

## ANNUAL MEETING &amp; AWARDS BANQUET

COLUMBUS, OHIO



JANUARY 11, 2020

## January 11th Schedule of Events

**Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center**

100 Green Meadows Drive South | Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

- 7:30 a.m. **OCA & OBC Breakfast (invitation only)**
- 8:00 a.m. **OCA & OBC Board & Leadership Training Session**
- 8:30 a.m. **Registration desk opens**
- 8:30 a.m. **OCA PAC silent auction opens**
- 9:00 a.m. **Cattleman's Challenge Written Test**  
*\*Open to BEST participants ONLY.*
- 10:00 a.m. **Youth Beef Quality Assurance**
- 10:00 a.m. **Ohio CattleWomen's Annual Meeting**
- 10:00 a.m. **Exclusive State Policy & Issues Briefing**  
Participants include OCA Board, Ohio Young Cattlemen (OYC) members & past Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) participants.
- 11:30 a.m. **Opening Luncheon**  
Featuring speaker Mark Gardiner, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kansas. Mark will share his outlook for the future of the beef industry and relate his vision to Gardiner's daily ranch operations and future goals.
- 11:30 a.m. **Youth Luncheon open to Cattleman's Challenge & Youth Quiz Bowl participants**
- 1:00 p.m. **Youth Quiz Bowl**  
*\*Open to BEST participants ONLY.*
- 1:30 p.m. **OCA Annual Meeting**  
Take an active role in your organization by attending the Annual Meeting. Members will set policy for 2020 and receive program updates. Speaker will be Ethan Lane, Vice President of Government Affairs for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He will provide a legislative briefing related to OCA and NCBA policy priorities.  
**Youth Quiz Bowl Awards & Photos**
- 3:30 p.m. **Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation Annual Meeting**  
Following the annual meeting, the Foundation and the Ohio CattleWomen will present scholarships to the 2019 recipients.
- 5:00 p.m. **Hospitality Hour**
- 6:00 p.m. **OCA Awards Banquet**  
Banquet highlights: Young Cattleman of the Year, Industry Service Award, Industry Excellence Award, Seedstock Producer of the Year, Commercial Producer of the Year, Environmental Stewardship Award and Outstanding County Award.
- 8:30 p.m. **Cattlemen's Social & PAC Auction**  
Stick around following the banquet to enjoy music, refreshments and an evening with fellow cattlemen. Don't miss your opportunity to take home some great items and experiences with the Live & Silent auctions benefiting OCA PAC.

## Featured Speakers

## Mark Gardiner

President, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kansas



Gardiner Angus Ranch (GAR) is a family-owned operation and leading Angus genetics business located near the Oklahoma Panhandle. The family has developed an embryo transfer program that makes over 3,500 transfers a year, making it one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Gardiner Angus Ranch presently consists of over 48,000 acres and breeds more than 45,000 head of Angus females each year and calves about 2,000 cows each fall and spring. The remaining females are marketed in annual production sales. All of these registered and commercial Angus females are settled by embryo transfer or artificial insemination. Embryo transfer produces over 70 percent of the registered Angus calves born each year on the ranch. In addition, embryos from GAR donor cows are put into other ranches' cows and the calves bought back at weaning.

Gardiner Angus Ranch typically will raise 800 embryo transfer calves in cooperator herds, and markets over 2,600 Angus bulls a year. Additionally, four annual production sales are held at Gardiner Angus Ranch. The April sale is the largest of the four, where typically over 1,300 head are sold in one day. This sale of bulls and females has grossed over one million dollars each of the last 20 annual sales, making it one of the larger production sales in the United States.

Gardiner graduated with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences and industry from Kansas State University in 1983. He is active in the Beef Improvement Federation, and is also a former President of the Kansas Angus Association.

Gardiner is married to the former Eva Stumpff DVM.MS. Together they have twin sons, Cole and Ransom, who joined GAR full time in 2016 and son, Quannah, a freshman at Kansas University.

## Ethan Lane

Vice President of Government Affairs, National Cattlemen's Beef Association



Lane is a fifth generation Arizonan with more than 20 years of experience in natural resources, land use issues, and advocacy on behalf of the cattle industry.

Prior to his current role, Lane was the executive Director for the Public Lands Council and Senior Executive Director of the NCBA Federal Lands portfolio. Before joining PLC and NCBA, he operated a consulting firm where he worked on multiple high profile political campaigns and advised a variety of private companies and industries on regulatory and legislative issues impacting their businesses.

Prior to moving to Washington, Lane spent ten years helping to grow and manage a large real estate and ranch portfolio in Arizona. His diverse background gives him a unique perspective on the challenges producers face on a daily basis.

**Visit [OhioCattle.org](http://OhioCattle.org) for more details!**

# Join us after the banquet!



**Refreshments**  
**Live Auction**  
**PAC Fundraiser**  
**Social**

Live & Silent PAC Auction Items will sell at the conclusion of the banquet.

## Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test & Youth Quiz Bowl

Showcase your beef industry knowledge by competing in the OCA BEST Stockmanship division by completing the Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test and Youth Quiz Bowl. The OCA BEST Stockmanship contests offered in conjunction with the OCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet are open only to OCA BEST participants ages 8-21 (as of Jan. 1, 2020). The Annual Meeting will serve as one of the locations available to take the Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test and the scores from the test will count toward the Overall Stockmanship Awards that will be awarded at the OCA BEST Banquet on May 2, 2020.

The top Quiz Bowl teams in each of the age categories will be recognized during the Annual Meeting. Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test participants may sign up as individuals and Youth Quiz Bowl teams of four (4) may sign up at [OhioCattle.org](http://OhioCattle.org). If any individual signing up for the Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test would like to participate in the Youth Quiz Bowl, but doesn't have a team, they may elect to be placed on a Youth Quiz Bowl team in their Cattlemen's Challenge sign up. OCA will assign individuals to teams accordingly; however, team participation is not guaranteed when signing up as an individual. For more details on the OCA BEST Stockmanship Division, visit [OhioCattle.org](http://OhioCattle.org).

## Reminders

### Book Your Room

#### Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center

100 Green Meadows Drive South | Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

(North of Columbus off of US Route 23)

**Reservation Deadline:**

**December 20, 2019**

**Room Rate - \$129 (Includes breakfast for 2)**

**614-880-4300**

**Cattlemen's Challenge  
and Youth Quiz Bowl Sign-up**

**[www.ohiocattle.org](http://www.ohiocattle.org)**

Registration Deadline is

**December 27, 2019**

**Register now at  
[www.ohiocattle.org](http://www.ohiocattle.org)  
Registration Deadline is  
January 3, 2020**



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