



# Association Highlights

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## 2002 National Angus Conference and Tour, April 23-26

It's time to make plans to attend the 2002 National Angus Conference and Tour April 23-26 in Sacramento, Calif. The event will include a one-day conference program and two-day tour and 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 speakers discussing their thoughts and views on current beef industry issues. The tour will take attendees to some of California's most prestigious Angus herds and an award-winning California winery and vineyard. Look for a schedule and more information on page 56 of this issue.

The Hilton Sacramento Arden West will be the headquarters hotel 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) April 21-22 in Reno, Nev. The WNAF will celebrate its 50th anniversary this coming year. The Angus show will be designated the 2002 National Angus Show.

## Submit Pathfinder Report records by Feb. 15

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2002 *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) into the office in a timely manner.

If you're tired of filling out forms by hand, the member logon service located at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) offer alternatives to help manage your data.

## Sire Evaluation Report now available

The printed version of the American Angus Association Spring 2002 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. To request a printed report, call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at [bschafer@angus.org](mailto:bschafer@angus.org).

The *Sire Evaluation Report* will no longer be mailed automatically to nonmember bull buyers, as it has been in the past. If you would like a quantity of the new *Sire Evaluation Report* to distribute to customers or to have available at your sale or event, please contact Brenda Schafer.

A searchable online version of the *Sire Evaluation Report* can be accessed from the Association Web site at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## AIMS Ranch Hand now available

The AIMS Department has developed a portable companion program, the AIMS Ranch Hand, for AIMS.

The program allows the user to download herd records and add data with a handheld computer. Any brand of handheld device capable of running Palm OS 3.1 or higher will run the program.

The program will download selected pens and animals from AIMS for use in the field. Users can add new calves and data, including tattoo, tag, date of birth, birth weight, name, sire, dam and more. Weaning and yearling weights can be recorded; and it provides the convenience of viewing pedigrees, expected progeny differences (EPDs), progeny and weight information.

The package will include a CD-ROM with installation software, instructions and a user's manual. Contact the AIMS Department at (816) 383-5100 or [scottj@angus.org](mailto:scottj@angus.org) for more information.

## Tips for making credit card payments

When mailing work to the Association, breeders who pay fees with a Visa or MasterCard should double-check their account numbers and make sure the expiration date is listed on the forms before mailing. Having this information and making sure it is correct are imperative for the completion of work in a timely manner.



### ► Western Regional junior show deadlines

The ownership deadline is Feb. 15, and the entry deadline is March 1. Remember, these are the dates that applications for transfer and entries must be postmarked. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted for any reason.

### ► 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Milwaukee

"Under the Big Top" is the theme for the five-day event, July 8-13, in Milwaukee, Wis.

### ► Sacramento is site for LEAD Conference

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will conduct its annual Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference Aug. 1-4 in Sacramento, Calif. Juniors ages 14-21 are eligible to attend the conference.

### ► Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients now

Any state junior Angus Association can nominate its advisors to be honored as the NJAA's Advisors of the Year. Letters of nomination should be submitted to James Fisher by May 1.

### ► Junior scholarships available through Angus Foundation

All applications are due May 15.

### ► Apply for American Angus Auxiliary scholarships now

Application deadlines vary by state. A list of contacts is available online at [www.angus.org/auxiliary](http://www.angus.org/auxiliary).

### ► American Angus Association can help with junior transfers

Contact the American Angus Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline.

For more information about these junior Angus events, refer to "Next Generation" on page 58.