

# The Dal Porto Family

## A FAMILY JOURNEY

by Clinton Laflin for Best of the West Newsletter

"FAMILY IS NOT AN IMPORTANT THING, IT IS EVERYTHING." – MICHAEL J. FOX

Tears of joy could be seen streaming down the face of Jeanene Dal Porto as her son Dawson lead his 2015 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Reserve Grand Champion Owned Female out of the showing in Tulsa, Okla.

Emotions ran high when Dawson and DPL Sandy 3105 (pictured below) left the showing, where they were greeted by friends and family members.

The heifer, which was the result of an embryo purchased by the Dal Porto family from the Schnoor Sisters of Chowchilla, Calif., was raised by the Dal Porto family.

Dawson found success in the showing along the way, but had no idea what was in store for the duo in Tulsa. After first being selected as the Senior Champion Owned Female, the heifer and Dawson earned their ticket to the championship drive.

"My son has been lucky enough to exhibit bred-and-owned and owned champions at the state and regional levels over the years, but winning at the national level was a goal we thought may never be reached due to the quality Angus females raised and exhibited by members of the National Junior Angus Association," says Jeanene.

According to Jeanene, "The entire family is still on cloud nine about the whole experience. It is truly gratifying to be recognized with this honor when our family has a passion for the cattle industry like ours does."

What started out as a 4-H project for her husband David Dal Porto has grown into a multi-faceted family business focused on producing cattle that bring success to the commercial cattleman and the seedstock producer alike.

The family lives in Brentwood, Calif., and host their 24<sup>th</sup> annual bull sale with friends David and Carol Medeiros of Rancho Casino, the third Thursday in

September. Cattlemen from California, Nevada, Idaho and Oregon purchase close to 140 bulls from this sale at Rancho Casino, located in Denair, Calif.

In addition to their registered Angus herd, the Dal Porto family also runs a large herd of commercial cows. These cows are serviced with Dal Porto Angus bulls, and the resulting progeny are retained and fed out by the family.

"Employing this practice allows us to evaluate our genetic progress, and better produce a product that works for our customers," says David.

David and Jeanene put strong emphasis on many economically important traits to improve their operation, but continually improving the Angus cow is critically important in David's mind.

"The strength of the Angus cow has allowed the breed to rise to the top of the beef industry," reflects David. "If we as breeders continually find ways to improve a cow both phenotypically, and genetically, we have a chance for continued success."

The Dal Porto's are active members of the American Angus Association (AAA) and the Western States Angus Association (WSAA). David was elected to the AAA Board of Directors last fall.

David is a past board member of the California Angus Association (CAA) and the WSAA. He has served as president of the Contra Costa-Alameda County (CCAC) Cattlemen's Association and has chaired various committees for the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA). David has two adult children – daughter Lindsey who lives in San Francisco, Calif., and son A.J., who lives in Walnut Creek, Calif.

In 2001, Dal Porto Livestock was recognized as the Seedstock Producer of the Year by the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association (CBCIA). He

was honored as the CCAC's Cattleman of the Year in 1992. David has been a member of the local school board, the RD799 water board, and chaired and served on many local youth, FFA and 4-H boards.

"I am honored to serve alongside my fellow board members, and enjoy working with Angus breeders from around the United States," says David. "We have an excellent staff in place at headquarters, which works hard every day to offer the best member services available."

Jeanene volunteers her time to help out at both the state and regional levels. She is in her second year of a three-year term as a director for the California Angus Association.

In April, she was elected by her peers to serve on the WSAA Board of Directors.

Dawson is active in the California Junior Angus Association (CJAA) and exhibits his bred-and-owned females and bulls at the local, state, regional and national levels.

The family enjoys time spent together getting ready for shows and being on the road. The Angus industry has brought much joy to the Dal Porto family, and they look to remain involved in the industry for years to come.

"Some people have asked me if it is hard to work with my spouse every day, and I tell them "no" because we have been in it together as a family from day one," says Jeanene. "The people we work with day-in-and-day-out bring joy to our lives, and the Angus industry is one that encourages families to work together."

Another proud moment for the family was when Hadley Pitts was honored at the 2015 Western National Angus Futurity with the herdsman award.

"Hadley is like family to us and he works hard, so for him to be recognized at the show, we could not have been more proud," says Jeanene.

**Jeanene Dal Porto shares a congratulatory hug with her son Dawson following the owned heifer show at the 2015 National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa, Okla.**

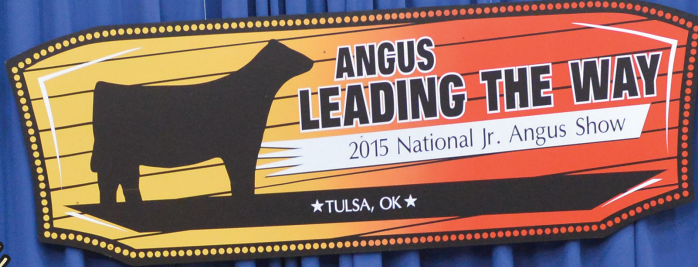


**The Dal Porto family (L to R): Dawson, Jeanene, David, Lindsey and A.J.**



## 2015 NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW

# Reserve Grand Champion Owned Heifer



*Dawson  
Dal Porto*

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## DAL PORTO LIVESTOCK Leading the Way

We are proud to have raised and exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Owned Heifer at the 2015 National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa, Okla., as well as other recent winners (below). Special thanks to all those along the way that have helped us develop some of the best genetics



### DPL SANDY 3040

DOB: 4-6-2013 • Sire: Silveiras Style 9303

Dam: K N C Cabin Creek Sandy 804 • Dam's Sire: B C Lookout 7024

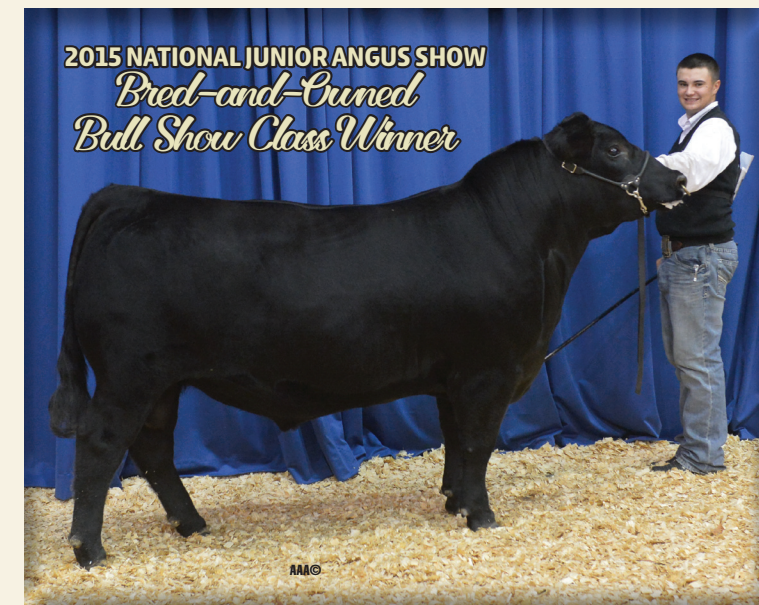
BW	WW	YW	MILK	MARB	RE	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B
+3.8	+47	+84	+20	+1.57	+1.25	+30.68	+45.48	+35.28	+89.87



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### DPL CYPRESS R57

DOB: 4-10-2014 • Sire: DPL Dash N08

Dam: H B Primrose Lady 205Z • Dam's Sire: Plainview Lutton E102

BW	WW	YW	MILK	MARB	RE	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B
+1.1	+59	+92	+19	+1.29	+1.61	+57.79	+39.06	+27.25	+98.75

## Mark Your Calendar

### 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RANCHO CASINO/ DAL PORTO LIVESTOCK BULL SALE

Selling Long-Yearling & Yearling Angus Bulls

Thurs., September 17, 1 p.m. • Denair, California