

# Angus Storm Denver

## Exhibitors braved poor travel conditions, snow and cold to attend 101st National Western Stock Show.

literally mounds of snow greeted Angus exhibitors at the 2007 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., as another weekend snowstorm hit the area. Exhibitors in the yards had to clean a foot and a half of snow out of their pens before prepping stalls and displays. Many came to Denver early to get a head start.

The 2007 NWSS featured 18 breeds and more than 7,000 head of cattle during its 16-day run. The National Western's mission is to preserve the western heritage and agricultural industry through education. The annual event attracts more than 630,000 people each year.

Angus activities officially began Sunday morning, Jan. 7, with check in for cattle to be shown on the Hill.

Herdsmen gathered at the National Western Club Monday evening for the Herdsman Banquet, which recognizes all exhibitors who work diligently during the year to prepare Angus cattle for exhibition. Each year, exhibitors at the NWSS vote to recognize the outstanding effort of one of their own by naming a Herdsman of the Year. Jake Scott, Rolling RRR Ranch LLC, Edmond, Okla., was voted this year's winner (see page 187).

Colorado State University's (CSU's)

Temple Grandin presented a workshop Monday afternoon that focused on understanding the importance of cattle behavior, reducing stress in cattle and the design of cattle handling facilities. Conducted in the Livestock Center Auction Arena in the Yards, the workshop was part of the International Livestock Congress — USA 2007 (ILC).

### Educational opportunity

As exhibitors showing carloads and pens checked in their entries Tuesday morning, many cattlemen headed to the Renaissance Denver Hotel for a full day's schedule at the ILC, which was hosted by the NWSS in partnership with the International Stockmen's Educational Foundation and the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF).

The 2007 ILC, themed "Global Beef: Thinking Beyond the Fence," was structured to give participants real tools to assist in making decisions for tomorrow, said NWSS president and CEO Pat Grant. "As the global economy continues to propel the beef industry into the world marketplace, producers are realizing that their day-to-day decisions go beyond their county line, state line and national borders."

Highlights of the event included a packer

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► Bruce Kiesewetter, Letts, Iowa, evaluated the 111 entries led by junior exhibitors in Tuesday afternoon's Junior Angus Heifer Show on the Hill.



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► Jake Scott, Rolling RRR Ranch LLC, Edmond, Okla., right, was named Herdsman of the Year at the 2007 National Western Stock Show Angus Herdsman Banquet Jan. 8. Rod Wesselman, Association regional manager, presents the award.



► Scott Johnson, American Angus Association; and Brian House, Select Sires, converse in the Angus booth on the Hill. Association staff and National Junior Angus Association Board members man the booth to answer questions about the Association and distribute literature.



panel followed by a panel of representatives from the cow-calf, feedlot, export and auction market segments (see page 210). Both panels were moderated by CSU's Tom Field.

Beef product demonstrations revealed where some of the newer beef cuts — such as the flat-iron steak and the tri-tip — come from and how they add value to the beef carcass, as well as how exports increase beef carcass value by adding value to particular cuts.

Workshops focused on age and source verification, adding value to the ranch through wildlife and resource management (see page 215), disease prevention, drought management and risk management. Presented in smaller breakout sessions, these workshops offered practical advice in a smaller-group setting to allow for more interaction.

### Juniors kick off show schedule

Junior Angus members led 111 entries during Tuesday's junior Angus heifer show. Bruce Kiesewetter, Letts, Iowa, evaluated the females before selecting champions. Andrew Rogen, Brandon, S.D., led the grand champion female, Rogen's Eriskay 503, a February 2005 daughter of DAJS All Star M243. Randie Falleur, Gearhart, Ore., showed the reserve grand champion female, EXAR Blackcap 8996, a March 2006 daughter of EXAR Lutton 1831. See page 171 for a complete list of junior show winners.

The 2007 NWSS Super-point Roll-of-Victory (ROV) Angus Show began Wednesday, Jan. 10, with the female show. Judge Jim Pipkin, Republic, Mo., evaluated the 230 females and two cow-calf pairs.

Pipkin selected Frey's Arkpride of Cherryknol as the grand champion female. Katrina Frey of Quarryville, Pa., owns the February 2005 daughter of CF Right Design 1802. Brooklynn Bell, Delaware, Okla., claimed reserve grand champion female with EXAR Princess 6414, a January 2006 daughter of EXAR Lutton 1831.

Champion cow-calf honors went to Tessa Stehr, Altus, Okla., and Greg Smith, Elida, N.M., for G13 Prosperity 3207. The November 2003 daughter of G13 Structure had an October 2006 bull calf sired by G13 Encore at side.

Canyon Creek Angus LLC, Carson City, Nev., captured reserve grand champion cow-calf pair with LaGrand Blackcap 4594, an August 2004 daughter of GAR Precision 1680, and her August 2006 heifer calf sired by Baldrige Kaboom K243 KCF. See page 162 for complete results.

### Sale bulls featured Thursday

As weather forecasts called for deteriorating conditions and possible airport closures with yet another looming storm, consignments to the 2007 National Western Angus Bull Sale took to the ring Thursday morning. A panel of five judges including Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont.; Mike

Jones, Folsom, La.; Greg McCurry, Sedgwick, Kan.; Doug Parrett, Urbana, Ill.; and Matt Perrier, Eureka, Kan., evaluated the 63 bulls, naming winners in each division.

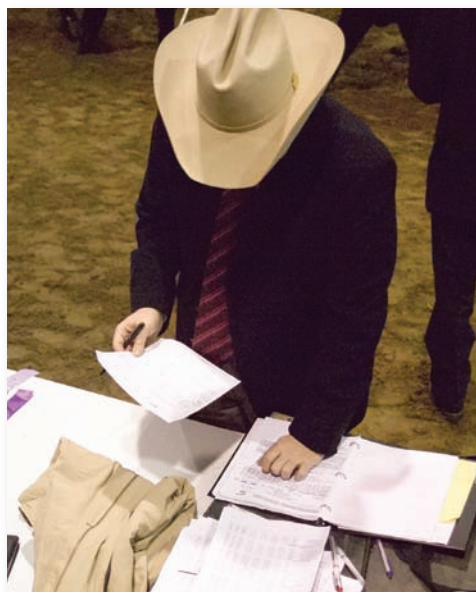
Werner Angus, Rapids City, Ill., consigned the grand champion bull, Werner Wild Fire 96. The January 2006 son of SAV 8180 Traveler 004 later was the high-selling lot. Ankony Angus Corp. Inc., Clarkesville, Ga., purchased the bull for \$55,000.

WCC Midtown R220 was named reserve grand champion sale bull. Wilson Cattle Co., Cloverdale, Ind., consigned the November 2005 son of BR Midland. Christenson 4-D, Delaware, Okla.; Appalachian Cattle, Somerville, Tenn.; JCG Angus Farm, Kiln, Miss.; and Jaysen Manning, New Albany, Miss., purchased the second-high-selling lot for \$25,000.

For complete results, see page 175. The sale, which is the only sale managed by the American Angus Association, averaged \$4,765 on 63 lots.

### Foundation support

John Downs, owner of Southern Cattle Co., Marianna, Fla., bid \$135,000 Jan. 11 to purchase the 2007 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which was headlined by Riverbend Rita R125, the heifer donated by Frank and Belinda VanderSloot, owners of Riverbend Ranch, Idaho Falls, Idaho. A special feature this year, the January 2005 daughter of Bon-View New Design 1407 was bred to Mytty In Focus and due to calve March 13.



▶Regional Manager Jerry Cassidy organizes the paperwork during the sale bull show Thursday morning.



▶Judge Jim Pipkin, Republic, Mo., evaluated the 230 females, 68 bulls and two cow-calf pairs in the super-point ROV Angus show Jan. 10-12.

In addition to the heifer, Southern Cattle Co. was to receive 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.

All proceeds resulting from the sale are to benefit the Angus Foundation, the not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association that funds and supports programs involving education, youth and research in the Angus breed and agricultural industry.

Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, Melba, Idaho, owned by the Stoller family, was the contending bidder.

Southern's \$135,000 bid purchased the second-highest-selling Foundation Heifer Package in the history of this fundraising tradition, which dates back to 1980.

For more information see page 191.

### Off campus

Because of construction at the Marriott City Center Hotel, which served as Angus headquarters during the NWSS, Thursday evening's Angus Reception was at the beautiful and spacious Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Angus enthusiasts could feel a definite chill in the air as they caught

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## National Western lends support to regional cattlemen

In an effort to help the ranchers devastated by recent snowstorms in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) provided assistance to raise money for the National Cattlemen's Foundation's (NCF) disaster relief effort.

In addition to making a donation, the National Western helped get the word out by handing out fliers and making announcements during rodeos, cattle sales and shows. NWSS Chairman Emeritus Ben Houston donated a heifer to the Commercial Heifer Sale on Jan. 17, with proceeds from the sale of the heifer to be donated to the disaster relief fund.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has coordinated with NCF, as well as state and local cattlemen's associations to provide for farmers and ranchers affected by the blizzards. The relief funds were to be distributed at the discretion of state associations in the affected areas.

Monetary donations are fully tax deductible and can be made to the National Cattlemen's Foundation at 9110 East Nichols Ave., Suite 300, Centennial, CO 80112. Donations may also be made online at [nationalcattlemensfoundation.org](http://nationalcattlemensfoundation.org).

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► **Above:** Cherry Knoll Farm Inc. of West Grove, Pa., purchased the original watercolor painting donated by C.J. Brown of Lindenwood, Ill., during the Angus Reception. Pictured are (from left) Audrey Taylor, Lavaca, Ark.; Shirley Williams, Van Buren, Ark.; Susan Taylor, Lavaca, Ark.; C.J. Brown, Lindenwood, Ill.; Margaret Duprey, Cherry Knoll Farm Inc., West Grove, Pa.; and Keith Grissom, Seminole, Okla.



► **Left:** Tanner Farms, Ellisville, Miss.; and Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va., purchased a heifer pregnancy donated by Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan., at the Angus Reception Thursday evening. Pictured are (from left) Gary and Lorrie Tanner, Tanner Farms, Ellisville, Miss.; Claire Taylor, Lavaca, Ark.; Allyson McGuire, Fort Smith, Ark.; Gaye Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; and Mark Duffell, Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va.



buses from the Marriott to the reception, and snow was falling by the end of the evening.

During the reception, the Arkansas and Oklahoma Angus associations conducted an auction to raise funds for the 2007 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Themed "The American Dream," the NJAS will be July 1-7 in Tulsa, Okla.

A heifer pregnancy donated by Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan., was purchased for \$8,000 by Tanner Farms, Ellisville, Miss.; and Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va.

An original watercolor painting donated by C.J. Brown of Lindenwood, Ill., was purchased for \$9,500 by Cherry Knoll Farm Inc. of West Grove, Pa.

Several advertisements in the NJAS Show Program were purchased, with premium buyers including Cherry Knoll Farm Inc.; Werner Angus, Rapids City, Ill.; Stevenson-Basin, Hobson, Mont.; Ultimate Genetics, Wheelock, Texas; Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas; Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.; the Angus Booster Club; Turner Farms, Satin, Texas; Petteway Citrus and Cattle, Zolfo Springs, Fla.; Blackjack Angus Farm, Seminole, Okla.; Davis Angus, Burns Flat, Okla.; and National Cattle Service, Elgin, Okla.

Additional embryo lots were auctioned at sales in conjunction with the NWSS. A heifer pregnancy donated by Rolling RRR Ranch and Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., was purchased for \$15,000 by Limestone LLC of Perkins, Okla., at the Bases Loaded Sale. Limestone also purchased a heifer pregnancy donated by Christenson 4-D Ranch at the Denim and Diamonds Sale, contributing another \$6,500.

In total, Angus contributors raised \$76,350 in support of the 2007 NJAS during the NWSS. The A-OK group continues its embryo raffle, selling tickets for \$100 each. Twenty-two embryo packages have been donated by breeders throughout the U.S. A drawing at the NJAS will determine the winners. More information, including a donor list, is available at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

### Bull show

The ROV Angus show continued Friday with the bull show and group classes. Judge Jim Pipkin evaluated 68 bulls in naming G13 Stand Out grand champion. G13 Angus Ranch Inc., Lubbock, Texas; Cherry Knoll Farm Inc.; and Snake Creek Ranch, Morrill, Neb., own the January 2005 son of G13 Structure.

Werner Wild Fire 96 was in the winner's

spotlight again. The sale bull champion was named reserve grand champion bull of the ROV show. See page 162 for more results of the ROV bull show.

### Yard show

Temperatures in the single digits greeted exhibitors in the Yards for Saturday's Angus Carload and Pen Show. Jeff Dameron, Lexington, Ill.; Mark Duffell, Aldie, Va.; and Bill Rishel, North Platte, Neb., braved the cold to evaluate eight carloads and 40 pens of three bulls.

Whitestone-Krebs, Gordon, Neb., showcased the grand champion carload, while Express Angus Ranches claimed the reserve grand champion carload. Rolling RRR Ranch exhibited both the grand champion and reserve grand champion pens of three. See page 181 for complete results.

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) recognized the winners of the 2006 National Angus Carcass Challenge (NACC). The grand champion pen was a record-setting group of 68 steers from Iowa's Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity (TCSCF). They were fed at Ron Barrier's CAB-licensed Rolling B Farms, Neola, Iowa, on behalf of TCSCF cooperators in Alabama and Georgia.

Harvested May 31 and July 6 at the Tyson Foods plant in Denison, Iowa, the steers achieved 61.8% *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand acceptance, including 11.8% Prime. The trick was putting that together with 67% Yield Grade (YG) 1 or 2 leanness, no discounts, and a 754-pound (lb.) carcass weight. The combination made for a record \$108.77 per hundredweight (cwt.) on the NACC contest grid.

Most of those steers trace ownership or genetics to Rocky Creek Farms, owned by Billy Womack, Ashford, Ala. Womack gives Iowa State University beef specialist Darrell Busby and TCSCF management half of the credit.

Besides CAB, NACC sponsors joining forces to help producers discover the value in their Angus cattle were Allflex USA, Alltech, *Drovers* magazine, Merial, ORiGen and the Association's AngusSource® program, a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Process Verified Program (PVP). The annual contest began in 2003 and concluded with the 2006 results, which are available in greater detail on page 364.



## National Western names new livestock manager

The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Jan. 8 named Bill Angell of La Salle, Colo., livestock manager. Formerly serving as the NWSS stockyards manager, Angell assumed his duties following this year's event.

Angell served as NWSS yard manager for seven years. Aside from the NWSS, Angell has been the area coordinator for the American Polled Hereford Association, head of field services for the *Record Stockman* newspaper, head of commercial exhibits for the International Arabian Horse Association, and marketing director for Superior Livestock Auctions.

Angell's new responsibilities include scheduling, serving as a liaison with breed associations, and participating in committee meetings and professional show managers' organizations. His duties will also include overseeing the Catch-A-Calf contest and the entry process from processing to payout, managing superintendents and seasonal help, hiring judges, negotiating contracts, establishing program guidelines and procedures, and implementing animal care and use policies.

"Working as the National Western livestock manager is a great opportunity, giving me new challenges in an industry that I have served in all my life," Angell said. "I hope to continue the National Western's tradition of providing a great environment for breeders and exhibitors."

When asked about any goals he might have for the livestock department, Angell responded he hoped to make the department more efficient by merging the stockyards and Hill operations.

"It is an exciting time in the livestock industry," Angell said. "Prices are good, it involves good, solid people, technical innovations have exploded, the industry has been able to identify superior genetics, and is producing better beef more efficiently."

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