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**Canadian Angus Association Honours Don & Rita Benneweis of Benco Angus; Doug & Sheila Benneweis; Collin Sauder of Windy Willows Farms and Barry & Marj Young of Youngdale Angus for 50 Years of Membership**

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**Rocky View County, AB**—During the Angus Show at Agribition in Regina, Saskatchewan, the Canadian Angus Association honoured four family operations for 50 consecutive years of Canadian Angus Association membership: Don and Rita Benneweis of Benco Angus at Saskatoon, SK; Doug and Sheila Benneweis of Oungre, SK; Collin Sauder of Windy Willows at Hodgeville, SK and Barry & Marj Young of Youngdale Angus at Carievale, SK.

Don and Doug Benneweis are brothers who grew up with Angus cattle. Their grandfather purchased Angus bulls in the 1920s and their father continued with a herd of Angus-influenced black commercial cattle. Doug bought his first heifer in 1965 which was followed by the purchase of a few cows in the spring of 1969. As recently as a few years ago, his herd had descendants of 10 heifers that he purchased from Angus breeder Raymond Hart in 1971. Doug always kept a few purebreds for sheer enjoyment. His and Sheila's three children pursued other interests, and they retired to Alberta in 2004. Doug still has a few females leased out in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Don Benneweis became a junior member of the Canadian Angus Association in the 1960s and purchased a lifetime membership in 1968. He remembers purchasing his first heifer in 1966 and then purchasing 10 open heifers from Blue Bird Angus, Leonard Hochstein, in Pincher Creek, AB. Don dispersed half his cow herd in 1988 and moved to Saskatoon in 1996. He remains active in the cattle business with cattle on shares.

Collin Sauder joined CAA as a junior member and later became a lifetime member. Collin remembers requesting Angus sale catalogues and poring over them when they arrived learning pedigrees, herd names, etc. His first purebred Angus purchase was at the 1969 Sask Angus Fall Female sale in Regina. His dad borrowed a half-ton truck and stock racks to drive to Regina in hopes of making a purchase. Collin has served on both the Saskatchewan and Canadian Angus Association boards of directors.

Barry Young grew up on the family farm north of Carievale, SK. In 1965 Barry talked his dad into purchasing his first purebred Angus cow, Grace of Deenborough, from Mr. And Mrs. Willowby of Alameda, SK. This was the end of raising commercial stock for Barry and the beginning of a purebred operation still in operation today. Barry and his high school sweetheart Marjorie married in July 1970 and together they began building their farm and family right away. Their son Robb

farms with his parents. Barry has served on the boards of directors of the Saskatchewan Angus Association and the Canadian Angus Association as well as Canadian Western Agribition.

The Canadian Angus Association instituted a long-term recognition award program in 1998 to honour individuals and families that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Angus breed in Canada by maintaining a continuous membership in the Association for at least 50 years. In 2011, the award program expanded to recognize families with 75 and 100 continuous years of membership.

The Canadian Angus Association is Canada's largest purebred beef breed organization. The Association represents more than 2,000 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.



*CAA President Trevor Welch with Don and Rita Benneweis of Benco Angus and CAA Senior Director of Business Development BC/AB Brian Good*



*CAA President Trevor Welch with Doug Benneweis and CAA Senior Director of Business Development BC/AB Brian Good*



*Hillary, Michelle and Collin Sauder of Windy Willows Farms with CAA President Trevor Welch and CAA Senior Director of Business Development BC/AB Brian Good*



*Dan and Angie Cliffe with her father Barry Young and CAA President Trevor Welch*

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