

## **TOM WELLS JUNIOR HERDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The junior herdsman of the year award was created to honor an outstanding National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member who displays a strong work ethic, dedication to his/her animals, and has the skill to prepare their cattle for exhibition to the best of their ability. Another quality of herdsman of the year can be the ability to work with customers and fellow junior members to help prepare their animals for exhibition.

In 2023, the family of Tom Wells established the Tom Wells Junior Herdsman Scholarship for the recipient of this award. Tom Wells was an avid junior Angus member and supporter of the National Junior Angus Program. He was very passionate for the Angus breed and caretaker of Angus cattle.

**Eligibility:** National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) cattle exhibitors who are in their last year of NJAA eligibility (age 20 as of January 1). All cattle exhibitors in their last year who submit entries in the NJAS will be listed on the ballot. The winner must show an entry in the current year NJAS.

**Voters:** All of those that have entered cattle will receive their official ballot via email through an online platform. Junior members are asked to evaluate their peers throughout the week and submit their official ballot by 12 noon on the same day as the Awards Ceremony at the National Junior Angus Show. Junior members will only be allowed to cast one ballot.

**Awards Presentation:** The Tom Wells Junior Herdsman of the Year will be announced at the NJAS Awards Ceremony.

*The Tom Wells Junior Herdsman of the Year will be presented a belt buckle donated by the American Angus Association and a \$500 scholarship.*