

Association Highlights

- **Association Web site has new feature**
- **Don't miss deadlines for upcoming junior shows**
- **Spring Sire Evaluation Report is online**

Parent verification process changes effective Jan. 1

Effective Jan. 1, the American Angus Association began using DNA technology to verify parentage on all animals. The Association Board of Directors approved the change in procedure at its regular meeting in September. Members will see no evident changes in procedure, except in the quantity of blood required for the verification test; now, only a drop of blood is needed rather than the tube that members were required to submit in the past.

For more information, call Don Painter at (816) 383-5100 or refer to the articles on pages 66 and 78 of the December issue of the *Angus Journal*.

Angus Foundation heifer sells this month

It's not too late to bid on the 2001 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which will sell at the National Western Angus Bull Sale, Thursday, Jan. 11, in Denver, Colo.

The offering will feature a pick of the Sitz Angus 2000 heifer calf crop, donated by Jim Sitz, Sitz Angus, Dillon, Mont.; and Bob Sitz, Sitz Angus, Harrison, Mont. The package also will include 30 days of free insurance from the date of sale from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch or farm, provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; a flush and three embryo transplants into the buyer's recipients from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa; and Ivomec® provided by Merial.

The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package generates the largest annual donation to the Angus Foundation. Last year's package contributed \$90,000 to Angus youth, education and research.

For more information, contact James Fisher in the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100 or jfisher@angus.org.

AIMS demonstrations in Denver

Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), will be demonstrating version 2.0 of the

software at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver. Johnson will be in the Association booth outside the Stadium Arena during the female show on Wednesday, Jan. 10; during the Angus sale-bull show on Thursday, Jan. 11; and during the open bull show on Friday, Jan. 12. Stop by and let Johnson show you how to improve your recordkeeping system.

Association Web site has new feature

A new member-login feature has been added to the Association's Web site as a link on www.angus.org. Active members can logon and view herd inventories, artificial insemination (AI) certificate inventories and expected progeny differences (EPDs) of individual animals.

If you are an active member and would like to check out this new feature, go to www.angusonline.org and establish your profile and password to get started.

NCBA convention begins Jan. 31

The 2001 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show, organized by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and other industry groups, is set for Jan. 31-Feb. 4 in San Antonio, Texas.

"Define the Industry: Be Part of the Adventure" is the theme for this year's event. A week full of activities, including both work and play, is planned for attendees. The Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), will have a combined booth in the trade show where attendees can learn about programs for commercial producers and the CAB Feedlot Licensing Program (FLP).

In addition to promotional efforts in the trade show, the Association and CAB will be hosting an informational meeting for attendees on Friday, Feb. 2. "Improving Genetics Through Angus Technology" will be the topic of the event, which will feature speakers from the Association's Commercial Relations Department and the CAB Supply Development Team. *Certified Angus Beef*™ (CAB®) heat-and-serve products also will be available for sampling.

For more information or to register, please

contact the NCBA Convention and Meetings Department at (303) 694-0305 or go to www.beef.org.

Deadlines for upcoming junior shows

The ownership and entry deadlines are Feb. 1 for the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic Regional Preview Show, which is set for March 10-11 in Harrisonburg, Va. This is a new addition to the list of regional preview shows sponsored by the Association.

Juniors who plan to compete at the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, scheduled for April 27-28 in Reno, Nev., must have cattle in their ownership by Feb. 15 to be eligible to show. Entries for the event must be postmarked by March 15.

For more information or to request entry forms, contact the Junior Activities Department.

Spring Sire Evaluation Report is online

The spring 2001 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available on the Internet at www.angus.org. Accessing the report online is the fastest and easiest way to get the latest performance information on sires in the Angus breed. It allows you to specify ranges of EPDs and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges.

The spring 2001 report is also available on computer disk and can be requested by calling the Performance Programs Department at the Association. Later this spring, printed copies of the report will be mailed to recipients of the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin* and to others by request.

Junior scholarship applications available

Now is the time for college-bound high-school seniors or those who are already in college to work on scholarship applications. The Angus Foundation will again award scholarships to 17 junior Angus members who are working toward college degrees. Fifteen young members will receive \$1,000 scholarships, and two will receive \$2,500 scholarships.

Applicants must be junior, regular or life members of the Association and less than 25 years old. Selection is based on involvement in Angus activities, academics and involvement in the beef industry. Winners of the scholarships will be announced during the awards function at the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), which is set for July 10-14 in Denver, Colo.

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA)/CAB scholarship also will be awarded to one Angus junior at the NJAS in

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July. Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must meet the same requirements; must be incoming sophomores, juniors or seniors in college; and must be majoring in animal science, meat science, agricultural communications or another related field.

All applications are due May 15. Contact the Junior Activities Department at the Association for application forms, or obtain one via the Internet at www.angus.org.

Nebraska to host 2001 National Angus Conference

The Association staff is beginning to make plans for the 2001 National Angus Conference and Tour, which will be in North Platte, Neb., in early October. The event will feature a one-day conference program and a two-day tour, similar to past events. Look for program information and registration materials in upcoming issues of the *Angus Journal*.

Still time to book World Angus Forum trip

There's still time to book your trip to Scotland for the 2001 World Angus Forum and Tour. Held every four years, the World Angus Forum brings Angus breeders from around the world together to collaborate on Angus issues.

Stirling, Scotland, is the site for the 2001 World Angus Forum. The Association is offering a tour package for breeders who are interested in attending. Two options are available. The Scotland-only tour departs June 12 and returns June 23. It includes a pre-Forum tour of Scotland and the Forum program in Stirling. The second tour departs June 12 and returns July 6 and includes the Scotland tour, the Forum program, and an additional tour to Wales, Ireland and England.

Both packages include airfare, transportation, hotels and most meals during the stay. Reservations are being accepted now, so call Terry Steele at Anchors Away Cruises & Tours at 1-800-527-8666, Ext. 203, or send e-mail to terrys@anchorsawaycruises.com to reserve your space. Time is limited, so call now.

Deadline for Pathfinder Report

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2001 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 16.

Gloria Hurlbut and the rest of the Performance Programs Department would appreciate your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data into the office in a timely manner.

If you're tired of filling out forms by hand, call the AIMS Department and find out about an easier way to submit them.



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CURRENT FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. The major cause of work being delayed is many members do not send the correct amount of money with their work.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals from birth to 4 months of age	\$7
Applications for animals from 4 to 10 months of age	\$9
Applications for animals 10 to 12 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals over 12 months of age	\$27

TRANSFERS

Applications received within 30 days from sale date	\$5
Applications received 30 to 60 days from sale date	\$7
Applications received after 60 days from sale date	\$12

MISCELLANEOUS

AHIR fee per weaning weight	\$3
AI Service Certificate	\$10
Regular Membership (subject to \$40 annual renewal dues)	\$50
Junior Membership (under 21 years of age)	\$20
Convert Junior to Regular Membership	\$45
Embryo Calves regular registration fee plus \$10 per calf	

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the *Breeder's Reference Guide*. Copies are available free from the American Angus Association.