

## Numerous locals recognized in 2012 Pathfinder Report

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Numerous local producers have been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having animals included in the association's 2012 Pathfinder Report.

Gale L. and Cynthia Haynes, Holyoke, have been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having eight registered Angus cows included in the Association's 2012 Pathfinder Report.

Vision Angus, Amherst, has been recognized nationally by the association for having one registered Angus bull and seven registered Angus cows included in the association's report.

Austin Vieselmeyer, Amherst, has been recognized nationally by the association for having one registered Angus cow included in the association's 2012 report.

Only 2,027 of the nearly 30,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to Bill Bowman, chief operating officer and director of performance programs of the association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. Over 1.9 million eligible dams and more than 6.5 million weaning records were examined to determine Pathfinder status.

In addition, bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder cows are recognized as Pathfinder sires.

All registered Angus cows and sires meeting the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the annual Pathfinder Report.

The 2012 Pathfinder Report lists 8,791 individual cows and 231 Pathfinder sires. It is available

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online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), and printed copies are available from the association.

Started in 1978, the Pathfinder Program continues to recognize outstanding breeders participating in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) Program.

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