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Canadian Angus Association Welcomes Breed Development Officer Anice Thomas

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Rocky View County, AB—The Canadian Angus Association is pleased to welcome our newest staff member Anice Thomas who has been hired as the Breed Development Officer. Thomas will work with Director of Breed Development Kajal Devani to deliver the Canadian Angus Performance Program and the Commercial Angus Identification and Performance Program as well as data entry, design and completion of research projects, member information sessions, creating member engagement and educational tools, and other similar tasks.

“Joining the Canadian Angus team signals exciting times ahead,” says Thomas. “I am most looking forward to dusting off knowledge stored, learning what’s new and exciting in beef breeding and genetics and combining both learned and acquired principles to support our members in making real time and future herd development decisions.”

Thomas is from Jamaica and spent her formative years on the island appreciating, exploring and understanding tropical agriculture. She completed her undergraduate degrees in general agriculture at the College of Agriculture, Science and Education in Jamaica and The University of the West Indies, in Trinidad and Tobago. With a major in Animal Science, Thomas also completed a Masters at the University of Guelph. She has been working within the beef industry for the past five years within the production arm at Feedlot Health Management Services and is excited to transition into genetic evaluations and application.

Kajal Devani, Director of Breed Development, is excited to expand Breed Development, the breadth of value that the department will be able to offer Canadian Angus members, and work with a former student of Dr. Larry Schaeffer from the University of Guelph. “Dr. Schaeffer is known as one of the founding fathers of genetic evaluations and having Anice join our team is a true privilege. Anice is friendly and has a great sense of humour—I encourage Canadian Angus members to take the time to welcome her to our Angus fraternity,” says Devani.

On Thomas joining the Canadian Angus team, CEO Rob Smith said, “Having Anice join us adds the final critical component of analytical research and development to maximize our genetic selection tools within our member services portfolio. Kajal and Anice will increase Canadian Angus member value through scientific advancement which will also have global benefit. I’m extremely proud and excited to have Anice Thomas add her considerable experience and talent to Canadian Angus.”

The Canadian Angus Association is Canada’s largest purebred beef breed organization. The Association represents 2,700 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle in the closed HerdBook and promoting the breed across Canada. The member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.

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