



AMERICAN
**MAINE
ANJOU**
ASSOCIATION

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REGION 1

CHAD BARKER, MISSOURI

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

My love for the beef business started at a young age working on our family hog, show cattle and crop farm in Northeast Indiana. I always felt fortunate to have the opportunity to show and sell steers all over the country throughout my 4-H youth years.

For the last 18 years my wife, Christi, and I have owned and operated C4 Barker Show Cattle, along with our kids Collin and Cassidy. Today we have about 30 predominately Maine-Anjou cows, consisting mostly of the cattle our kids have shown as junior members.

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

The strength of the Maine-Anjou breed is the people who breed, raise and promote Maine-Anjou cattle. There are good cattle in every breed, but I firmly believe the people make the difference and will continue to in the future as they adapt and adjust to changing market signals.

What are your goals for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed?

We have and will continue to support the relatively new Maine Angus program. Our daughter, Cassidy, participated in the first ever Maine Angus junior show in Hutchison, Kan. There was 6 head in that year's show. It has definitely grown and I hope to see it continue to grow.

I also think red meat yield and improved average daily gain deserve special attention and are critically important to the breeds further success.

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

We will continue to raise, show and sell Maine-Anjou cattle all over the country at every level. Selling Maine-Anjou bulls at Cattlemen's and or the National Western is something we look forward to every year.

For almost 30 years I have made my living buying and/or selling fed cattle on a local, state and now national level and understand the value of Maine-Anjou genetics.

Additional Comments

Our kids grew up participating in the junior program and we enjoy working with other members. I believe I can do more and would like the opportunity to work with the good people of the Maine-Anjou breed as a Region 1 board member.

JACOB JONES, ILLINOIS

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

Jones Cattle Company began with the purchase of Maine-Anjou show heifers during the showing careers of myself and my brother, Andy, nearly 30 years ago. We slowly began building a herd that has now grown to 120 head cow/calf operation, with a focus on breeding high quality show heifers and bulls.

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

Aside from being some of the most sought after show cattle genetics, the true strength of the Maine-Anjou breed is the power and performance the genetics can add to any commercial cattleman's operation. The predictability of Maine genetics in the pasture, feedlot, and on the rail gives the commercial operation the value added traits to be more profitable.

What are your goals for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed?

My goals would be to continue to grow and advance the genetics of Maine-Anjou cattle. I'm very excited and passionate about the inception of the Maine-Angus program and would like to see it grow even more. Overall, I would hope to see the utilization of Maine genetics more widespread in all aspects of the beef industry.

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

Jones Cattle Co. exhibits cattle at the local, state, and national level. We promote our females through private treaty sales off the farm. We market our bulls through the Bright Lights sale and the Ohio Beef Expo. We are avid supporters of the junior programs at all levels.

Additional Comments

My main reason for running is to see the long term success of the Maine-Anjou breed in hopes that my kids and future generations will be able to be a part of a great membership and association.

REGION 2

TARA THORSON, MINNESOTA

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

My family has shown Maine-Anjou cattle since I was very young, but within the last several years, we have gotten more into the breeding aspect of our herd to try and expand our operation with selling show calves and producing the type of cows/heifers and bulls we hope represent this breed in the best way.

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

I think one of our greatest strengths is the versatility the Maine-Anjou breed offers. It seems like so many times breeds become known for one thing, where as the Maine breed is known for many reasons like their power, soundness, femininity in the heifers, and boldness in the bulls. And that's how we grow our breed by showing people that by joining the Maine-Anjou breed they're dipping their toes into a pool with many possibilities on how to grow your herd.

What are your goals for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed?

I think my goal is like many others in the breed, to see it grow. We've grown in numbers at the junior national level the last few years and I truly just want to help the breed continue to do so.

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

One thing my family has done the last several years is leasing Maine-Anjou heifers to kids in the counties surrounding ours, or our county and then when it comes time for that heifer to calve, we give them the calf and mentor them on raising them along with showing the animal. This way they have a calf to start their herd which will hopefully make them want to keep showing Maines.

We also volunteer to help take them to the Junior National so that they can experience the family like feel that the Maine-Anjou association gives at a National show and they also meet more people in the breed and learn more about opportunities within Maine-Anjou.

Additional Comments

I truly love the Maine-Anjou breed and have wanted to get more involved! One way I did that was by becoming an adult advisor for the new Minnesota and South Dakota Junior Association. I feel this is another way I can get involved and help the breed.

REGION 3

BRETT CARTER

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

My involvement with the Maine-Anjou breed started in the mid-90s when my family decided to make the switch from a primarily club calf/steer operation to producing high quality Maine-Anjou females. The switch was an easy one because most of our cow base was already Maine-Anjou genetics and my family saw an opportunity with Maine-Anjou for an increase in value. An increase that is still relative and prominent today.

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

I believe our breed strength is our cattle can perform in every facet of the beef business at or near the top and have the ability to offer premiums to all sectors of the livestock industry. Whether it be pounds added cattle, showing appeal or their mothering ability, Maine-Anjou cattle have it all.

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

I am a believer that continued growth within our junior programs and the continuing effort to increase market share for the breed as a whole is a must for sustained growth. The Maine-Anjou breed has done a great job of gathering data on the added performance our cattle offer and continuing the effort to incorporate valid EPDs, but I think it's time we take this information upstream.

Collecting the necessary data has been the direction as of late, but now is the time to USE

the data. Delivering the message to producers outside of the breed who are looking to increase their bottom line will only help to promote and establish a firm place in the commercial sector. Although I think EPDs are not for everyone, they're important. Some people focus a majority of their selection process on phenotype, but some of those commercial producers have never been to the showing. We need to make the data available for those producers. Outside of the cattle performing at a high level for a commercial man, Maine-Anjou have the eye appeal that make a set of feeder cattle get noticed on paper and on the hoof.

Additional comments

One of the bright spots in production agriculture is its youth. I feel the junior program is one of our breed's highlights. Continuing the effort to promote active leaders within our breed, not only as future breeders, but as industry leaders, is vital to the long term growth of the organization. The kids, the national junior show, and getting to see the involvement of the junior board of directors has given me a great appreciation for the value of junior programs.

Presently, I am managing partner of Morton Cattle Company located in Stratford, Okla. Our focus is to raise the elite. Elite females that can both show and become dominate donor females and breed building bulls to fit not only the progressive purebred breeders, but the commercial cow/calf sector as well. We strive to provide fresh genetics to a new market by offering a balanced product. Cow families are important to us and we are dedicated to keeping the cattle maternal. With all markets becoming more competitive, it is important to produce a product that not only looks good on paper, but maintains performance and eye appeal. I am excited for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed. With industry leaders on staff in Platte City, an elite junior program, the demand for high quality beef growing, the future looks bright for Maine-Anjou.

DUSTIN DORSEY, COLORADO

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

I own and operate Dunn-Rite Cattle Company along with my wife, Kim, and daughter, Taylor. My passion for the breed began at a young age as I grew up showing Maine-Anjou cattle all over the nation and over the years that passion continued to grow. I had the opportunity to work with Larry Lind, who was one of the biggest Maine-Anjou breeders

and influences at the time. I was able to see the impact he made by being one of the first breeders to import black Maine-Anjou semen into the United State and see the effect it had on the breed. I also had the honor of being named as the first Maine-Anjou Herdsman back in the day. My family has a very deep-rooted passion for the breed and continue to make it the focus of our operation. Our operation has continued to grow over the years, and we now host an annual sale in September.

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

I believe that the strength of the breed lies in its ability to not only have real world value, but also be a force in the show cattle industry as well. The diverse genetic advantages of our breed along with the added performance advantages make Maine-Anjou cattle a very beneficial breed to cross with. Maine-Anjou cattle continue to add extra muscle and stoutness, as well as added pounds to calves at weaning all while keeping the eye appeal of the cattle impeccable. The breed also continues to make incredible purebred and high percentage registered cattle for seedstock producers. In terms of the show cattle industry, Maine-Anjou cattle continue to grow and be a dominating force winning supreme titles at national levels. Their soundness and ability to keep the added muscle and bone while still having a showing presence is unmatched. I think a true testament to the growth and presence in the showing is to look at the bred and owned show at junior nationals and see the incredible incline in quality as well as the sheer numbers of young juniors who are already committed to raising Maine-Anjou cattle.

What are your goals for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed?

My goal for the breed is to continue to see it grow and to see young members being active in the association. I believe that one of the best ways to see a breed continue to grow and improve is to foster the youth and help develop them into the future leaders and breeders of the industry. I would like to continue to help the junior association and support young juniors and their programs. I believe that another important goal is to continue to keep promoting and building superior genetics for commercial producers to utilize as well as seedstock producers. By continue to find innovative ways to promote the breed and continuing to prove the strengths of the breed I hope to help keep

making the Maine-Anjou breed a household name and staple in all operations.

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

My family promotes the Maine-Anjou breed by continuing to make it the staple of our operation and to promote Maine-Anjou genetics at national shows across the US. Even though my daughter is no longer a junior, we continue to be involved and show in open shows to be able to support the breed. We have been involved in the Maine-Anjou sales that take place at Cattlemen's Congress and the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) where we have sold bulls and heifers. This last year, at the 2023 NWSS, we had Champion Maine-Anjou Pen of Three Bulls. The ability to network and talk with individuals in the Yards is something we truly look forward to doing every year. Dunn-Rite Cattle also hosts an annual sale every September where we continue to promote Maine-Anjou genetics and continue try and produce the best females and bulls we can to represent the breed to the best of our ability.

Additional comments

The Maine-Anjou breed has been such an important influence in my life and many of those within the industry have been true mentors. I would love the opportunity to give back to the breed that has given me so much.

ERNIE DOMINGUEZ, TEXAS

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

My interest in Maine-Anjou cattle began over 20 years ago as a junior exhibitor. We purchased our first Maine-Anjou purebred heifer in 1999. I was in high school looking for a show heifer prospect and after looking at several prospects from different breeds, I chose a Maine-Anjou heifer. The next year, I selected a second Maine-Anjou heifer to show my senior year. I loved how the heifers we purchased had the right combination of maternal look and enough natural muscle shape to compete in South Texas. The heifers turned out to be very productive, good mothers, which is all you can want from retired show heifers. In fact, my first Maine-Anjou heifer had twins the first time we bred her!

From there, we bred and raised our own, while continuing to add select females from successful

programs across the country. Today, we continue to use Maine-Anjou females and bulls to complement our Maine and other registered breeds program.

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

I believe the Maine-Anjou breed can complement just about any cowherd in the country with added carcass cut-ability and feed efficiency. Maine-Anjou cattle are very versatile and help add more pounds at weaning due to the natural muscling the breed has to offer in addition to mothers having really good milking ability. The Maine-Anjou breed has strong maternal traits. For those reasons, and others, the Maine-Anjou breed can improve efficient production of the end product extremely well.

What are your goals for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed?

We will continue to use Maine-Anjou genetics in our program for years to come. I believe in an all options on the table approach when setting goals for the future. We need to incorporate everyone's ideas and come up with the best solutions that will help the breed continue to be progressive and relevant. The showring is one aspect of the industry, but we also need to continue to build relationships with the commercial cattlemen, so we can use all vehicles possible to promote the breed and reach the most people. I believe the Maine-Anjou breed has tremendous upside and will continue to increase market share in the industry.

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

Our family markets cattle through shows and online, social media outlets. We have exhibited our cattle at all the Texas majors since 1999. We believe in having conversations with anyone who has a desire to know more about the cattle industry and help point them in the right direction when it comes to their buying decisions. I travel all over the state, region and country promoting not only our operation, but the Maine-Anjou breed.

This breed has so much to offer the industry - we have a great story to tell!

Additional comments

It would be an absolute honor to serve on the Board of this great breed association. I believe we have a great foundation and the genetics to take any program (show, commercial, feedlot, etc.) in the country to higher levels.

It's important to get feedback from all Maine-Anjou breeders, members and enthusiasts in addition to others outside the breed, so we can continue to make good decisions that will bring value to all those who choose to call the Maine-Anjou breed home and those who will join us in the future!

We have two herd locations. I live in Elgin, TX and maintain one of our two herds. My Dad still manages the original herd in Mercedes, TX

CHARLA COOK, TEXAS

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

I had shown cattle when I was in school, had a successful MaineTainer heifer back in my day, and helped my family with their respective cattle operations growing up. I am a several generations deep cattle rancher on both sides of my family, but as an adult I had none of my own. So our operation began with my son's show heifers. We dabbled in the Chianina, Limousin, Charolais, and Shorthorn breeds, but I always thought the Maine-Anjou breed held my heart, so we began to change our genetics and move towards the Maine-Anjou breed. Almost all of our cows were show heifers for us. Our first purchase of the Maine-Anjou breed was a heifer from Tusa which serves as my engagement ring. Then several years back we bought a Maine-Anjou bull from Parkinson Cattle Company that improved our genetic makeup and then we raised a Daddy's Money bull that has produced a heck of a first calf crop.

Our goals have changed somewhat over the years, but continuing to have better genetics with every calf crop is being met. Other goals are to increase the herd, move towards improving Maine-Anjou genetics in our herd, and market our genetics with semen from our ever growing bull battery. Our operation started from zero and now we manage 50-70 head, including calves.

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

Maine-Anjou cattle offer several strengths to the cattle industry including muscle, docile temperament, bone, feet, power to the ground, durability, efficient in feed conversion and phenotype characteristics. Those strengths are important in today's industry because cattle need to be able to walk, walk in the pasture and sometimes pastures include some hills and tough terrains. Cattle need to be efficient in converting intake into muscle and depositing fat so that the producer can obtain premium prices. My Maines have been very efficient and the easy keeping kind which helps me out on the expense end.

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

We promote the Maine-Anjou breed by showing our MaineTainers and purebreds at livestock shows like our local fairs, at the state level at shows such as Fort Worth, and nationally at Arizona National Livestock Show.

When visitors walk by, we try to interact with them and visit with them about cattle and the Maine-Anjou breed. Educating the public is important when there is so much misinformation these days or no education at all on the cattle industry. We also have offered up some of our better heifers and steers to junior exhibitors to show both as sale and sponsorship. And as I stated earlier we are working on our bull battery that we will market semen for those who might want to add to their genetics, thus promoting Maine-Anjou genetics. We currently have 5 mature bulls who have different traits to offer the Maine-Anjou breed and 6 more who will likely make our roster for the bull battery. We plan to have a catalog to distribute at some point. Locally we have shared genetics with another Maine-Anjou breeder, Vinoka Morris.

What are your goals for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed?

I would like to see the Maine-Anjou breed be elevated and desired by consumers. I would like to see more junior exhibitors seek and buy Maine-Anjou cattle to show and start their herd.

Personal goals for Region 3:

- 1) I would like to see the Maine-Anjou

breed return to Houston Livestock Show Open Cattle Show.

2) State Fair of Texas in Dallas have Maine-Anjou open show.

3) Fort Worth Livestock Show have a MaineTainer division in the junior show so that juniors would be more open to purchasing MaineTainer heifers.

Additional Comments

I would really like the opportunity to become more involved in the Maine-Anjou breed and promote them, elevate them, improve my knowledge of the breed and get to know my fellow Maine-Anjou breeders.

AT-LARGE

KENDALL BREMER, IOWA

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

I've been involved with Maine-Anjou cattle for my entire life. I grew up showing Maine-Anjou and MaineTainer cattle, and helping my father sell bulls to the commercial cattleman across the country. We still run a very progressive, yet diversified cattle operation, raising mostly high quality Maine-Anjou seedstock.

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

The Maine-Anjou breed has several strengths. To me, the Maine-Anjou advantage is that they have a usefulness to fit in every program. It doesn't matter if it is commercial cattle or if it is show cattle, they simply dominate.

What are your goals for the future of the Maine-Anjou breed?

The Maine-Anjou breed needs to re-establish their acceptability in both the showing as well as the commercial sector. We need to do a better job of marketing in social media outlets as well as print outlets. The Maine-Anjou or Maine-influenced cattle are succeeding at the highest of levels. Every time one does this we need to be letting the whole world know. The commercial performance as well as kill data, needs to be displayed in the same

manners. The window of opportunity is ours for the taking and its time the world opens their eyes to the Maine-Anjou breed.

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

We use SCO Online Sales primarily to market our cattle throughout the country. We have an elite heifer and steer sale in October and a bred heifer and bull sale in December. We have been selling well over 100 head a year for several years now. Additionally we have sold genetics through the Bright Lights Sale at the Cattleman's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Additional Comments

The Maine-Anjou breed has been my life-blood. We make our living selling elite show cattle as well as seedstock and commercial bulls. The breed is recognized across the country for putting on the best junior national in the country and having the best junior staff. We need to also get the same recognition in the commercial side of the world. There is no doubt the majority of Maine-Anjou cattle fit that mold, we just need to do a better job of "Blowing the Horn." Our bull sales have been up the last couple of years and I expect that to continue. We live and breath this breed of cattle and we will do what we can to make it better.

MAINE-ANJOU

Board of Directors Ballot

2023 AMAA BOARD BALLOT

BALLOTS DUE SEPTMEBER 20, 2023

Any ballot that is postmarked on or before Sept. 20, 2023, but not received on or before October 5th will be void.

RULES FOR VOTING

Members will vote ONLY in your region for regional directors and ALL members may cast an At-Large vote.

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AMAA BOARD OF DIRECTOR VOTING BALLOT

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Merriam, KS 66204

NAME _____ AMAA # _____

SIGNATURE _____

REGION I Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

REGION II California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming

REGION III Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah

REGION I (vote for one, one position open)

Chad Barker, Missouri Jacob Jones, Illinois

REGION II (vote for one, one position open)

Tara Thorson, Minnesota

REGION III (vote for two, two positions open)

Brett Carter, Oklahoma Charla Cook, Texas

Dustin Dorsey, Colorado Ernie Dominguez, Texas

AT LARGE (vote for one, one position open)

Kendall Bremer, Iowa

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