

Greetings! Soon, we will be delivering Kathryn to Mizzou and Jacob will begin his junior year in high school. Summer has certainly passed by quickly. Hopefully this summer everyone had great experiences, made lots of memories showing cattle and met lots of new friends.

On the ranch, we have a few fall calves already on the ground and are watching the others awaiting them to drop a new baby. The kids are watching their past show heifers especially close, hoping they get an outstanding prospect for next show season. Seasons seem

to come and go and we continue to be excited about the opportunities the next season offers.

This fall the auxiliary team will plan and organize the workshops we will offer Friday evening at the Futurity. These workshops are intended to assist the youth with the different contest teams at the National Junior Angus Show and offer them guidance in developing their ideas.

If you are interested in assisting us with the workshops please drop me an email at scoon@atsu.edu. 🐾

Briarwood Angus Farms is Driving Force Behind Youth Angus Exhibitors

By Brenda Black

Angus breeders since 1964, Curtis and Ann Long, Butler, MO, continue to back their breed and the kids that show them. For the 13th consecutive year, Briarwood Angus Farms challenged FFA and 4-H youth to breed, feed and lead Angus to the winner's circle at the 2011 Missouri State Fair Carcass Contest. Cash awards and show halters went to six top individuals.

Tanner Drechsel, Boonville, exhibited the FFA Grand Champion Angus Market Steer with Abby Sudbrock of Centralia FFA taking Reserve in the FFA division.

In the 4-H category Tevin Taylor of Bates County was named Grand Champion and Nicolas Rhodes of Linn County took home the Reserve Champion Live Angus Carcass Steer title.

Kendra Pryor, Pleasant Hill FFA won Grand Champion Angus Carcass and Hannah Moyer, Lamar FFA received Reserve Grand Champion for her Angus carcass.

Briarwood Angus Farms strives to encourage the next generation of Angus breeders to focus on the end product. Dr. Long and the entire crew at Briarwood stand behind their motto "Your Carcass Connection" because they believe in a steadfast commitment to the longstanding reputation of Angus genetics. BWF carcasses average 15" REA and 90% Choice as a result of intensive selection for feed efficient and productive stock. Many young producers annually attend Briarwood Farms spring Open House Private Treaty Sale to build their own Angus herds with such proven genetics.

Each year, more and more young winners of the MSF Angus Carcass Contest benefit from the generosity of Dr. Curtis and Ann Long. And the Angus industry benefits as well knowing that young,

progressive producers are taking Angus the right direction.

The 2011 winners will be acknowledged at the Annual Missouri Angus Futurity Banquet where they will receive their prize money during an awards presentation. For more information about the annual State Fair Contest, visit <http://www.mostatefair.com> or <http://briarwoodangusfarms.com> or contact Briarwood Farms at 660-679-3459. Pre-register for next year's contest and be sure to check entry requirements in advance. And to learn more about the Missouri Junior Angus program, go to <http://missouriangus.org/juniors.html> 🐾



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