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## AngusSource regulars keep it up

Two Angus producers with established reputations for high quality topped the first-quarter standings in the AngusSource® Carcass Challenge (ASCC).

Although that January-through-March quarter does not fit many of the calf-fed cattle enrolled in the program, the level of quality in the two leading groups did not falter, according to Sara Snider, AngusSource director.

As usual, Mike Kasten, Millersville, Mo., fed his 39 steers from the Central Region at Irsik & Doll Feedyard, Garden City, Kan. As usual, they blew the doors off, with a combination of 82.1% *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand and Prime, 18% of those in that top grade.

As usual, John Osborn, Savannah, Mo., fed his 39 mixed steers and heifers at home, having purchased them from five local allied herds. As usual, they gave Kasten's group a good run for the money, coming in at 73.7% CAB and Prime, winning in the Northeast Region for the quarter.

Osborn and feeding partner Pete Mitts won the national 2009 ASCC, edging out Kasten. Both are off to a strong start this year, Snider said.

When the year-long contest ends in December, an overall winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and the added value to their cattle's reputation.

Groups of 38 head or more, enrolled in AngusSource at the ranch of origin and fed at a CAB-licensed feedyard, are eligible for the contest. As long as they are harvested in one group, both mixed-sex and lots with multiple owners are accepted. For more information on the ASCC call 816-383-5100 or visit [www.AngusSource.com](http://www.AngusSource.com).

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