

Cecil and Beverly Hendricks of Grant have been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association® for having one registered Angus cow included in the Association's 2011 Pathfinder® Report.

Only 2,099 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.

These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, Bowman said.

Over 1.9 million eligible dams and more than 6.2 million weaning records were examined to determine Pathfinder status.

All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the association.

The 2011 Pathfinder Report lists 9,083 individual cows and 242 Pathfinder sires.

It is published online at www.angus.org, and printed copies are available from the Association.

The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 86.

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