

Greetings from Northwest Missouri!

It has been a great harvest season with dry skies allowing a speedy harvest. Beans are all but out and corn to quickly follow suit.

October is a busy time. The American Royal will be over and done with by the time you read this and many will have their sights set on Louisville. No doubt Missouri will be well represented at both

shows. These shows are a great break from school for all of us kids and a time to get caught up and talk about great Angus cattle.

A reminder to keep an eye on any deadlines for the National Western Stock Show in January. If you have any questions feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Stay Classy Missouri! 🐾

From your Advisor...

By Jeff & Deb Thummel, MJAA Advisors

Happy Monday morning to everyone! I hope everyone is excited to get back to school and have a great time! I know that Missouri Jr. Angus members are leaders in their schools as well as in their communities and our strong organization. I'll steal a motto and say, "Be the best that you can be!"

It's October 10th as I write this article and I don't believe that there has been any appreciable precipitation for at least a month. With that said, it is as dry in NW Missouri as it has been for a long while. Ponds are shrinking, wells are failing, soybeans came out of the field at 6% moisture (normally we're concerned about having them dry enough to not receive a dock at 13%), pastures are crisp and crunchy and none of the bites the cattle take are getting replaced. I know I'm preaching to the choir and that many of you have lived with these conditions for a considerable length of time, but up here, it's simply such a stark difference from what we've had in the recent years. The photos and stories

of crop field fires on Ag Web/Ag Talk of areas to our north and west are harsh and amazing as well. Stay safe and aware everyone.

It will be the somewhere around the 1st of November when you receive and read this article and our nation will be entering the month of Thanksgiving. I like being thankful, it's so peaceful and relaxing. I encourage our Missouri Juniors to be thankful people...thankful to your parents, your teachers, the ringmen, and the show/event staff of wherever you've been and are heading. Many people donate their time, talents and energy to allow you to do what you love to do. Your enjoyment and appreciation makes it all worthwhile! Most of all, give thanks to our Heavenly Father for giving us life.

Continue to read the Trails and scour it for ads and information pertaining to the upcoming Missouri Angus Futurity! Officers will be elected and groundwork will be laid for the 2012 NJAS in Louisville, KY, as well as more planning and details for our hosting of Nationals in 2013. Also, scholarship deadlines for you older Juniors are surely approaching.

Blessings to you all and may your corner of the world be a better place because you are in it! 🐾

Missouri Junior Angus Foundation Scholarship

The Missouri Junior Angus Foundation is pleased to support youth, education and research and will offer college scholarships to Missouri youth who are active in the Angus breed. These awards will consist of up to five scholarships – the first two were awarded in 1999 – and will be awarded to qualified applicants annually. The scholarships are grants for which no equivalent work is required.

Scholarship application forms may be obtained by contacting the scholarship chairs, Hope Herd, 9880 N. State Hwy. 125, Fair Grove, MO 64648, Phone 417-234-4927, E-mail herdsangus@hotmail.com. The application is also available on line at the Missouri Angus website, www.missouriangus.org. Applications should be returned to the scholarship chair at the address above, no later than December 1, 2011. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the Missouri Junior Angus Futurity in February, 2012.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Applicants must have at one time been a member of the Missouri Junior Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association, and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. If the applicant is no longer a Missouri Junior Angus Association member, they must have membership with the Missouri Angus Association.
2. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or must be enrolled full-time in a junior college, four-year college/university or other accredited institution of higher education for the fall term in which the scholarship is to be awarded.
3. The applicant cannot have reached their 23rd birthday prior to the year of application.
4. The scholarship must be applied to undergraduate studies and is applicable to any field of study.
5. A complete copy of the applicant's school (high school, and if applicable, college) transcripts must accompany the completed application form.
6. The applicant must show proof of enrollment in an institution of higher education before the scholarship award check is issued. This must be done by September 30, 2012.
7. Missouri Junior Angus Foundation Scholarship winners will be eligible to re-apply during subsequent award years. However, the applicant must wait one year before re-applying.
8. The applicant must be available for a personal interview at a designated time and place during the Missouri Angus Futurity.