

# Cow Chips Winter 2019

## Register now for the GAA Annual Meeting and Banquet

Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the 2019 Georgia Angus Association (GAA) Annual Meeting and Banquet set for Saturday, March 2, 2019. The events will be held at The UGA Livestock Arena in Athens.

This year, the GAA Board of Directors are changing things up a bit! All activities will begin at 5:00 pm with the GAA Annual Meeting. The Board will give a brief recap of the previous year and discuss GAA activities. At the Annual Meeting, the newly elected GAA Board of Directors will be announced. A social hour will be held of 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to give breeders the opportunity to interact with one another. At 6:30 p.m., we will begin the banquet program which will include a CAB prime rib dinner, presentation of awards, announcement of Miss Georgia Angus, Georgia Angus Princess, GAA Member of the Year, Georgia Angus Hall of Fame inductee, Commercial Cattleman of the Year, Keynote Speaker, and sale of the 2019-2020 GAA Directory ads.

The GAA is very fortunate to have Dr. Francis

Fluharty join us at the banquet and to serve as a keynote speaker. Dr. Fluharty is the University of Georgia Animal and Dairy Science Department Head.

Adult buffet dinners cost \$30.00 and children's (12 and under) buffet dinners cost \$15.00 if purchased no later than Monday, February 25, 2019. All orders received after this date or at the door will cost an additional \$10.00 per plate. Please pre-register for this event to help the banquet committee allow for adequate space and food. All reserved banquet tickets will be available at the door at 6:00 p.m. No refunds will be given. All pre-orders are responsible for payment.



**Fluharty** 

The GAA Board of Directors hope you participate at this year's events! For more information or questions, please contact Christy Page at 770-307-7178 or info@georgiaangus.org. Please plan to bring a door prize for the banquet!

### **GAA BANQUET REGISTRATION**

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Adult Banquet Tickets \$30.00 each	
Child's Banquet Tickets (12 & under) \$15.00	

#### Please return no later than February 25 to:

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2681 Gum Springs Church Rd. ◆ Jefferson, GA 30549
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### 2019 Weather Outlook

By Troy Smith, Angus Media

Favorable range conditions across many parts of the U.S. cattle industry have been influenced by what Art Douglas calls "a classic El Niño weather pattern." A year ago, the Creighton University professor emeritus of atmospheric science predicted the coming of El Niño, which is characterized by warm sea surface temperatures in the central equatorial Pacific. Douglas again shared his long-range forecast at the CattleFax Industry Outlook Seminar, hosted during the 2019 Cattle Industry Convention in New Orleans, La.

El Niño is credited for wetter-than-average conditions in large portions of the United States, especially in states along the Gulf of Mexico and to a lesser degree in California and the Southwest.

"It's not going away soon," stated Douglas, explaining that El Niño will continue to influence weather conditions for the remainder of winter and through the spring. However, El Niño appears to have peaked, with a slow cooling of Pacific waters now beginning.

For the near term, Douglas predicted a chilly February, followed by a mild spring across much of cattle country. The southern tier of states could see a wetter-than-average spring, with drier conditions in the East. He expects warm and drier conditions in the Corn Belt.

Looking far into the future, Douglas noted how the Earth's north magnetic pole has been gradually moving away from Canada and toward Siberia. The pole's creep has been underway for 20 years or so, and could be related to a shift northward of the planet's major cold region.



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# Letter from your President-

# Dear Friends and Fellow Angus Breeders -

Greetings! I hope everyone is enjoying a wellearned break from mud! I never like to complain about moisture, but it sure is nice to finish fall breeding season without the necessity of Muck boots.

Spring is in the air and with that, spring sale season in Georgia is fast approaching. At the end of this letter is a list of production sales that will occur around the state. Whether or not you are in the market for an Angus bull or a few Angus females, please try and attend a sale or two. I can speak for everyone in that a crowd at a sale is very much appreciated.

I stated in a previous newsletter that the mission of the Georgia Angus Association is to provide greater marketing opportunities and educational forums for purebred and commercial producers alike. The GAA has submitted information to API and is working toward finalizing the sale book for our upcoming sale to be held at MM/Glore Cattle Company in Bowdon, Ga., on March 23, 2019. There is a total of 60 lots represented as elite embryo packages, open and bred heifers, and cow-calf pairs. I would like to thank all of the consignors for digging deep and bringing the best they have to offer. This is a high quality set of cattle that should be well received. Watch for the sale book that will be coming soon!

We are also preparing diligently for our upcoming GAA Annual Meeting & Banquet. The banquet will again be held at the UGA Livestock Arena on March 2, 2019. Different from past years, there will be no seminars during the afternoon. Rather, we will hold the business meeting prior to dinner and have a keynote speaker and awards recognition during dinner. We hope this will allow for families that may live further way from the Athens area a better chance to attend the festivities.

If any of the GAA Board of Directors can be of assistance, please feel free to give us a call. I look forward to visiting with everyone at the upcoming spring production sales around the state. A full list of sales has been included in this newsletter.

Best regards,

Andrew McPeake

## Advertising space is available in the Spring Cow Chips:

Advertising Rates:
Full Page - \$100 1/2 Page - \$75
1/4 Page - \$50 Business Card - \$25

New: Classified Ads Free for GAA and GJAA Members.
Send 25 words or less and contact information

Advertising Deadline: April 20, 2019 Submit all ads to info@georgiaangus.org

## GAA ballots due February 25, 2019

GAA members have the opportunity to vote for the 2019-2021 GAA Board of Directors. An official ballot has been provided in each applicable newsletter and should be returned in the enclosed ballot envelope no later than February 25 to the GAA office.

All nominations have been provided on the official ballot. A bio on each candidate has been included in this newsletter. Please vote for 7 individuals to be named to the GAA Board of Directors and please choose one GAA member to receive the GAA Member of the Year award.

## GAA Membership renewals due March 1, 2019

Annual membership fees for the GAA are now due. In addition to paying your annual dues, membership records will be updated based upon your invoice. This information is used in the associations membership directory and website. Membership dues invoices are included in this newsletter.

All membership dues are to be paid no later than March 1, 2019. 2019 membership dues are \$50.00

and voting rights and membership for additional family members can be obtained for an extra \$10.00 per family member.

Please be sure to mail your membership form and check to the new GAA address: Georgia Angus Association 2681 Gum Springs Church Rd. Jefferson, GA 30549

## GJAA meeting set for Perry

The Georgia Junior Angus Association (GJAA) will be holding a junior meeting immediately following showmanship during the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show on Thursday, February 21 in Perry, Ga. All junior Angus enthusisasts that are current members or interested in joining should attend!

All registered Angus exhibitors during the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show will receive a free GJAA T-shirt! Come to the meeting to meet other junior Angus exhibitors, to get your free T-shirt and to find out about upcoming junior Angus events including the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Timonium, Maryland and the National Junior Angus Show in Louisville, Kentucky!

Current GJAA members will be able to renew their membership at the junior meeting and new exhibitors will be able to join!



## GAA in search of new Angus royalty

The GAA will crown two ambassadors for the state association on March 2 during the GAA Banquet. Miss Georgia Angus is eligible to those young ladies between the ages of 15 and 21, and Georgia Angus Princess is eligible to those young ladies between the ages of 9 and 14, as of January 1, 2019. These young ladies must be a member of the Georgia Junior Angus Association and their parents must be a members of the GAA.

The role of Miss Georgia Angus and Georgia Angus Princess is to promote Angus cattle and Angus activities, and to represent the state Angus association. These ambassadors should represent the GAA and the Angus breed by attending shows, field days, banquets, meetings, etc., at their own expense.

If you are interested in serving as Miss Georgia Angus or Georgia Angus Princess, please contact Carolyn Gazda, queens committee chairperson, no later than February 25, 2019 at 706-540-2222 or gazdacattleco@bellsouth.net. This is a great opportunity for junior Angus members to get involved!

## **Change Nutrition Traditions**

By Kasey Brown, Angus Media

Change is the new constant. This isn't a new concept. Yet in the cattle industry, there are plenty of traditions that survive throughout the years — like passion for cattle and the rural lifestyle. Dusty Abney adds that being frugal but not cheap, and focusing on animal welfare, husbandry and profitability are traditions to keep. However, he told attendees of the 26th Cattlemen's College® in New Orleans, La., hosted in conjunction with the Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show, that there are plenty of traditions to break.

Be uncomfortable with the status quo, said the cowcalf nutritionist with Cargill. Don't think pessimistically about your supplementation budget, because it is necessary. Don't assume your program is fine. And don't view your forage base, cows' needs or supplementation program as static.

Reproduction is the most important aspect to a cowcalf operation. Essentially, to stay within a yearly calving interval, a cow has 21-25 days to come back into estrus, and a cattleman has two chances to get her bred. Nutrition plays a major role in achieving that. Abney noted the difference between calories vs. protein. Protein supports caloric intake, but it won't overcome a major caloric deficit.

"Just because there is 'plenty to eat' doesn't mean a cow has access to enough calories. There is a difference in intake versus energy density," he explained. "Intake drives the bus."

Intake drops with low-quality forages because the cow fills up and can't eat more to get more calories. So, if a cow is eating low-quality forages, she needs to still be able to meet her own and her calf's needs.

"Fetal programming research is confirming what we already know — taking care of a cow pays dividends for the lifetime of her progeny," Abney noted.

It has been common thought that a cow's second trimester had the least nutrition requirements. However, he added, a calf gains 70% of its final weight in the third tri-

mester, essentially adding about 50 pounds of calf in those last three months. If a cow hasn't been getting enough calories, then those pounds for the calf are going to come from her.

"This is not an excuse to rough that cow through her third trimester to try to get lower birth weights," he emphasized. "Bull selection is the No. 1 cause of lighter birth weights. Five weeks before birth, that cow starts making colostrum, which will affect that calf's immune system for 21 days. Plus, she'll soon be in peak lactation and have 65-70 days of high demands on her body. We need to position her for success."

The other tradition to change is to make sure your calving season is in sync with your environment. He shared the nutritional requirements of a September-calving cow in the South means grass was at its highest quality during the early second trimester and lowest during peak lactation.

"You can be out of sync with your environment," Abney noted, "but only if there is a compelling economic result to justify feeding her through this."

Keep records and make changes because of those records. Operation goals should change realistically with how the year is progressing. He posed several questions to help cattlemen think out of the box, and said the answer, "because we've always done it this way," is not an acceptable response. Why don't you buy mineral? Why do you wean calves when you do? What if you weaned earlier? Could stress be reduced? What are the costs of illness?

He offered some new traditions to start. A constant search for improvement is necessary in such a volatile industry. Seek advice from experts before problems start. Focus on the cow's whole year, and understand value vs. cost. Be open-minded.

"What if?' is the most powerful two-word question you can ask," he concluded. "Improvement is the best tradition."



Place your advertisement in the 2019-2020 Georgia Angus Association Membership Directory Ads Go On Sale during GAA Banquet - Saturday, March 3!



## Ad deadline - April 25, 2019

The GAA Directory is mailed to all GAA members, distributed to state and national Angus shows and events, the Georgia Cattlemen's Association Industry Convention and Expo, and mailed on request all over the country!

Ad prices are for black and white copy:

Full Page - \$350; Half Page - \$250; Quarter Page - \$125; Business Card - \$80 One Spot Color - Additional \$50; Two Spot Colors - Additional \$100; Full Color Process - \$350

Contact the GAA office now to reserve your ad @ info@georgiaangus.org



## Meet your GAA Board of Director candidates

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a ballot for the 2019-21 Georgia Angus Association (GAA) Board of Directors election. GAA members have the opportunity to vote for their directors by returning the enclosed ballot in the ballot envelope by Feburary 25. Here is a brief bio on each candidate.

**Todd Alford**, *Bowman*, alongside his wife Holly and sons Ky and Chap, own and operate Alford Livestock Service and Oleo Ranch. For over a decade, the Alfords have assisted many of the top

registered Angus operations throughout the country with their production sales. Todd has been involved in all stages of planning, preparing, and putting legs on many of the more prominent Angus sales in Georgia. In addition to sale coordination, Todd is partial owner in Cattle In Demand, LLC an online marketing avenue. Cattle In Demand is a multipurpose marketing firm that hosts online sales and helps coordinate live auctions for multiple breeds of cattle. Todd and his family, also run a small herd of Angus based cows with a focus of producing top end bulls for the commercial producer and a few show heifer



prospects for the juniors. Todd has been around junior livestock projects all of his life and has a passion for helping the next generation of Angus breeders and beef industry leaders. Todd has attended nearly all of the NJAS in the last twelve years helping the juniors prepare their projects for that show. In 2014, Todd judged the Eastern Regional Angus showmanship contest and has put on numerous fitting and clipping demonstrations for Angus youth.

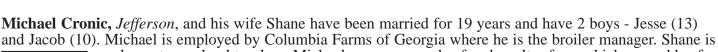
Wilkes Barnett, Washington, graduated from Washington Wilkes High School in 1989. Through middle and high



school, he was an active member of Wilkes County 4-H. From 1989-1991, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and from 1991-1995 attended the University of Georgia where he graduated in 1995 with a arts and science degree. From 1999 to the present, Wilkes has been the president and owner of Barnett Contracting Inc., a civil excavation business that involves total site preparation around the southeastern U.S. Wilkes is the son of Marion and Vivian Barnett and is a 4th generation Barnett to farm and raise Angus cattle in Wilkes County. Barnett Angus has had a continuous registered Angus herd since 1947 where they predominantly sell 2-year-old Angus bulls.

Currently, Barnett Angus is farming approximately 3,300 acres with two-thirds being pasture land and the rest is timberland. Wilkes is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Washington, Georgia Angus Association, Georgia Cattleman's Association, Florida Cattleman's Association, Wilkes County Cattleman's Association, and Wilkes County Young Farmers Association. Wilkes says he has a strong love for Angus cattle, and plans to continue to raise Angus bulls as my father and grandfather before him did.

Alan Bridges, *Lexington*, is a third generation Angus breeder where he grew up on Bridges Angus Farm. During his youth, he was active in 4-H and was member of GJAA. He showed steers and heifers and was a member of the Oglethorpe County 4-H Livestock Judging team through High School. Alan is a graduate of the University of Georgia where he was a member of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. While in college, Alan managed Bridges Angus Farm and worked for his grandfather Ralph Bridges. In 2005, Alan along with his brother Phillip purchased Bridges Angus Farm, LLC from his grandparents. Today the herd is 100% A.I. and embryo transfer and Bridges





Angus hosts their own Production sale in April.

an elementary school teacher. Michael grew up on a beef and poultry farm, chickens and beef have always been part of his life. He is a member of the Jackson County Cattlemen's Cssociation, FFA alumni and, the Jackson County Young Farmers. Michael also serves on the Jackson County Board of Education. Michael with his dad, Barry, own and operate Barcron Cattle in Canon, Ga. They run an Angus and commercial cow calf operation. Michael has always had a passion for the cattle industry one of his passions is promoting the youth livestock

programs. His family is involved is showing Angus cattle both on the local circuit and the national.

**Steve Deal,** *Statesboro*, was born and raised in the Savannah, Georgia area. He relocated to part of his grandparent's farm in Statesboro around 1987 and has resided in Statesboro since. Steve has been married to Roxanne for 35 years and together they own and operate Indian Hill Farm which is a Registered Black Angus seed stock operation. Steve has also worked as an Executive in the Electrical Construction Industry for almost 45 years. Steve and Roxanne have (3) grown married children and (4) grandchildren.



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Cole Elrod, *Talmo*, is the husband of Stephanie Marie Elrod and the father of Halley, Kate and Hoke. He is the owner and full time manager of Elrod Farms and joint venture Elrod and Tolbert, which calves over 100 head annually. E/T cattle have earned recognition both in the showring and on feed, because of his focus on the basics. Cole is also a founding member of the newly formed Cowboy Logic marketing group. A strong supporter of youth livestock programs, serving as a chair of the Ed Tolbert Memorial Cattle Show and a past member of the Junior Livestock committee for the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. He's a past president of the Jackson County Cattleman's Association, where he spearheaded their march to a 2nd place finish in recruiting and chapter growth in the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. He currently serves on the GCA's Executive Committee. Additionally, Elrod owns and operates North Jackson Contractors, which specializes in fencing and residential pools and also operates a seasonal hay wrapping business. From marketing seedstock to consulting commercial cattlemen and from advising youth to managing a small business, he's had his hand in it all... including the neighbors cows. A Father, a cattlemen, a breeder of Champions, small business owner and most importantly a member of Galilee Christian Church.

**Carolyn Gazda**, *Athens*, and her husband David of own Gazda Cattle Company. Carolyn has been a lifetime member of the American Angus Association since 1981 and she and David have been married since 1983. Carolyn grew up in



the Georgia Junior Angus Association serving as President, Vice President, Secretary and Queen and also showed in the 1982 National Showmanship Contest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was involved with the planning of the 1980 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show that was held in Athens, Georgia in June of 1980. Carolyn has a BSA in Animal Science from the University of Georgia and a Masters Degree in Agriculture with an emphasis in Animal Breeding and a minor is Statistics from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. She served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Georgia

Angus Association from January of 1990 until January of 1997. She has also served two terms as President and Vice President respectively and was one of the adult co-chairs of the 2009 National Junior Angus Show. She was the advisor of the Georgia Junior Angus Association from 2003-2011. For 13 years she worked with the University of Georgia Extension Animal Science in the junior livestock program and handled all of the entries for two different specie shows for the Georgia National Fair held in October and five different specie shows for the Georgia Junior National Livestock shows held in February. She has served as Vice President of both the Georgia Club Calf Producers Association and the Georgia Cattlewomen's Association and has also served as President of the Clarke-Oconee Cattlemen's Association. She and David have two daughters, Katie and Taylor, who were lifetime members of the National Junior Angus Association from 1990 and 1992 respectively until their memberships were converted to American Angus Association memberships upon their 21st birthdays. Katie served as the 2009 Miss American Angus. They both were members of the Georgia Junior Angus Association and served in various officer positions. She and David have one grandson and future junior Angus member, Hudson.

Adam Verner, *Smithville*, his wife, Megan, and daughter, Keeley, are partners together with his parents at Verner Farms, LLC. He is a fifth generation cattleman on the family farm where they currently run 120 head of purebred Angus cows, and a few Red Angus, Gelbvieh Balancers, and Hereford cows. Adam graduated from UGA with a degree in Animal Science and Dairy Science in 2003 and also competed on the UGA Livestock judging team. After college, he moved to Adel, GA, where he worked for the next two years as herdsman at Circle G Ranches. Working under Tom Dalby, Adam looked after 500 head of Angus cows and all aspects of the farming operation. Since that time, he has spent time in MN, NE, TX and OK working on a vast variety of cattle operations. For 5 years, Adam and his wife managed the Bull Power group's bulls for the yearly sale. This includes all day to day feeding, treating, and sale management. Verner Farms is a very diverse operation consisting of the purebred cattle herd, commercial breeding hens, and a large scale haying operation. Currently Adam is the managing partner of Elite Ag, LLC in Leesburg, which is a full service ag equipment dealership that specializes in the equipment needed for beef, dairy and hay operations in the southeast. Adam says he believes that the Angus breed and the association must continue to establish itself as the gold standard for the cattle business.

## Calendar of Events

### February 2019

Yon Family Farms Sale - Ridge Springs, SC
 GA Jr. National Livestock Show - Perry, GA
 GJAA Meeting - Perry, GA

#### **March 2019**

2 Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet - Athens, GA

6 Tifton Bull Test - Irwinville, GA

Smith Angus Farm/Predestined Cattle Co. Wadley, GA

23 MM Cattle/Glore/Georgia Angus Ass'n Spring Event Sale - Bowdon, GA

#### **April 2019**

4-6 Georgia Cattlemen's Convention - Perry, GA

5 Southeast Elite Female Sale - Perry, GA

13 Ogeechee/CAM Ranches - Wadley, GA

16 Tifton HERD Sale - Irwinville, GA

19 Cowboy Logic - Talmo, GA

19 Friendship Farms - Canoochee, GA

20 Britt Angus/BarCron - Hartwell, GA

27 Bridges Angus Farm at Callaway Farms sale facility, Rayle, GA

28 Rocking W Angus - Jefferson, GA

#### **June 2019**

20-23 Eastern Regional Jr Angus Show - Timonium, MD

### **July 2019**

11-13 Georgia Jr Beef Futurity - Perry, GA

14-20 National Junior Angus Show - Louisville, KY

#### August 2019

1-4 LEAD Conference - Nashville, TN

### September 2019

Ankony Female Sale - Clarkesville, GA

#### October 2019

3-6 Georgia National Fair Jr Heifer & Steer Show - Perry, GA

15-17 Sunbelt Ag Expo - Moultrie, GA

25 Friendship Farms Bull Sale - Canoochee, GA

# Obituary

- Wally K. Cloud, age 71 of Canton, passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at his residence. Mr. Cloud is survived by: Wife Clarice Cloud of Canton; Daughter Amy (Anthony) Foti of Roswell; Daughter Delaine (Kevin) Langston of Canton; Brother Clark (Joanne) Cloud of Canton; Brother Sam (Sherri) Cloud of Canton; Grandchild Sophia Foti; Grandchild Jackson Foti. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the American Cancer Society.
- Donald Lee "Donnie" Clark, age 62 of Rochelle, passed away Saturday, December 1, 2018 in the Dorminy Medical Center. Mr. Clark was born on March 26, 1956 in Hawkinsville, Ga. He was son of the late Harris D. Clark and mother, Sara Gibbs Clark. He was a member of the Union Baptist Church. He was employed by Helena Chemical Co. and was a farmer. He was former member and chairman of the Wilcox Board of Education and board member of the Ocmulgee Cattleman's Association. He was a member of the Young Farmer's Association and vice-President of the Wilcox County Farm Bureau. He loved his children, grandchildren and his church. He was an avid Georgia Football Fan and loved to grill and cook and never met a stranger. Survivors include: mother-Sara Clark of Rochelle, wife-Janice Clark of Rochelle, son-Cameron Clark of Rochelle, daughters-Nicole (Andy) Anderson of Rochelle and Candice (Joel) McKie of Atlanta, brothers-Edwin (Vikki) Clark of Rochelle and Ken (Jennifer) Clark of Rochelle, mother-in-law-Sadie McClain of Pitts, grandchildren-Gage Anderson, Lexie Anderson,

Harrison McKie and Blythe McKie and several nieces and nephews. The family request that donations be made to the Friends of Morningside Cemetery Fund, P. O. Box 156, Rochelle, Ga. 31079 or the charity of choice.

Sale Report

- Cowboy Logic Bull & Commercial Female Sale 92 Lots Grossed \$273,050 and Averaged \$2,967.
- Calhoun Bull Test Sale 45 Lots Grossed \$133,100 and Averaged \$2,957.



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