCall, Greenville, Va., own the October 2023 son of Riverstone Vegas 49H.

Sydney Sanders, Leesburg, Ohio; Rosebud Cattle Company, Abilene, Kan.; and Bridwell Genetics, Ames, Okla., own the reserve grand champion bull. Sanders Impulse 35M is a December 2023 son of Riverstone Vegas 49H and was first named reserve junior champion.

KayLee Langford, Breckenridge, Texas, owns the grand champi-

on female. UDE Saras Dream 4010 is a February 2024 daughter of BNWZ Dignity 8017 and first won junior champion.

Kayden Nowatzke, Michigan City, Ind., claimed reserve grand champion female. Seldom Rest Pin Up Gal 4170 is a July 2024 daughter of BNWZ Dignity 8017 and first won intermediate champion.

Chestnut Gettysburg 645 won grand champion phenotype and genotype bull after first claiming division 2 champion. Chestnut Angus Farm,

Pipestone, Minn., owns the January 2025 son of EZAR Gettysburg 1061.

Lazy JB Angus, Montrose, Colo., won reserve champion phenotype and genotype bull with Lazy JB Standard 5792. The March 2025 son of Raven Stand Alone first won reserve division 2 champion.

KC Blackcap Lady 5033 won grand champion phenotype and genotype female after first claiming division 1 champion. Lanas Smith, Boulder, Colo., owns the March 2025 daughter of EXAR Bona Fide.



LEGACY LIVESTOCK

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Mckinley Stoller, Palisade, Neb., showed the reserve grand champion phenotype and genotype female. Bear Mtn Eisa

Erica 4542 is the January 2024 daughter of Bear Mtn North Star and first won division 3 champion.

## Scholarships for Angus Youth

As graduation season nears, Angus youth should be aware the Angus Foundation offers multiple scholarship categories, ensuring a pathway for students from different operations and educational goals.

### Undergraduate and Graduate Angus Foundation Scholarships

One application. More than \$190,000 awarded annually. The Angus Foundation Scholarship Application is avail-

able to all Junior Angus members. One completed application creates eligibility for all listed scholarships. NJAA members can apply via AAA Login through May 1, 2026.

Access to Application: AAA login ([www.angusonline.org/Account/Login](http://www.angusonline.org/Account/Login)), "Programs" tab

Submission: Through AAA login

Deadline: May 1, 2026

### Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship

The Angus Foundation will award five \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who use Angus genetics in a commercial cattle operation. The applicant or their parent/guardian must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months (on or after May 1, 2023) and must be considered commercial and not seedstock in their operation. The scholarship applies to any field of study.

Access to Application: Download application at [www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships/commercial-scholarships](http://www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships/commercial-scholarships)

Submission: Email to [scholarships@angus.org](mailto:scholarships@angus.org)

Deadline: May 1, 2026

### Vo-Tech Scholarship

New in 2026, the Angus Foundation will award scholarships to support students pursuing vocational or technical education related to the beef industry. The Vo-Tech Scholarship is designed for individuals seeking specialized training

at accredited technical schools, community colleges or certification programs that prepare them for hands-on careers in agriculture and allied industries.

Access to Application: Download application at [www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships](http://www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships)

Submission: Email completed materials to [scholarships@angus.org](mailto:scholarships@angus.org)

Deadline: May 1, 2026

### External Scholarships

In addition to the many scholarships available through the general

undergraduate scholarship application, NJAA members may be eligible for additional Angus Foundation scholarships administered by partners who share our mission.

View additional opportunities here: [www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships/external-scholarships](http://www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships/external-scholarships)

Deadline: Varies based on Application

The Angus Foundation encourages all eligible youth to apply for this year's scholarship opportunities and take the next step toward building

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**Wicks Angus**  
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## 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PRODUCTION SALE

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

### Sale @ 7:00 PM

SELLING 40 YEARLING ANGUS BULLS, 2 ~ 2YR OLD ANGUS BULLS, & 50 HEIFERS AT OUR RANCH

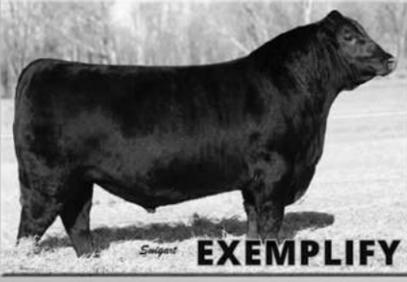
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# Breed Beat

## Planned Mating Tool Available

*There is a tool available in your AAA Login to help make planning mating decisions easier.*

Every herd has their own set of breeding objectives, designed to drive improvement for their operation and meet their customers' needs. To help meet breeding objectives, there are 34 genetic selection tools updated weekly for registered Angus animals, 25 individual expected progeny differences (EPDs) and 9 \$Values. When considering potential matings, using a planned mating tool that provides the average genetic values predicted for that mating and also projects inbreeding coefficients for the future offspring, can be helpful when planning for the next generation of your herd.

### Accessing the Tool

In your AAA Login account, you can find the

planned mating tool by following Reports > Interactive > Planned Mating Tool.

This tool is designed to help determine the average EPD profile of future offspring from a particular mating. The resulting EPDs are the average values of the sire and dam listed for the mating. The projected values are not calculated through the weekly genetic evaluation like traditional EPDs and \$Values and should not be published as such. It is also important to note that the actual EPDs for progeny from the mating are likely to vary from the average EPDs from the mating tool.

### Using Planned Mating

Any sires, such as AI sires or walking sires, can be added to the tool to mate with females in your herd. Up to 50 sires can be included per run of the tool and maximum of 100 sires per day.

Females from your herd, including any owned by memberships linked to your account, can be added to the planned mating tool.

Up to 50 females can be included per run.

There are several ways animals can be added to a run within the tool. Sires or dams can be added individually with their tag or registration numbers. Animal sets and pastures can also be used to add animals into the tool. Another option is to upload a file with

registration numbers for sires and dams.

In order for sires and dams to be used in the tool, they have to have a full suite of true EPDs. This means animals with interim EPDs or EPDs that are missing are not eligible to be included in the planned mating tool.

### Calculating results

Once the animals are selected for matings, click "Calculate". This will return each female mated to each sire, grouped by female. The results can also be exported to Excel for more detailed sorting of results.

The resulting EPDs and \$Values returned

by the tool are average based on the sire and dam's values for each particular trait. Also included in the results is the projected inbreeding coefficient of each potential mating. This value provides a projected coefficient of inbreeding that can be used to manage inbreeding for the next generation of your herd. More Additional resources can be found linked on the planned mating tool in Login.

The EPDs and \$Values used by this tool for the sires and dams are those currently listed on EPD/Pedigree look-up, meaning the values update

each Friday. If you have groups of animals you are planning mating decisions for in the upcoming breeding season, creating animal sets could be an efficient way to recalculate matings as needed.

While there are many factors to consider when planning matings in addition to EPDs and \$Values, this tool can help simplify the process as you make the decisions to work towards your herd's breeding objectives and ultimately serve the needs of your commercial customer.

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## FOOD FEATURE

### Shredded Beef Sandwiches

#### Ingredients:

- 3-4 beef roast
- ½ onion sliced
- 1 tablespoon steak seasoning
- 2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 4 cups beef broth
- 6 hoagie rolls
- 12 slices provolone cheese

#### Directions:

Place everything (except the rolls and cheese) in the crock pot. Cover and cook on low for 8-10 hours.

Shred the beef.

Serve on toasted hoagie rolls. Top with provolone cheese.

Source: [Dinneronadime.com](http://Dinneronadime.com)



### Scholarships

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their future. Applications for programs including undergraduate, graduate, VoTech and Commercial

Cattlemen's scholarships are due May 1, 2026.

Application links and full details are available at [www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarship](http://www.angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarship).

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# Van Beek ANGUS

21st Annual

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

5:00 pm CST • Mobridge Livestock, Mobridge SD

### Selling 40 Yearling Bulls & 45 Two-Year-Old Bulls

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# Angus Roundup

Calendar of events for SD Angus Producers

### 2026 SALES

**Feb. 21** Varilek Angus 75th Annual Bull Sale at the Ranch, Geddes, SD  
**Feb. 21** Schiefelbein Farms Sale 11:00 am, at the farm near Kimball, MN  
**Feb. 21** Solsaa Angus and Thyen Simmental Annual Sale, 1:00 pm at Thyen Farm west of Kones Korner, SD  
**Feb. 21** Starr Charolais & Angus Annual Bull Sale, 11:00 a.m., Rugby Livestock Auction, Rugby, ND  
**Feb. 21** Nordlund Stock Farm 30th Annual Production Sale, 1:00 pm at the farm, Clearbrook, MN  
**Feb. 22** Mt. Rushmore Angus Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch Rapid City, SD  
**Feb. 22** Peckenpaugh Angus Bull Sale 2:00 pm, at the ranch, Carthage, SD  
**Feb. 22** Chestnut Angus Farm Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the farm, Pipestone, MN  
**Feb. 23** Lone Tree Angus Bull Sale 2:00 pm, Lone Tree Sale Facility, Meadow, SD  
**Feb. 23** Foxhoven Angus Annual Bull & Female Sale, 1:00 pm at the Foxhoven Sale Facility, Crofton, NE  
**Feb. 23** Ridl Angus 29th Annual Production Sale, 1:00 pm MST, Stockmen's East, Dickinson, ND  
**Feb. 24** Deep Creek Angus Ranch 27th Annual Production Sale, 12:00 pm at Philip Livestock Auction, Philip, SD  
**Feb. 24** Lodoen L83 Ranch 50th Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm at Kist Livestock Auction, Mandan, ND  
**Feb. 24** Connelly Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the Ranch, Valier, MT  
**Feb. 25** Hart Angus Farms Annual Production Sale, at the Farm, Frederick, SD  
**Feb. 27** Brenner Angus Annual Bull Sale, 2:00 pm at Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND

**Feb. 28** Johnson Angus 54th Annual Genetic Advantage Bull Sale, 1:00 pm Mobridge Livestock, Mobridge, SD  
**Feb. 28** Bush Angus Annual Sale, 1:00 pm at the ranch, Britton, SD  
**Feb. 28** Carlson Angus Ranch Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch Regent, ND  
**Feb. 28** Kretschman Angus Annual Bull Sale 1:00 pm Buffalo Livestock Marketing, Buffalo, WY  
**Feb. 28** Kreth Herefords & Angus Annual production Sale, 1:00 pm at the facility, Mt. Vernon, SD  
**Feb. 28** 44 Farms Bull Sale, 10:00 am, Cameron, TX  
**Feb. 28** Lonely Valley Seedstock Annual Limousin & Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 p.m., at the ranch, Creston, NE  
**Feb. 28** Dally Angus 20th Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Montpelier, ND  
**Mar. 1** Stevenson Angus Spring Production Sale, 1:00 pm  
**Mar. 2** Styles Angus Annual Production Sale, at the Farm, Brentford, SD  
**Mar. 4** Bruns Angus 37th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the Ranch, Madison, SD  
**Mar. 5** Split Diamond Ranch 35th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Dillon Livestock Auction, Dillon, MT  
**Mar. 5** Jensen Ranch Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Jensen Show Barn, Courtland, KS  
**Mar. 6** Wilde Angus Ranch 31st Annual Sale at the Ranch, Shelvin, MN  
**Mar. 6** Eichacker Simmentals/JK Angus Annual Production Sale, 1:00 pm at the farm, Salem, SD  
**Mar. 6** Brookdale Angus 14th Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm, Lester Community Center, Lester, IA  
**Mar. 6** Reminisce Angus Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Big West Feeding Facility, Dillon, MT  
**Mar. 7** Thorstenson's Lazy TV Ranch 45th Annual Bull Sale at the Ranch, Selby, SD  
**Mar. 7** Arhart Farms 46th Annual Sim-Angus Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Alpena, SD  
**Mar. 8** RBM Livestock Annual Production Sale, at the Ranch, Florence, SD  
**Mar. 8** Lazy JB Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Montrose, CO  
**Mar. 8** Katus Ranch Bull Sale, 2:00 pm at Lemmon Livestock, Lemmon, SD  
**Mar. 9** Schauer Angus 37th Annual Angus Bull Sale 1:00 pm at Faith Livestock Auction, Faith, SD  
**Mar. 9** Pine Coulee Bulls - Annual Bull Sale 12:00 pm at Wagon Box Ranch, Hardin, MT  
**Mar. 10** MacDonald Ranches Performance Power Sale, 1:00 pm at Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND  
**Mar. 10** Veltkamp Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the ranch, Manhattan, MT  
**Mar. 11** Pfaff Angus Annual Bull Sale, 1:30 pm at the ranch, Fairfax, SD  
**Mar. 11** LBS Angus 26th Annual Bull & Female Sale, 2:00 pm at Sidney Livestock Market Center, Sidney, MT  
**Mar. 12** Mogck Angus Farms Annual Production Sale, at the Farm, Tripp, SD  
**Mar. 12** Wheeler Mountain Ranch 24th Annual Angus Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the Ranch, Whitehall, MT  
**Mar. 13** Bar S Ranch Production Sale 12:30 pm at the ranch, Paradise, KS  
**Mar. 13** Sleepy Hollow

Farm 4th Annual Strategy Sale 6:00 pm at the farm, Centerville, SD  
**Mar. 13** Green Mountain Angus & Rooney Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Pays Livestock, Billings, MT  
**Mar. 13** Felton Angus Ranch - 53rd Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Deer Lodge, MT  
**Mar. 14** Gaskjolen Ranch 41st Annual Production Sale, 1:00 pm at Lemmon Livestock, Lemmon, SD  
**Mar. 14** Heim Cattle Co 12th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the farm, St. Charles, MN  
**Mar. 14** Fast-Dohrmann-Strommen Production Sale, 1:00 pm at Kist Livestock, Kist Livestock  
**Mar. 14** Nelson Angus Annual Production Sale 1:30 at the ranch at the ranch Egeland, ND  
**Mar. 15** Hidden Angus Annual Sale, 1:00 pm at the farm, Sebeka, MN  
**Mar. 16** Kwasniewski Angus Bull and Female Sale, Glacial Lakes Livestock, Watertown, SD  
**Mar. 17** Slovek Ranch Annual Bull Sale, Philip Livestock Market, Philip, SD  
**Mar. 17** Rockin L Genetics & Snowy Mountain Angus - Annual Bull Sale 2:00 pm Lewistown Livestock Auction, Lewistown, MT  
**Mar. 17** VanBeek Angus Annual Bull Sale, 5:00 pm at Mobridge Livestock Market, Mobridge, SD  
**Mar. 17** Elk Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Buffalo Livestock Marketing, Buffalo, WY  
**Mar. 18** Assmus Angus Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Platte Livestock Market, Platte, SD  
**Mar. 18** Wieseler Angus 31st Annual Sale, 3:00 pm at the Orient Legion, Orient, SD  
**Mar. 18** Miske Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the Glendive Livestock Exchange, Glendive, MT  
**Mar. 19** Western Cattle Source Annual Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Crawford, NE  
**Mar. 19** Malek Angus 13th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the ranch, Highwood, MT  
**Mar. 20** Mehlhaf Angus 31st Annual Bull Sale 1:00 pm at Platte Livestock Market, Platte, SD  
**Mar. 20** Montana Performance Bull Co-op with Basin Angus Ranch, 1:00 pm at the Midland Bull Test Sale Facility, Columbus, MT  
**Mar. 20** Scherbenske Angus 41st Annual Sale 1:00 pm at Mobridge Livestock, Mobridge, SD  
**Mar. 21** Fuoss Angus 28th Annual Production Sale, 1:00 pm at the Ranch, Draper, SD  
**Mar. 21** Musgrave Angus Annual Production Sale at the ranch, Griggsville, IL  
**Mar. 21** Hancock Livestock Production Sale, 2:00 pm at Buffalo Livestock Marketing, Buffalo, WY  
**Mar. 21** Winding River Angus Annual Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Bridger, MT  
**Mar. 22** Cottonwood Angus Farms 56th Annual Profit Maker's Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the farm, Pipestone, MN  
**Mar. 22-23** Leachman Cattle Spring Bull & Female Sale, Meriden, WY  
**Mar. 23** Miller Angus Farms Bull & Female Sale, 1:00 pm at Glacial Lakes Livestock, Watertown, SD  
**Mar. 23** Dubas Cattle Co. Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm at the Bull Lodge, Fullerton, NE  
**Mar. 23** Larsen Angus Ranch 52nd Annual Production Sale 1:00 pm at the Ranch Forsyth, MT  
**Mar. 24** Ferguson Angus 36th Annual Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Agra, KS  
**Mar. 25** McCumber Angus Ranch Annual Production Sale, at the ranch, Rolette, ND  
**Mar. 25** Carlson Cattle Co Annual Bull and Female Sale, 12:00 pm at Bassett Livestock Auction, Bassett, NE  
**Mar. 26** Lau's Valley View Angus Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the Ranch, Armour, SD  
**Mar. 26** Glasoe Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the Wildrose Fire Hall, Wildrose, ND  
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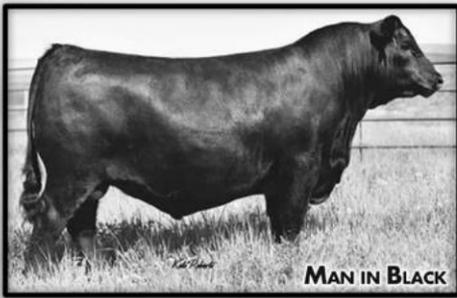
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**Carrying Cap.**

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Carrying capacity can change annually and seasonally as precipitation and degree days ebb and flow. Ford recommends stocking ranches at some percentage below carrying capacity.

“Say you set your stocking rate at 80% of carrying capacity. Then, if you get in a drought sit-

uation, you may be able to weather that drought based on the forage you already have without selling cows.”

Alternatively, in good years, Ford says there are opportunities for ranchers who have more grass than they need. Ranchers can either bring in another enterprise, like stocker calves, or do some custom grazing. Ranchers also may choose to do a little soil health management

via prescribed fire or additional rest of a pasture. Ford admits that reducing your herd size to optimize an operation can be a tough concept for ranchers to accept. But often, when ranchers run the numbers, they find that aligning their stocking rate with their ranch’s carrying capacity pays off in the long term.

– Noble Research Institute

**Hypothermia in Calves**

Mark Z. Johnson  
OSU Extension Beef Cattle Breeding Specialist

Hypothermia (lower than normal body temperature), is one of the major causes of death in newborn calves. With a significant winter storm on the way to Oklahoma this article addresses how to identify, prevent and manage cold stress in baby calves. Moderate environmental temperatures aren’t typically a problem for calves produced by cows with adequate milk/colostrum supply that are in good condition (Body Condition score of 5.5 – 6). Calves from cows that have had good nutrition during the last trimester of pregnancy have a layer of brown fat that serves as a rapidly mobilized energy reserve to make them vigorous at birth and quick to get up and nurse. On the other hand, calves from thin cows may not have the energy needed and are more susceptible to hypothermia. Wet and cold weather (below 50 degrees F) accompanied by wind will take a toll on calves especially if the calving process takes longer than normal. Dystocia (calving difficulty), increases the amount of time a calf will take to stand and nurse, which increases the potential of hypothermia. Calves maintain body temperature by converting food into body heat. Calves need to stand and nurse an adequate amount of colostrum as soon as possible after birth. If there is any question as to whether a calf has ingested an adequate amount, use a tube feeder or bottle to administer warm, high fat (up to 10%) colostrum. A practical rule-of-thumb is to feed 5% to 6% of the calf’s body weight within the first four hours and repeat the feeding when the calf is about 12 hours old. For an 80-pound calf, this will equate to about 2 quarts of colostrum per feeding. Calves that nurse or are given colostrum within the first two

to four hours after birth fare much better throughout their entire lives.

There are several ways to assist a hypothermic calf, the first step is knowing when to help. Normal rectal temperature of a newborn calf is 101.5 – 102.5 degrees F. A thermometer will help to know if a calf is at risk. If the temperature drops below 101 degrees F, help may be needed. Place a finger in the mouth to check for a suckling reflex. The mouth of a healthy calf will be warm and moist and the calf will attempt to chew or suck your finger. Lack of a suckling reflex is a definite sign that you are dealing with a cold stressed calf that needs assistance. When calves are cold, the body responds in two ways: shivering and diverting blood flow to their inner core. Shivering is an involuntary reflex that increases heat produced by the muscle, but it requires energy. Excessive shivering, erratic behavior, confusion and clumsy movement are all signs of hypothermia. Mild hypothermia is a calf temperature below 100 degrees F. Severe hypothermia, when internal organs start to cool is below 94 degrees F.

When rewarming a calf is necessary, there are two routes: internal and external. Administering colostrum should be the first step to warm the calf internally. Warm (100 – 102 degrees F), high quality colostrum is vital as it provides fat and energy that will be burned for internal heat. In some cases, administering colostrum or milk replacer may need to be repeated. Externally, the following steps should be followed to treat and prevent hypothermia in at risk calves.

1. Dry calves immediately, remove all wetness with towels or a blow dryer.
2. Warm externally, use heat lamps, the floor board of your farm truck, a “hot box,” or a warm

water bath (around

100°F, gradually increasing). Remove heat source when calf’s temperature is up to 99 degrees F and monitor to ensure they

are able to maintain their temperature.

3. Get calves off the cold ground, place calves on pallets or blankets to

prevent heat loss.

4. Get calves to a warm, dry, sheltered area like a barn, garage or shop.

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# ANGUS AVERAGES

## Lau Angus

January 22, 2025  
at the farm, Armour, South Dakota  
Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar  
Reported By: Donnie Leddy, CBW

**Averages:**

46 Angus Yearling Bulls.....	\$10,440
7 Simmental Yearling Bulls.....	\$7,536
10 Bred Registered Angus Heifers.....	\$8,325
23 Open Commercial Angus Heifers.....	\$3,500

## Rounds Angus

January 24, 2026  
Union Center, South Dakota  
Auctioneer: Doug Dietterle  
Reported By: Ryan Casteel, CBW

**Averages:**

47 Angus Bulls.....	\$9,808
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## Edgar Brothers Angus

January 26, 2026  
at the ranch, Rockham, South Dakota  
Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar  
Sale Management: CK6 Consulting  
Reported By: Donnie Leddy, CBW

**Averages:**

256 Bulls.....	\$13,608
10 Open Heifers.....	\$17,500
23 Bred Heifers.....	\$7,717
1 Bred Cow.....	\$15,500

## Mohnen Angus

January 29, 2026  
at the ranch, White Lake,, South Dakota  
Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar  
Reported By: Donnie Leddy, CBW

**Averages:**

36 Older Bulls.....	\$15,544
163 Yearling Bulls.....	\$15,349
199 Angus Bulls.....	\$15,366
16 Simmental Bulls.....	\$8,281

## Black Hills Stock Show Angus Sale

February 2, 2026  
The Monument, Rapid City, S.D.  
Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar

**Averages:**

29 bulls.....	\$9,755
14 heifers.....	\$7,832

## Spruce Hills Angus

February 5, 2026  
Bowman, North Dakota  
Auctioneer: Joe Goggins  
Sale Management: Rocking H Livestock Services  
Reported By: Jory Boote, CBW

**Averages:**

62 two-year-old Bulls.....	\$8,065
47 Bred Registered Heifers.....	\$7,723
35 Open Registered Heifers.....	\$4,357
40 Commercial Open Heifers.....	\$3,000

## Maher Angus

February 6, 2026  
Morristown, South Dakota  
Auctioneer: Scott Weishaar  
Reported By: Ryan Casteel, CBW

**Averages:**

148 Yearling Bulls.....	\$9,861
21 2-Year-Old Bulls.....	\$8,381
6 Registered Heifers.....	\$4,200
134 Commercial Open Heifers.....	\$3,662

## Sletten Angus

February 9, 2026  
Faith, South Dakota  
Auctioneer: Doug Dietterle  
Reported By: Ryan Casteel, CBW

**Averages:**

70 Yearling Angus Bulls.....	\$7,332
29 Registered Open Heifers.....	\$3,930

## Raven Angus

February 10, 2026  
at the ranch, Colome, South Dakota  
Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar and Dace Harper  
Reported By: Donnie Leddy, CBW

**Averages:**

287 Yearling Bulls.....	\$16,383
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## Watertown Winter Farm Show Angus Sale

February 11, 2026  
Codington County Extension, Watertown, S.D.

**Averages:**

22 bulls.....	\$7,693
5 females.....	\$5,200

## SDSU Extension to host Strong Minds, Strong Farms Webinar Series

South Dakota State University Extension is hosting a series of free health and wellness webinars for anyone involved in agriculture. Strong Minds, Strong Farms is a three-part

series that will explore physical activity, financial habits and eating well on a budget. The Annie's Project-inspired webinars are open to all. "Our SDSU Extension women in agriculture

team wants to provide information that helps the individuals we work with be healthy so they can be confident carrying out their role in the farm or ranch operation," said

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Livestock Association, Albany, MN

**Mar. 31** Blumengard Angus Ranch - 6th Annual Production Online Only Sale, on DVAuction.com. Bids close at 6:00 pm

**Apr. 1** Pleasant Valley Angus Annual Angus Bull Sale 1:00 pm at Sidney Livestock Market Center, Sidney, MT

**Apr. 2** Fox's Angus Farm Annual Production Sale, Glacial Lakes Livestock-South Sale Barn, Watertown, SD

**Apr. 2** Sawyer A&B Cattle 36th Annual Sale 1:00 pm, Bassett, NE

**Apr. 4** Nelson Angus Ranch - 22nd Annual Angus Bull & Commercial Female Sale 5:00 pm at the ranch Carpenter, SD

**Apr. 4** Brooks Chalky Butte Angus Ranch Bull Sale, Bowman Livestock Market, Bowman, ND

**Apr. 4** Christensen Charolais Ranch Bull Sale 1:00 pm, Kimball Livestock Exchange, Kimball, SD

**Apr. 7** Vollmer Angus Ranch 49th Annual Production Sale at the ranch near Wing, ND

**Apr. 7** Bar 69 Angus Ranch's 38th Annual Production Sale. 1:30 pm at Belle Fourche Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD

**Apr. 7** Hinman Angus 38th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the ranch, Malta, MT

**Apr. 7** WEBO Angus Annual Bull Sale, 2:00 pm at the ranch, Lusk, WY

**Apr. 8** Turtle Creek Angus Annual Production Sale, 1:00 pm at Faith Livestock, Faith, SD

**Apr. 8** Thomas Ranch Annual Bull Sale & Replacement

Heifer Sale, at the ranch, Harrold, SD

**Apr. 8** Pass Creek Angus 52nd Annual Sale, 1:00 pm at the ranch, Wyola, MT

**Apr. 9** M & E 30th Annual Angus Production Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch one mile west of Kimball, SD

**Apr. 10** Thiessen's Regency Acres Angus Annual Production Sale, 2:00 pm at Sidney Livestock Market Center, Sidney, MT

**Apr. 11** Fink Beef Genetics Production Sale, Randolph, KS

**Apr. 12** Gimbel Family Cattle Annual Sale, 1:00 pm at the Farm, Ree Heights, SD

**Apr. 13** Rossow Angus Annual Family Traditions Bull & Female Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch Herreid, SD

**Apr. 13** Nick Risse's Registered Angus Annual Bull Sale, Martin Livestock, Martin, SD

**Apr. 14** Thomas Ranch 54th Anniversary Production Sale, 1:00 pm at the Ranch, Harrold, SD

**Apr. 15** Keller Windchime Angus Annual Bull & Female Sale, 11:00 am at Dunlap Livestock Auction, Dunlap, IA

**Apr. 15** Schaack Ranch Annual Production Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Wall, SD

**Apr. 15** Kammerer Livestock Annual Bull Sale 1:00 pm at the ranch, Rapid City, SD

**Apr. 16** Larson Family Ranch Bull & Female Sale at Hamill Hall, Hamill, SD

**Apr. 17** Pine Creek Angus Ranch Annual Yearling Bull Sale 1:00 pm at Faith Livestock Auction, Faith, SD

**Apr. 18** Lindskov LT Ranch Annual Bull Sale, 11:00 AM at the Lindskov Sale Facility, Isabel, SD

**Apr. 20** Jorgenson Land & Cattle Top Cut Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at the Lazy J Grand Lodge, Ideal, SD

**Apr. 21** Baxter/Jandel Angus Annual Bull Sale, 5:00 pm at Baxter Angus Farm, Rockham, SD

**Apr. 21** J&J Sonsteborg Angus Annual Angus Bull Sale, 5:00 pm at Wallace Community Center, Wallace, SD

**Apr. 25** Wick Angus 32nd Annual Production Sale, 6:00 pm at the Ranch, Carpenter, SD

**Apr. 27** Ma & Pa Angus 29th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Presho Livestock Auction, Presho, SD

**May 1** Nold Family Angus Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 pm at Hub City Livestock, Aberdeen, SD

**May 2** Flying W Ranch 51st Annual Production Sale, 1:00 pm CDT at the ranch, Pequot Lakes, MN

**May 6** Hoyt's Angus Ranch 39th Annual Production Sale, 6:00 pm at the ranch, McHenry, ND

**May 7** Kopriva Angus Annual Production Sale, 6:30 pm at the ranch, Raymond, SD

**May 8** Duppong's Willow Creek Angus 33rd Annual Angus Bull & Female Sale, 2:00 pm at the ranch, Glen Ullin, ND

**May 17** Wilken Angus Turn Out Bull Sale, Faith Livestock, Faith, SD

**Jun. 1** Urlacher Angus Spring Bull Sale, 1:00 pm Bowman Livestock Market, Bowman, ND

**2026 Events**

**Aug. 21-29** Central States Fair, Rapid City, SD

**Sept. 15-17** South Dakota Angus Tour, Black Hills Region

**Sept. 22-24** Montana Angus Tour, Havre, Mont.

**Webinar**

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Lorna Saboe-Wounded Head, SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Field Specialist. "Offering programs that impact our wellbeing can improve the lives of individuals and families in the ag industry."

These one-hour webinars start at 7 p.m. CST on Feb. 23, March 2 and March 9, 2026. All webinar sessions are free to attend, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. To register, visit extension.sdstate.edu/events and search "Annie".

Feb. 23 – "Movement that Fits Your Life".

Erin Hallenbeck, SDSU Extension Health and Physical Activity Field Specialist, will present on how to rethink physical activity in a way that feels realistic, flexible and sustainable. Participants will explore motivation, mindset and fitness for longevity while learning how to fit movement into busy lives.

March 2 – "Spring Budget Reset". Saboe-Wounded Head will teach participants how to refresh their financial habits by learning practical strategies to track their spending and create a realistic budget. The session will provide adaptable tools to help participants feel more confident, organized and

in control of their financial decisions.

March 9 – "Eat Well, Spend Less". Jessica Meuleners, SDSU Extension Nutrition Field Specialist, will provide participants with simple, doable strategies to plan meals, stretch grocery budgets and reduce food waste. This presentation will share tools and tips

tailored for busy households and farm families looking to save time and money without sacrificing nutrition.

"Each program offers strategies and tools that can be implemented to improve the wellbeing of farm and ranch families," said Saboe-Wounded Head.

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