

A large herd of brown Angus cattle is gathered in a snowy field. In the background, a person in a tan jacket and hat is walking through the snow. There are wooden fences and a barn in the distance. The trees are bare and covered in snow.

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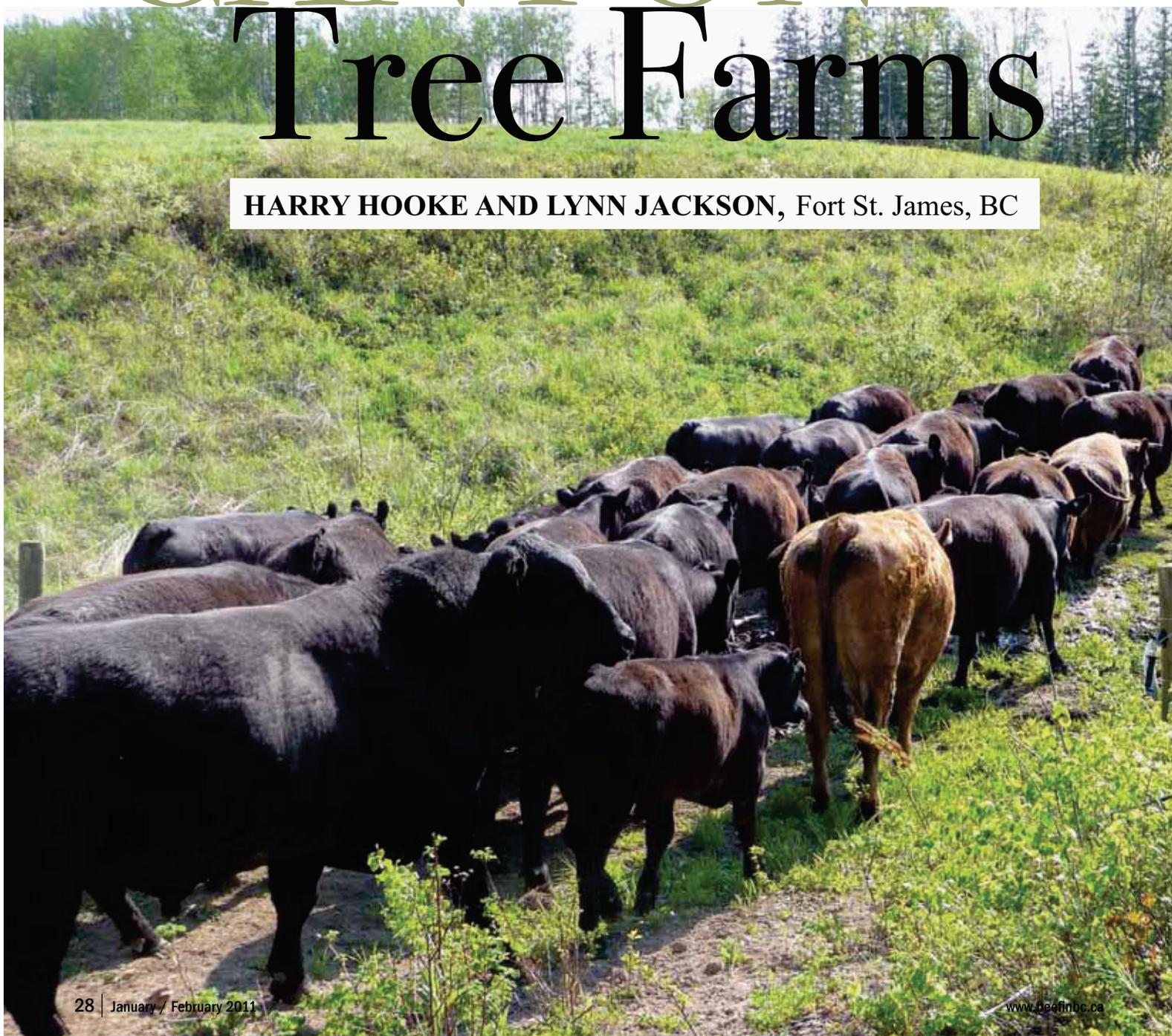
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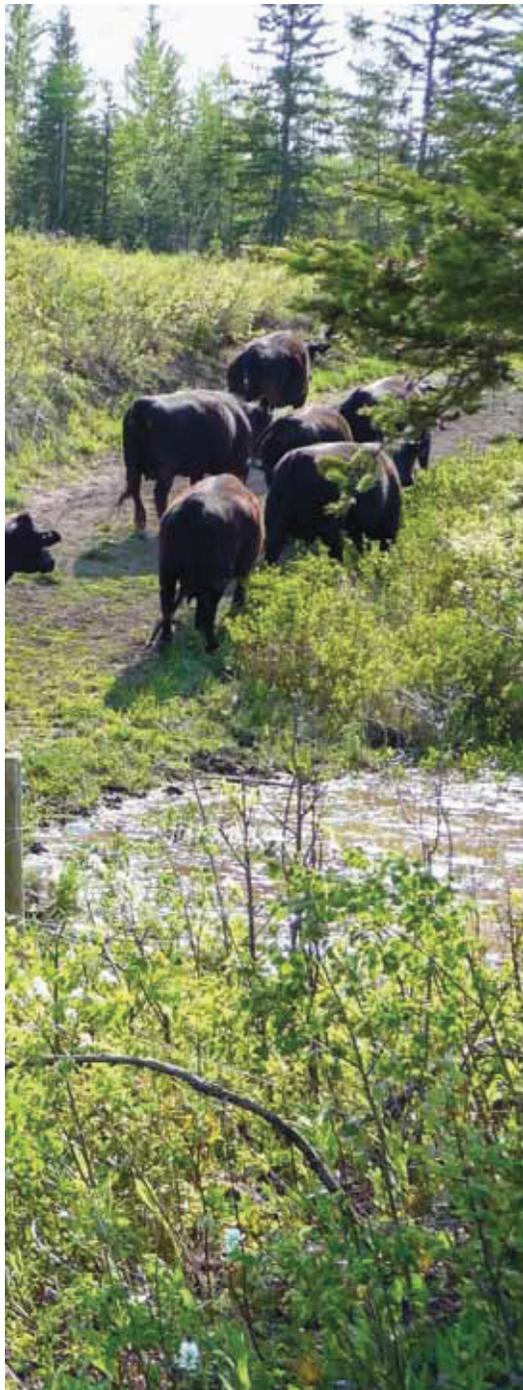
Happy New Year

Angus Feature Breed

CANYON Tree Farms

HARRY HOOKE AND LYNN JACKSON, Fort St. James, BC





Story by Kirsten Hollstedt, Photos by Canyon Tree Farm

ANGUS BREEDERS, Harry Hooke and Lynn Jackson, from Canyon Tree Farms, run a diversified business with purebred cattle, farm gate meat sales, woodlots and a logging/road building business. This husband and wife team, along with their two sons, Jackson (13) and Harrison (11), successfully run a herd of 60 purebred Black Angus cows.

Lynn and Harry started the herd with the purchase of their first cows in 1996. For the first four years, the farm ran Angus cross commercial cattle. “We were raising commercial cattle and doing well enough but we wanted to have more control over the entire life of our animals,” says Lynn.

In 2000, Harry and Lynn attended their first Northern Highlights Sale with the intention of buying a trailer load of Red Angus. In the end however, they were both attracted to the Blacks and that is what they came home with.

“We had been raising Angus crosses and were always very impressed by how well they did even on marginal ground. They are easy calvers, have great maternal instincts and good quality carcasses, so when we decided to make the switch to purebreds it was a natural choice to go with Angus,” says Lynn.

The family is very happy with the results of the switch from commercial to purebred. Every year since, they have purchased animals from various breeders and sales to build their herd. However, the original purchases from breeders like Gumbo Gulch, Northern Black Angus and Vallee Creek are still the heart of the herd.

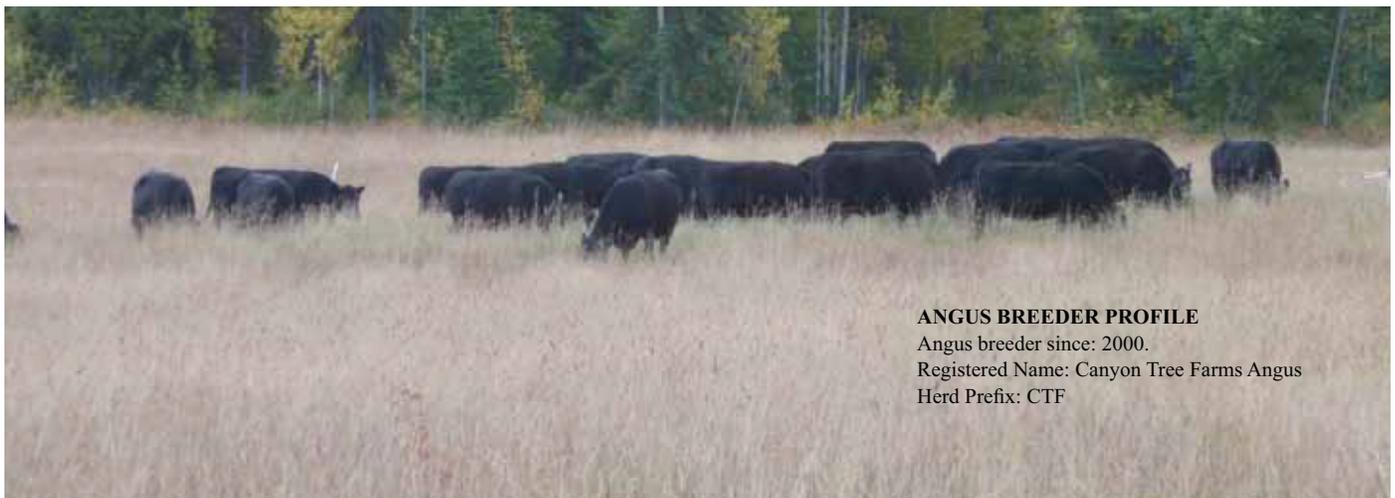


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Left: Lynn & Harry with their sons Jackson & Harrison

Below: Impressions of Canyon Tree Farm



ANGUS BREEDER PROFILE

Angus breeder since: 2000.

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Herd Prefix: CTF



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Breeding Program

Canyon Tree Farms cattle are marketed under the herd prefix CTF. For the past three years, the family has participated in the Gumbo Gulch Annual Bull Sale in Dawson Creek. A number of bred heifers and a herd sire have come from Gumbo Gulch, and the farm is proud to be associated with such a distinguished breeder.

The ranch has many priorities in their breeding program which are all closely related. “Our goal is to raise moderate frame cows that produce moderate birth weight calves with exceptional gain and all-round quality performance,” explains Lynn. Canyon Tree Farms is trending toward well muscled, deep bodied

females. “They have the capacity to carry a calf, and are giving us carcasses that are much better suited for the retail market.” With over 50% of the breeding program directed to retail meat sales, carcass quality

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is a top priority for Canyon Tree Farms. With the help of genetic testing and the introduction of ultrasounding data, Lynn and Harry are able to have more control over the genetics for rib

eye size, marbling and tenderness – information they are beginning to pass on to their buyers.

Animal disposition is also important as Lynn does much of the handling on her own so a quiet herd is necessary. “Many of our repeat buyers are



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attracted to how quiet our bulls are and the fact that they remain quiet as they age," asserts Lynn.

Canyon Tree Farms is very particular about what they sell as breeding stock. Only 35% of bull calves each year, approximately 10, meet the requirements to be breeding stock. Some bulls are sold from the bull station in Fort Fraser by operator Charly Belsham. Others are sold via private treaty from the farm or at the Gumbo Gulch Bull Sale. Cattle are also promoted in local shows and sales, mail outs and sale flyers. Lynn describes the ranch's philosophy on champions, "Any bull we sell that people keep until it's old is a champion in our opinion."

January is calving season on the ranch. Approximately 60 calves will be born, starting the third week of January. Cows and calves remain on the home ranch during the spring and will spend the summer on bush pasture. Canyon Tree Farms' cows are expected to bring home and wean a calf that is a minimum of 42% of the dam's weight. Calves are weaned at the start of September and kept over winter. At the end of December, replacement heifers and breeding bulls are chosen and the remaining heifer and cull bull calves are put on a grain finishing diet for slaughter in the spring.



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Left to right:
Lynn's Booth
at the Farmers
Market
The Home Place
Canyon Tree
Farm's Angus
Herd



Canyon Tree Farms





Farm Gate Meat Sales

Raising purebreds gave the ranch several options for marketing their animals. "The very best of our bull calves and a few heifers are sold for breeding stock," says Lynn. "The remainder of our cattle supply our retail beef sales business." The emphasis on farm gate sales gave Lynn and Harry complete control over the beef they were selling and eliminated the middle men. Roughly 30 yearlings are sold each year from the farm.

Harry and Lynn work closely with Country Locker, a slaughter facility in Vanderhoof, and Kawano Farms in Prince George, to provide a full range of beef products such as sausage, jerky, hamburger patties, ground beef and steaks. Canyon Tree Farms' ready-to-eat products are sold in two local retail stores as well as local farmer's markets and craft fairs.

As a way to provide their customers with peace of mind and enhance their farm gate meat sales, Canyon Tree Farms became full audited members of the Verified Beef Production program in 2009.

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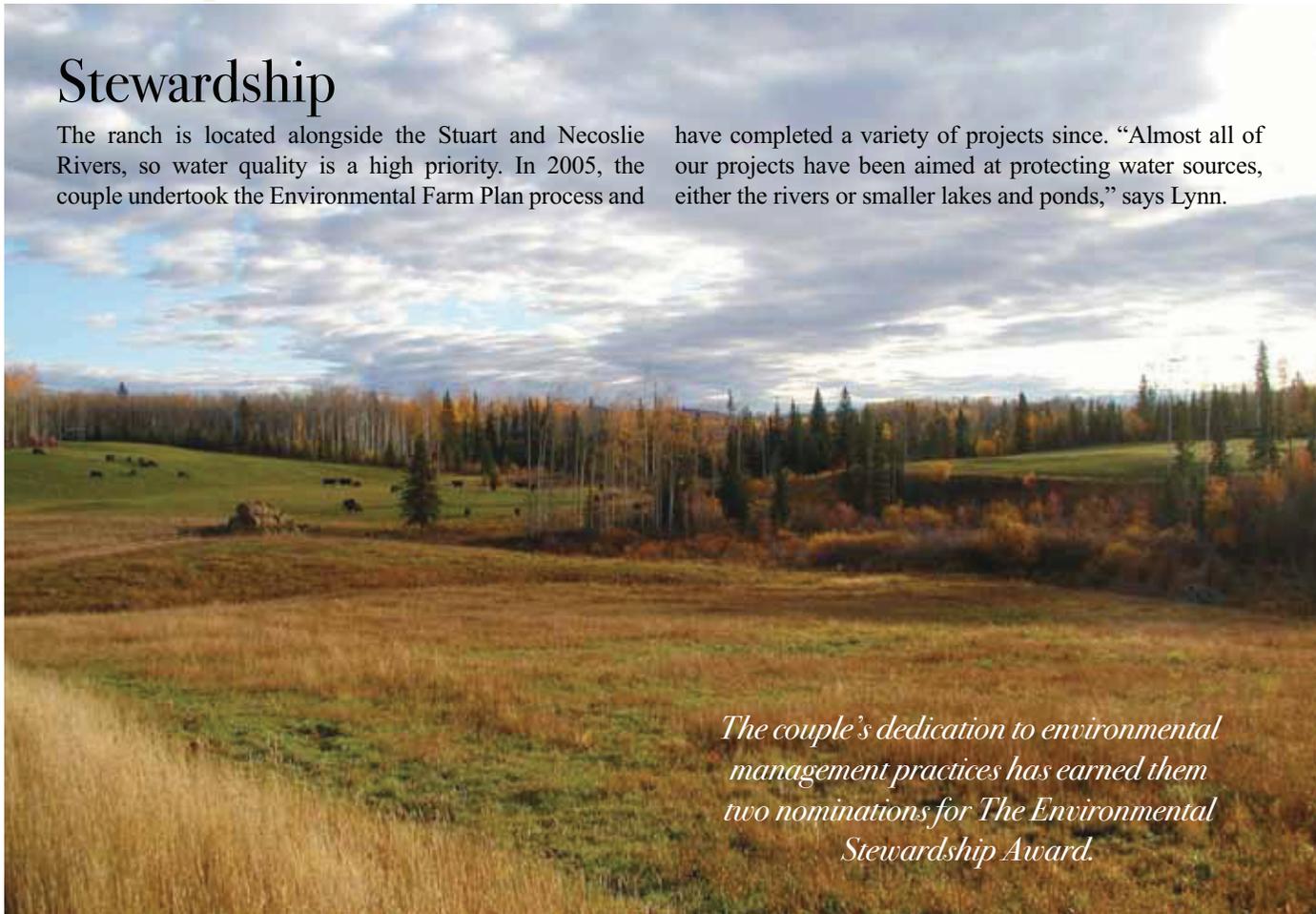
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Stewardship

The ranch is located alongside the Stuart and Necoslie Rivers, so water quality is a high priority. In 2005, the couple undertook the Environmental Farm Plan process and

have completed a variety of projects since. “Almost all of our projects have been aimed at protecting water sources, either the rivers or smaller lakes and ponds,” says Lynn.



The couple's dedication to environmental management practices has earned them two nominations for The Environmental Stewardship Award.



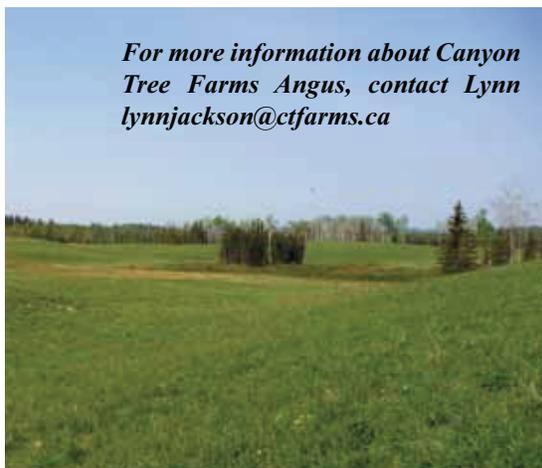
Community

Lynn and Harry are active in both their local cattlemen's association and the breed associations. They are members of: the Sinkut Mountain Cattlemen's Association, BC Cattlemen's Association, the Central Interior & BC Angus Associations, and the Canadian Angus Association. Lynn serves as a director for the BC Angus Association. Both sons are Junior Angus members and are involved in the Fort St. James 4-H club, which the farm sponsors.

The ranch has hosted grazing field days, as well as field days for elementary classes. Giving back to the community is important to this family.

Beef in BC and the BC Angus Association are pleased to recognize Lynn Jackson and Harry Hooke of Canyon Tree Farms as this year's featured Angus breeder. We wish you continued success.

For more information about Canyon Tree Farms Angus, contact Lynn lynnjackson@ctfarms.ca



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