



Auxiliary Notes

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Showing appreciation

"We are so often caught up in our destination that we forget to appreciate the journey, especially the goodness of the people we meet on the way. Appreciation is a wonderful feeling; don't overlook it."

— *Author Unknown*

Personal gratitude

The month of March is an especially busy time of year around the Lazy JB Angus Ranch. We are caught up not only with the daily chores, but the preparation for our 9th annual bull sale. With children off at college, my husband and I carry out a majority of the tasks — everything from sale book creation and ad design, marketing and consulting, preparing the bulls, and setting up the salering and pens, to cooking the sale day lunch. While there are many anxious moments as we get ready for sale day, it is an extremely gratifying feeling when the last bull strolls out of the salering.

Over the years I've learned a great deal from hosting our own sale. I have a sincere respect for all breeders who host production and bull sales as I realize firsthand that the cattle walking through the ring represent two years of work — from mating selection to care and feeding. It's important to take time

to visit with each customer, whether they intend to purchase the top-selling bull or the last bull to go through the ring or they just dropped in to look at your cattle.

And there are many things in life that we could not accomplish without volunteers. I can't begin to express my gratitude to all our friends who help on sale day. Quite simply, we couldn't host our sale without them.

Recognizing junior achievements

It is an honor for the Auxiliary to recognize the accomplishments of our Angus youth. One such recognition is the American Angus Auxiliary Achievement Awards (2009 award winners were listed in the February 2010 *Angus Journal*). I encourage all juniors involved in Angus activities this spring and summer to apply for this award. Certificates are given for outstanding achievement at district, state and national levels.

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Achievements that qualify include champion or reserve champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) recognized competitions, including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards also qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time. Applications are available on the American Angus Auxiliary web site and must be postmarked on or before Nov. 1, 2010.

Appreciating the journey

As the Auxiliary gears up for all the contests and awards we sponsor during the NJAS, I want to extend a personal thank you to those wonderful chairwomen who make the Achievement Awards and the NJAS contests and awards possible. They include Erica Styles and Kerri Gleason, Achievement Awards; Cathy Watkins, Crystal Awards; Annie Ruyle-Chaffin, Silver Pitcher Awards; Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe, All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off; and Barbara Ettredge, Scholarships. I truly appreciate my journey as president of the American Angus Auxiliary thanks to all their time and effort.

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