

Andy Jones
Region 1

History of your operation/family and involvement with the Maine-Anjou breed:

Andy got involved in the Maine-Anjou breed when he started showing and took a liking to it immediately. Jones tried learning and studying pedigrees and now continues to raise Maine and Maine-influenced cattle along with his wife and kids, brother and his family and mother. Andy's family has a strong passion for Maine-Anjou cattle and a drive to improve not only their herd but to try and make a positive impact on the Maine breed as a whole, that was instilled in him by his late father.

What do you see as the strengths of the Maine-Anjou breed and how can those strengths best be used in today's beef industry?

The biggest strengths of the Maine-Anjou breed are how well it blends performance/feed efficiency with the docile maternal ability of the cows. Jones feel strongly that the success of any operation starts with the momma cow. "The Maine breed can provide you with excellent milking cows, which in turn allows offspring to perform and convert feed efficiently. Additionally I feel Maine-influenced cattle can help tremendously with hybrid vigor."

What does your present operation do to promote Maine-Anjou genetics, whether it be locally, state, regional or national?:

Currently Jones raises and sells Maine and Maine-influenced show calves every fall in several of their sales and exhibits at the state, regional and national shows and looks forward to getting his kids involved in one of the best youth association programs that give kids the opportunities to learn, grow and succeed.