

Mason Dixon Red Angus News

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Letter from the President

It's been a long cold winter for many of us and if you live north of Maryland your winter is likely still hanging on. Sorry for your luck.

Spring is here and for many of you that means calving season has arrived. This is certainly a time of year which I really enjoy because it presents new opportunities and hopefully progress within our herd. Good luck to all during calving season.

The **2011 Red Angus Round-Up Sale** will be here next week in conjunction with the VA Beef Expo in Harrisonburg, Virginia. I certainly hope everyone is making plans to attend. This is one of the highlights of our organization every year. **Thirty high quality live lots have been consigned with a high percentage of cow-calf pairs and bred females making the offering even more attractive.**

Along with the live animal auction, plans are underway for a junior silent auction to benefit the juniors, a semen donation auction, a Tim Cox "Where Change Comes Slowly" framed picture auction and donation heifer raffle/auction with all the proceeds to be used towards fundraising efforts for the National Red Angus Convention this September in Raleigh, North Carolina. Don't miss any of the excitement next week at the VA Beef Expo.

Gabe Zepp
MDRAA President

Junior Silent Auction

Hey Folks! The Red Angus Association of America has stepped up with a couple of really nice things for our silent auction. The following items will be available to bid on during the Round-Up Sale and all money raised goes directly to our Juniors!!

**Burgundy Fleece Vest - Embroidered Green Stadium Seat with Camel Stadium Blanket
His & Her Red Angus Embroidered Ball Cap
Leather Gloves - SUPER SOFT - (you will have to outbid my daughter for these)**

We still need more items to be successful. Please see what you can donate or secure from your local feed store, etc. ALL items are welcome - does not have to be related to cattle - plants are always big money earners. Please email me with anything you are able to contribute at rocknwfarm@gmail.com.

Thanks so much!!

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Pre-Sale Dinner Meeting

A pre-sale dinner meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 14, 2011** starting at 6:00 p.m. with buffet dinner. The meeting will take place at **Traditions Family Restaurant**, 625 Mount Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Please call Gabe Zepp at 443-340-0808 or email zredcows@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 13th with your reservation. All are encouraged to attend.

Directions: From I-81 take Exit 251/Harrisonburg toward Harrisonburg/Eastern Mennonite University – go 0.4 mi, turn left on N Valley Pike (US-11S) – go 2.4 mi, turn right on to Mt. Clinton Pike – go 1.4 mi, arrive at 625 Mt. Clinton Pike, #E, Harrisonburg, on the left.

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2011 Red Angus Red Round-Up Sale

To be held in conjunction with the VA Beef Expo on Friday, April 15, 2011 at 3:00 pm. For more information or a catalog visit www.vabeefexpo.org or contact any of the sale committee members listed below. The sale will be broadcast live with internet bidding through www.cowbuyer.com.

Gary Ramsey – 540-933-6293
Gabe Zepp – 443-340-0808
Mark Ramsey – 540-239-1411
David Zepp – 443-277-2312
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Semen Donations

Numerous semen distributors have graciously donated semen or gift certificates to be auctioned during the Red Angus Round-Up Sale in Harrisonburg, VA on Friday, April 15th.

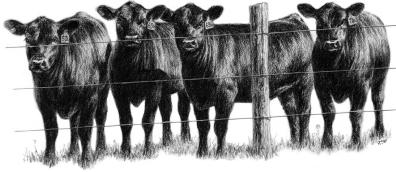
ABS Global and Accelerated Genetics are each providing two - \$75 gift certificates to be used on the buyer's bull of choice within each stud. **Select Sires** has donated 10 units of the **LCC Field Day A614N** and **Genex Cooperative** has graciously donated 10 units of **LJC Mission Statement P27**. All proceeds from the semen auction will be used to support the 2011 National Convention.

If you run into one of the semen distribution companies mentioned above please take a minute to thank them for support of the Red Angus breed. Semen will be on hand during the sale so remember to bring your tanks!

Picture Donation

One of the fundraisers during the Red Round-Up sale will include a signed and numbered Red Angus print by artist Tim Cox titled "Where Change Comes Slowly". These prints are limited edition and the National Association

had previously sold them. The print will be matted and framed so come with a check or cash in hand and be prepared to bid on a beautiful piece of work by Tim Cox.



2011 National Convention

The 2011 National Red Angus Convention will be held in Raleigh, NC on September 14th – 17th. The convention website for all of the planned activities can be found at www.2011redangusconvention.com. Sponsorship opportunities exist and are welcomed to highlight your farm. For more information please contact our regional director, Martin Morgan, at (828)-712-9232 or morganbeef@yahoo.com. Additional information will follow in our summer newsletter.

Bull Test Sale Results

Four of the top six high indexing Red Angus bulls made the cut and sold on March 25th during the **PA Bull Test Sale** and averaged a **record \$2,700** for the Red Angus breed. In fact, the Red bulls out sold their Simmental, Hereford and Limousin contemporaries that day. Mason Dixon member's Stine, Stewart and Zepp's all sold bulls through the sale. The PA Bull Test is just one of a few regional bull tests in which to consider sending bulls to be evaluated.

Future News Info

If you have news items or bulletin board material to include in the newsletter please contact Gabe Zepp at 443-340-0808 or zredcows@gmail.com.

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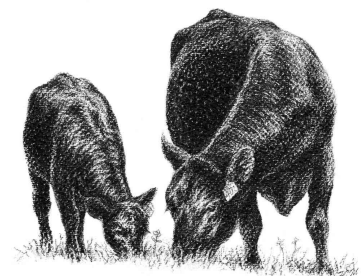
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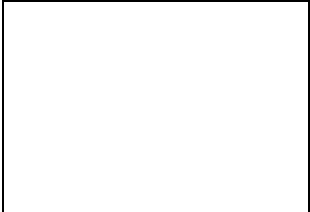
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