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**Canadian Angus Foundation Presents Junior Angus Stockman of the Year and  
Outstanding Young Angus Breeder Awards for 2025**

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**Rocky View County, AB—2025 Junior Angus Stockman of the Year;** Austin Potts of Bonshaw, PEI, is a fourth-generation Angus enthusiast whose passion for the breed runs deep on both sides of his family. His Angus journey began in 2015 when his grandparents, Temple and Gail Stewart, gifted him his first purebred heifer. Today, Austin plays an active role in both his family’s commercial operation, Argyle Hill Cattle Company, and in expanding the Angus influence within their herd.

A dedicated 4-H member since age nine, Austin has shown cattle at events across the Maritimes and nationally, including the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and the PEI Easter Beef Show. He’s earned recognition as PEI’s Top 4-H Beef Member in 2023 and 2024 and placed in the top five at the EastGen Atlantic Showcase three years running.

Beyond the show ring, Austin works part-time with Worth-A-Bit Angus and gained valuable experience traveling the Maritime show circuit with JEM Farms. He recently graduated from Bluefield High School and will attend Dalhousie University this fall, pursuing a degree in Farm Business Management.

*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 bursary to be used for genetics, cattle supplies/equipment, training, etc.*

**2025 Outstanding Young Angus Breeder;** From the time he could walk, Ty Dietrich had one clear ambition: to be a cattle breeder. Raised on his family’s Redrich Farms in Forestburg, Alberta, Ty was never just a bystander in the family seedstock operation. As a young boy, he eagerly took part in selecting the herd’s first purebred Red Angus females alongside his parents, Bill and Tracy. Though his eye for cattle was still developing, his passion was undeniable, and it’s only grown stronger with time.

Redrich Farms truly reflects the meaning of a family operation. Ty, alongside his siblings Katelyn, Bailey and Lexi, has been instrumental in shaping the herd’s genetics and brand. From 4-H to junior breed associations and national shows, the Dietrich kids became well-known for their contributions to the Angus breed. Ty, in particular, stood out as an “old soul” connecting easily with industry veterans and bringing maturity, work ethic, and vision far beyond his years. Ty’s leadership and influence within the operation have helped Redrich Farms reach new heights. Since launching their own independent annual bull and female sales, the farm has seen consistent growth in volume, average, and gross each year - an achievement few can claim. Ty’s keen eye for cattle, tireless work ethic, and forward-thinking approach have been central to this success.

Beyond the farm gate, Ty pursued training in marketing, graphic design, and photography immediately after high school. He worked under one of Canada’s leading livestock photographers before purchasing the business in his early 20s, now proudly operating as AgPlus Design & Photography. Through this venture, Ty supports livestock producers across the country, helping them elevate their marketing and connect with fellow breeders.

Despite his many accomplishments, Ty’s greatest pride is his family. He and his wife Shania married in 2018, and together they are raising three daughters, Rigley, Saylem, and Holland; instilling in them the same values of hard work, humility, and love for cattle that Ty himself grew up with.

*The Outstanding Young Angus Breeder award was developed to recognize an Angus breeder between the ages of 22 and 30 who has demonstrated a desire to stay involved in the Angus business for years to come based on their involvement within the breed up to this point in his or her career. The winner receives promotion and publicity of their Angus cattle operation through the Canadian Angus Association, plus a financial reward.*

Nominations for both awards are due April 15 annually.

*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: Belinda Wagner, Canadian Angus Foundation Executive Director, Robbie Garner, President Elect, Canadian Angus Association; Austin Potts, 2025 Junior Stockman; Canadian Angus Foundation Director, Chad Lorenz*



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