

SUMMITCREST FARMS



THE SUMMITCREST STORY

- A history of the USA Angus Beef industry's foundation carcass herd.

Who would have guessed that when Fred Johnson, purchased 160 acres near Summitcrest, Ohio, USA that Summitcrest Farms would later be one of the most successful Angus stud farms in America. The first Angus cattle were purchased in 1949, but a more significant milestone came with the purchase of an entire heifer calf crop from the Hoover Angus herd in Iowa.

In the early 1970's saw Summitcrest go in search of a second location. An 1840-acre property was purchased from Dr FC Perkins near Freemont, Iowa. This property proved the ideal purchase for Summitcrest Farms as it was already a well-established grass farm without standing forage management. The new farm gave Summitcrest a base to expand its commercial bull market. This was achieved with the help of animals purchased from the Sitz Angus Ranch and the entire Parsons herd from California. The success of the Iowa unit provided the means to reach further west and establish the 2,240-acre Summitcrest ranch north of Broken Bow, Nebraska in 1974.

Since 1936 the farm locations have expanded and grown to more than 14,500 acres holding more than 1,325 Angus breeding cows on all three farms in Summitville, Iowa and Nebraska.

Summitcrest Farms also play host each year to the New Zealand Angus Summitcrest Scholarship winner. The scholar will have the chance to attend Stock Shows, Sales and spend time with the Certified Angus Beef representatives. Set up and supported by the program's first Chairman, Fred Johnson of Summitcrest Farms the Certified Angus Beef Programme has become the most successful branded beef program in the world.

The Summitcrest farms have led the way in terms of animal records (in depth). When National Sire Evaluation began they were among the first to enrol. The wisdom and commitment of Fred Johnson and Henry Bergfeld to follow the progeny of their sires all the way to the cooler and the meat case has never been more evident than now.

The animals of today are the result of over 45 years of dedicated breeding. With sires such as PS Power Play, (one of only six bulls in breed history to ever be tested free of ALL genetic defects), Summitcrest Hennessey and Sasquatch in the top 10% for added muscle and numerous young sires now being tested with Interim Carcass EPD's (EBVs) that are predicted to eclipse all previous records. It is of little wonder that cattle and Semen from Summitcrest have been sold in over 45 states in America, 7 provinces in Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

With a list of his performance herd sires longer than your right arm, Summitcrest farms continue to produce and supply top quality Angus cattle to consumers throughout the world, The Genetics of Summitcrest really do encircle the World

SUMMITCREST SCHOLARSHIP

AIM

The aim of the Summitcrest Scholarship is

“To provide the opportunity for young people involved with Angus cattle to travel to America to further their knowledge and experience, allowing them to bring all they learn back to New Zealand”

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

The Scholarship is open to:

1. Members of the NZ Angus Youth Programme who are under 31 years of age at the date of selection.
2. And who have not been selected for this scholarship previously.

TIMING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The duration of the scholarship is approximately six months. The scholar will depart New Zealand in early January, in time to attend the Denver Angus National Show & Sale, before travelling back to Summitcrest Farms.

While at Summitcrest Farms, you will work alongside experienced cattlemen, learning about Angus cattle farming in the USA.

Summitcrest Farms will provide board and lodgings, along with pocket money.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply by sending a CV and a letter of application to the Trustees of the Angus Youth Charitable Trust, C/- NZ Angus, PO Box 503, Feilding.

In the letter of application, you may wish to outline why you feel you should be selected to represent the Association on this scholarship.

PAST AND PRESENT

Over the last decade, the New Zealand Angus Association has been working towards establishing a programme for the youth of the Angus breed.

Driven by a small nucleus of people within the Association, it was anticipated that the programme would be of similar design to the programmes currently run in America and Australia. To this end, the Council of the New Zealand Angus Association established the Trust after raising funds at a number of successful sales of stud heifers and semen. The funds raised are held in trust for the youth programme.

Charitable Trust status was granted by the Inland Revenue Department early in 1997. With the establishment of the Trust, two trustees were appointed to administer the Trust. These being, Mr Richard Rowe of Merchiston Angus, Marton and Mr Lindsay Johnstone Jnr of Ranui W Angus, Wanganui.

The future of the Angus breed was seen as being dependent upon the next generation of cattle breeders being willing to continue breeding into the next century.

ANGUS YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST

The New Zealand Angus Association established the Youth Trust with the main objective being;

“The education of youth for the purpose of increasing knowledge and awareness of the Angus Cattle Breed”

Other objectives are:

1. To contribute towards the study costs of tertiary students.
2. To award an annual scholarship to fund an individual's travel to the United States.
3. To contribute funds for the purposes of educational activities associated with the Angus Pedigree breed including but not limited to judging schools and youth camps.
4. To contribute funds towards the subsidising of youth exchanges with other countries with the purpose of providing New Zealand youth with the opportunity to actively take part in and observe the international farming practices with respect to Angus cattle and the Angus breed.
5. Generally, to do whatever is consistent with the objectives of the Trust to improve the knowledge of New Zealand youth.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TRUST

July	Closure of applications for the Scholarship and Exchange.
August/September	Selection of the Summitcrest Scholarship candidate and the Trans-Tasman exchangee.
January	Summitcrest Scholar departs NZ. Rabobank Trans-Tasman Angus exchangee departs NZ.
March	Rabobank Trans-Tasman Angus exchangee returns from Australia.
May	Profile of the Trust at the Association's showcase event of the year, The Meat NZ National Beef Expo in Palmerston North.
June	Summitcrest Scholar returns from America.

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