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Canadian Angus Association 2025 Convention and AGM Highlights

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Rocky View County, AB—Over the weekend, more than 100 Angus enthusiasts gathered in Winnipeg, Manitoba for the Canadian Angus Association (CAA) National Convention and Annual General Meeting. Highlights include:

- Greg Pugh of Edgerton, AB was elevated from the position of President Elect to President. Ronnie Ford of Oyster Bed, PEI moved into the Past President position, and Robbie Garner of Simpson, SK was chosen as President Elect. In addition, the Board welcomed Chelsea Gill of Cypress County, AB and John Parkes of Merritt, BC. In addition, they would like to thank Tom deWaal and Blake Morton for their service on the Board of Directors.
- CEO Myles Immerkar presented the 2024 audited financial statements at the AGM. He reported a successful year, strongly driven by the uptick in registrations and strong investment market which contributed significantly to exceeding budget for 2024. The Association's annual report can be viewed online at www.cdnangus.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024-Annual-Report.pdf.
- After announcing at the 2023 Convention that the CAA would explore the market value for Angus Central through an active market listing, it was announced that the Board accepted an offer to sell the building in November 2024 and conditions were waived in May 2025, with the official closing on June 27th. After closing, the CAA has gone into an 18 month lease agreement with the new owners while the CAA explores a number of future options.
- In 2024, the Canadian Angus Association (CAA) introduced a significant change to its DNA processing protocols, enabling collaboration with multiple laboratory partners. By routing all DNA samples through the CAA office, we now have the ability to proactively identify and resolve potential issues before samples reach the lab. This shift also enhances data security, as it allows the Association to maintain full control over sample handling and storage. This shift focused on a number of needs that was led by data security, long-term service and future opportunities that can be explored such as increasing the frequency of the genetic evaluation runs that will be updated this fall.
- Immerkar announced that the CAA will soon launch AngusHOME, a new database program for managing the Canadian Angus Association herdbook.
- At the Convention cocktail party, two awards were presented for 50 years of continuous CAA membership to Caine Cattle Co of Alberta and to Gold-Bar Livestock of Saskatchewan.

- CAA Past President Bill Jackson and his wife, CAF Past Chair, Sylvia Jackson of Tullamore Angus were inducted into the Canadian Angus Hall of Fame.
- Friday morning featured an engaging lineup of speakers, beginning with Mandi Tilleman of the Canadian Angus Association, who provided a live demonstration of the new AngusHOME program. Garner Deobald from Bovigen delivered valuable insights into herd health management, while Kajal Latimer presented exciting updates on research and technology within the Association—including the launch of three new maternal EPDs: Functional Longevity, Udder, and Teat. Melinda German from the Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency continued the session with a breakdown of how check-off dollars are allocated to support the beef industry. Our last speaker was Brett Gardiner, who kept us engaged while sharing about mental health in the agriculture industry. In the afternoon, attendees enjoyed a Manitoba Angus Association-hosted excursion exploring Winnipeg’s iconic Forks district and a tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The day concluded on a high note with an evening of networking and laughter, courtesy of comedian Matt Falk.

More Information

Canadian Angus Hall of Fame

Tullamore Farms, operated by the Jackson family, stands as one of Canada's most enduring registered Angus herds, continuously active since 1923. With a legacy marked by excellence in the show ring, the Jacksons have captured numerous titles over the decades, including Grand Championships at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 1948, 1949, 1952, and 1960. Their genetics have consistently produced champions, such as the Ontario Show Bull and Female of the Year in 2012 and 2014, and most notably, Graco Conversation 14F, the 2019 Ontario Angus Show Bull of the Year and Canadian Angus Gold Show Junior Champion. Their cattle have had global impact, with Tullamore genetics exported to countries around the world including Russia, Australia, and Great Britain.

Beyond the show ring, Bill and Sylvia Jackson have each made significant contributions to the Angus breed. Bill served as President of both the Ontario and Canadian Angus Associations, while Sylvia was instrumental in the growth of the Canadian Angus Foundation, leading as Chair from 2014 to 2017. In recognition of their century-long commitment, the Jacksons have been honoured with the 50-, 75-, and 100-Year Heritage Awards, a distinction held by only a select few. After nearly a century on their original property, Tullamore Farms relocated in 2022 to Zephyr, Ontario, where the Jacksons continue their proud tradition of raising quality Angus cattle. The Canadian Angus community extends sincere thanks to Bill and Sylvia for their remarkable dedication and impact on the breed.

Long-Term Recognition Award Recipients

Caine Cattle Co.—the Caine Family

The Caine Cattle Company (CCC) began in 1964 when Alice and Bob Caine started farming near Edmonton. By 1967, they were raising a commercial herd featuring Angus, Hereford, and crossbreds, which led to a shift to purebred Angus by 1974. In 1975, Bob and son Russell bought their first Angus cows from Black Anchor Angus, officially launching CCC into the purebred Angus business. Throughout

the next decade, they expanded the herd, held sales, and became active in the Canadian Angus community.

In the 1980s, Bob served as Treasurer for the 5th World Angus Forum, but the National Energy Program forced a herd dispersal in 1985. The family remained involved in agriculture—Bob and Alice restarted on a smaller scale, Russell served in the military and dentistry, and Alice launched a real estate business.

The legacy continued with granddaughters Jill and Jane. Jill, through her marriage into the Wildman family, helped revive CCC in partnership with Towaw Cattle Co., while Jane contributed to the Canadian Angus Association. Even after the final auction in 2007 and Bob's passing, the fourth generation remains active in Angus cattle, carrying forward the family's proud legacy.

Gold-Bar Livestock—Sarah Hasson

Gold-Bar Livestock Ltd. was founded in 1975 by Joe Hasson Sr. and his son David, evolving from Chickory Lane Farm, which began in 1962 in Ariss, Ontario. Initially focused on market steers, they earned multiple championships at major shows including the CNE, RAWF, and Agribition. The Angus herd was sold off in the mid-1970s to begin a Polled Hereford program, but a notable result of that transition was Castle Acres Lass 402J—the only Canadian-bred, -owned, and -shown Angus female to win Grand Champion at the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

Angus was always a part of the herd, but returned as the sole breed at Gold-Bar in 1991 with a focus on Red Angus. The herd earned repeated Premier Breeder and Exhibitor titles at RAWF and Agribition. Bulls like Red Gold-Bar Jackpot 103J and King V415 107K made a mark in the show and sale rings.

David and Angela Hasson's daughters Keri, Sarah, Suzanne, and Dawn were active in 4-H and junior shows. In 2008, the Red Angus herd was dispersed and the farm transitioned to Sarah Hasson and Brad Buchanan. Now located in Caron, Saskatchewan, Sarah, her daughters Kaycee and Saige, and partner Paul DuSomme continue the Gold-Bar legacy, showing cattle across Canada and preparing to host the 51st Masterpiece Sale on October 17, 2025.

About the Incoming Directors

John Parkes manages Nicola Ranch near Merritt, BC and has been with the ranch for 18 years. The ranch is well known for Black Angus cattle and Quarter Horses. John was born in Quesnel, BC and grew up in southwest Saskatchewan where his extended family farmed. John and his wife Bobbi have two sons, Duke and Will.

Chelsea Gill operates Reverse GC Angus alongside her family in Cypress County. She makes up part of the 5th generation on the mixed grain and beef operation. They currently run around 100 head of red angus cows with a majority of them being purebreds. She started her journey into purebred red angus in 2017 after successfully competing in a college business competition and winning a grant to purchase her first set of purebred pairs. She continued to build a purebred herd with a heavy focus on breeding cattle that improve the breed while keeping the commercial cattlemen top of mind. During regular business hours, she can be found working at ATB as a commercial and agricultural lender.

The Canadian Angus Association (www.cdnangus.ca) is a not-for-profit association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act. The Association represents 2,700 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle and promoting the breed across Canada. Its member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.

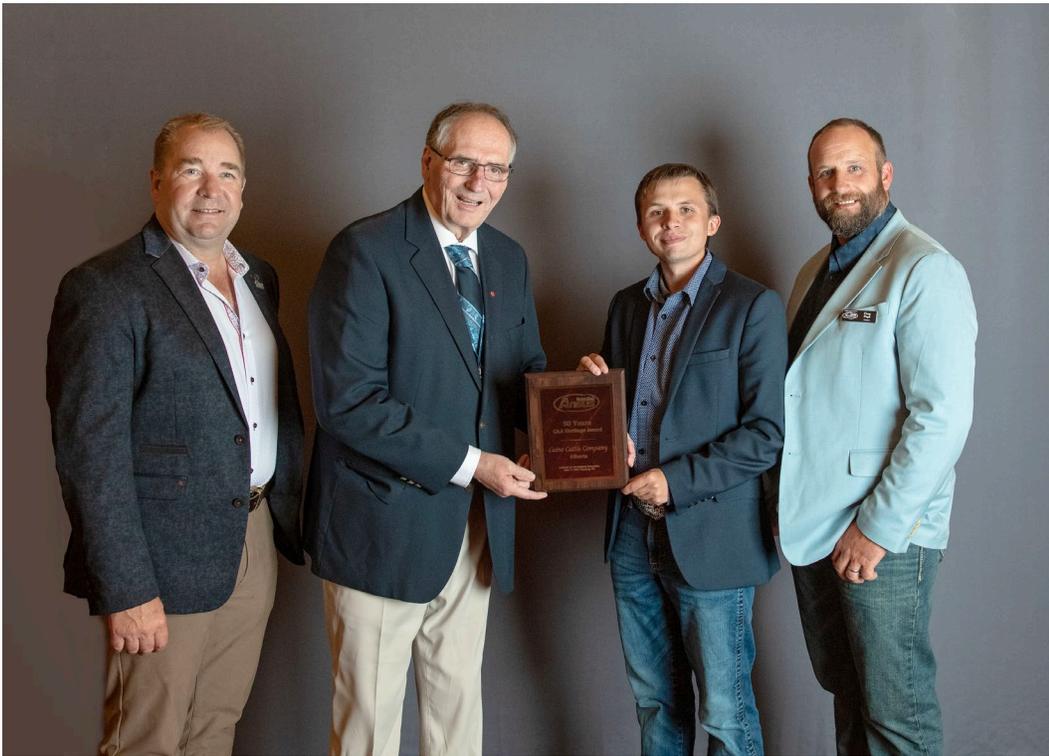


2024-2025 Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors

Front row, left to right: Roger Reynolds, Saskatchewan; Ronnie Ford, past president; Greg Pugh, president; Myles Immerkar, CEO; David Sample, Quebec

Second row, left to right: Mona Howe, Alberta; Paula Cornish, Ontario; Chelsea Gill, Alberta; Darren Ippolito, Saskatchewan

Back row, left to right: Dallas Johnston, Manitoba; Robbie Garner, Saskatchewan; BJ Scheirlinck, Alberta; John Parkes, BC



50 Year Heritage Award-Caine Cattle Company
From left to right: Myles Immerkar, CAA CEO; Russell Caine; Thomas Wildman; Greg Pugh, CAA President



50 Year Heritage Award-Gold-Bar Livestock
From left to right: Myles Immerkar, CAA CEO; Sarah Hasson; Greg Pugh, CAA President



2025 CAA Hall of Fame Inductees Bill and Sylvia Jackson
From left to right: Myles Immerkar, CAA CEO; Bill Jackson; Sylvia Jackson; Greg Pugh, CAA President

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