

# 2019 Breeder of the Year | Hauman Angus

## *A Legacy that Lives On*

As you drive across the state or even the country for that matter, every farmer, rancher, and producer have different goals, and programs that they use that makes each one a little different. The Hauman Angus Farm located in Penn Yan New York has been raising angus cattle for many years and was honored as being the recipient of the 2019 Breeder of the Year Award. Mr. and Mrs. Hauman originally got started in Angus Cattle when they purchased angus steers as 4-H projects for the children. Following that they purchased their first females from the New York Angus Fall heifer sale at Cobleskill. Later on additional females were purchased from many other association breeders. Their foundation cow was CB Big Sky Edella 086 purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Fisher's at Culvert Brook Stock Farm. Her outstanding progeny has made a lasting influence on their herd.

### ***Happy and healthy cows make the best cows***

On their farm they grow all their own hay and corn for the herd. Hay is provided as a free choice as well as free choice minerals, corn becomes available as a needed energy source. They believe that healthy condition is very important. Another thing that is very important to the Hauman family and their customers is herd health. All cattle get vaccinated annually and then calves get vaccinated and a booster before weaning. Parasite control gets done two to three times a year and all around insect control is done by manual application along with the use of back rubbers. Once it is close for a cow to calve or signs are getting shown they are brought into the barn for closer watch. At calving the calf is given selenium, vitamins, an intra-nasal respiratory product; the navel is dipped and calf gets weighed. For many years they have been enrolled in the NYSCHAP program for many years. This program consists of testing for Leukosis, BVD and Johnes. At this point the family is at a level six being the highest level achievable for Johnes testing. This testing is required every two years for every animal over two years old. currently have the highest level beef herd in New York State. They maintain a closed herd, which means no new animals come into the herd, no one goes out and back again to avoid bringing in a problem. As of right now there is no cure or vaccine to prevent Johnes or treatment of Johnes but the continued testing has become a necessity. A significant herd and economic loss is too great to ignore. The Haumans also use the use of A.I. breeding to better estimate calving time. The breeding program they mostly use is Genex Sires. Since they are a closed herd, they have the ability to use a clean-up bull from their own herd for those that may not of caught in the first cycle of A.I. breeding. They also use the programs of synchronization as well as observation, working with the Genex representative Carl McCullough. This program has proved to be successful for themselves and their customers that may buy females through the State Sale as well as off the farm, feeder calves in the fall and several aging bulls in the spring.

### ***Representing a brand***

Over the years the Hauman Family has represented the Angus breed at Empire Farm Days for 28 years retiring three years ago. They stated " it was an enjoyable time and we met and talked 'Angus' with hundreds of people over the year". They feel that it is important for the non-farm folks to see well-groomed, well-cared for cattle so that they can see the relationship that each producer or farmer has with their cattle and how much time and work goes into a high quality beef brand. The 'farm days' cow and calf that they always brought was always seen eager to

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have a handful of sweet feed by the visitors, which led to be a huge hit for the crowd. The national organization was always available to assist in getting information for current and future angus members. For over 20 years Bil Powell the Angus regional manager representative at the time always has millions of stories to share and always seemed to have a special rapport with everyone. Later on Chris Jeffcoat carried out this tradition.

## *“Granddaddy of Bull Tests”*

The Hauman family has sent bulls to the Midland Bull Test in Montana for several years. This national test known as the “Granddaddy of bull Tests”. In 2015 they were gratified to have the top indexing bill out of 670 angus bulls. This is a high forage-based test. He topped the average daily gain at 4.4 lbs./day and was 4th for efficiency. This bull was a Chisum Son out of their Mytty In Focus dam. “ This just proves that small herds like many of ours do have a chance nationally.”

## *If it wasn't for that one cow*

Mr Mauman believes that if it wasn't for one angus cow he would not be writing this. In May of 1993 he was in a position where he was pushing and straining to get one of their cows Sandy into the chute to get bred. “I am sure you all know what I mean.” A few short hours later he had an emergency and poor diagnosis on his hands. The doctor had said the pushing helped reveal the condition. While he had lost his left kidney, he is thankful that the disease was caught early and had not spread. He would like to thank Sandy for being stubborn and exposing this disease early. With that 9 ½ months later on his birthday, Valentines Day blessed him with a set of twins.

Mr Hauman said “ I would like to thank the New York Angus Association for presenting us with the Breeder of the Year Award in 2019. This means a lot to Mary and me. Over the years I was honored to serve as president for both the NYAA and the NYBPA.”

The Hauman Agus Farm feels that they are now at the point in their lives where it is time to downsize their herd. “ Hopefully our breeding will live on in other herds. Angus has been good to us”

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*Anna King*