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## Canadian Angus Foundation Presents Junior Angus Stockman Award at Saskatchewan Angus Tour

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**Rocky View County, AB**—Eric Fettes was presented with the 2024 Canadian Angus Foundation Junior Angus Stockman Award during the Saskatchewan Angus Tour. He is an integral part of his family operation, DKF Angus, near Gladmar, Saskatchewan with his sister Brandy and their parents Scott and Tina. He is also attending college in Saskatoon studying to become a heavy duty mechanic.

Fettes learned about genetics mostly from his father, and now he not only enjoys planning the breeding program for his herd, over the years he has also helped his father to make breeding decisions. Fettes raises and sells his own herd bulls and has been mixing some Black Angus genetics into his Red Angus herd. He plans to take over the family operation in the future, but no formal transition date has been set.

He put his interest and talents in mechanics and engineering to use building a fodder system to maximize nutritional inputs to the cattle while increasing efficiency of feed costs. He took a lead role in researching and evaluating the fodder system and over the last five years has redesigned and tweaked it to continually increase its efficiency and production. The fodder system is a hydroponics system that sprouts barley for 7 days producing year-round top-quality feed.

Eric also has numerous show wins under his belt with his homegrown cattle including the 2018, 2019 and 2020 champion Red Angus Bull at Canadian Western Agribition, placing in the top 10 of the RBC Beef Supreme, and 2022 Reserve Senior Champion at Agribition.

The Junior Angus Stockman of the Year award was developed to recognize those outstanding young cattlemen who are constantly growing their “stockmanship” capability. The winner receives a \$5,000 bursary to be used for genetics, cattle supplies/equipment, training, etc. The Canadian Angus Foundation functions to preserve and expand the Angus breed for future generations through education, youth development, scientific and market research, and historical preservation and restoration. The Canadian Angus Foundation was incorporated in 1993 and is the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association.



*Left to right: Robbie Garner, Director, Canadian Angus Foundation; Eric Fettes, 2024 Junior Stockman; Belinda Wagner, Canadian Angus Foundation Executive Director*

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