



# Association Highlights

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## Look for the Angus tent

The American Angus Association will host a tent in the display area of the yards this year during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver. Staff will be on hand Wednesday, Jan. 16, through Saturday, Jan. 19, to visit with breeders who have questions about Association programs or to talk with commercial producers about commercial relations programs that can benefit their herds.

Information will be available on the Angus Beef Record Service (BRS), the Angus Resource Clearinghouse Network (ARCNet) and the ARCNet Bull Listing Service (BLS). Be sure to stop by the Angus tent to learn more about these programs and how they can benefit your customers.

## Angus Foundation Heifer sells in Denver

Shady Brook Angus Farm, Leoma, Tenn., has donated the pick of their fall 2001 heifer calf crop to headline the 2002 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which will sell at the 2002 NWSS at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Angus Foundation. The Tony Santini family has offered the buyer of the package the choice of several embryo heifers of various matings, which will include several notable bloodlines in the breed.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., free transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch from Lathrop Livestock Transportation, a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipients from Trans Ova Genetics, Ivomec® provided by Merial, and a semen package provided by Alta Genetics.

Proceeds of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package support youth, education and research. For more information about the package, log onto [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) or contact the Association.

## AIMS demonstration in Denver

Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software

(AIMS), will demonstrate version 2.1 of the software at the NWSS in Denver. Johnson will be in the Association booth outside the Stadium Arena during the female show on Wednesday, Jan. 16; during the Angus sale-bull show on Thursday, Jan. 17; and during the open bull show on Friday, Jan. 18. Stop by and let Johnson show you how to improve your recordkeeping system.

## 2002 National Angus Conference and Tour set for April

Mark your calendar for the 2002 National Angus Conference and Tour, April 23-26, in Sacramento, Calif. The event will include a one-day conference program and a two-day tour. It promises to offer attendees a showcase of Angus cattle and a look at the diversity of California agriculture.

The conference program will feature some of the industry's best-known leaders, discussing their thoughts and views of current issues. The tour will take attendees to some of California's most prestigious Angus herds.

The Hilton Sacramento Arden West will be the headquarters for the event. A room rate of \$85 plus tax has been secured for attendees. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling (916) 922-4700.

The conference and tour are scheduled so that breeders can also attend the 2002 Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF), which is set for April 21-22 in Reno, Nev. The WNAF will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year and will be designated as the National Angus Show.

Look for a schedule and more information in upcoming issues of the *Angus Journal*.

## Spring Sire Evaluation now online

The spring 2002 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available on the Internet at [www.angus.org](http://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



expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2001 report will receive the spring 2002 report. All other members and all commercial producers will be required to request their spring 2002 report by contacting Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or at [bschafer@angus.org](mailto:bschafer@angus.org).

## Angus history books still available

If you haven't had the opportunity to buy your copy of *A Historic Angus Journey — The American Angus Association, 1883-2000*, now's the time. Keith Evans, former director of public relations for the Association, wrote the book, which traces the development of the Association from its founding to the present. It includes more than 350 pages of history and photographs of the American Angus Association and makes a perfect gift, or a treat for yourself.

The book is available in a black leather-bound collector's edition for \$50 and a beige cloth-bound edition for \$25. An additional \$5 shipping and handling charge will apply for each book ordered. For ordering information, contact Monica Jordan at (816) 383-5149 or [mjordan@angus.org](mailto:mjordan@angus.org).

## Pathfinder Report deadline rapidly approaching

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2001 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 15.

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, check out the member logon service located at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or call the AIMS Department at (816) 383-5100 and find out about an easier way to manage your data.

