



Association Highlights

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2002 National Angus Conference and Tour, April 23-26

It's time to make travel plans and to send in your registration 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 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 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.

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

Early registration deadline for the conference and tour is April 1, and reservations at the Hilton Arden West must also be made by April 1. Look for a registration form, complete schedule and more information about the event in the pullout program in this issue.

Registration No. 14,000,000 can be yours

The American Angus Association will offer registration No. 14,000,000 for sale at a live auction on Sunday, April 21, during the WNAF in Reno, Nev. The auction will take place just before the selection of the grand champion female during the 2002 National Angus Show, which also is a Roll of Victory (ROV) super-point show.

All profits from the sale of the number will go to the Angus Foundation, which was established in 1980 as a not-for-profit organization to support Angus youth, education and research. Many activities of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) are funded by the Angus Foundation, including college scholarships, educational contests and awards, leadership conferences and activities of the National Junior Angus Board. All donations are tax-deductible and are used to benefit the future of the Angus breed.

For more information about the sale of American Angus Association registration No. 14,000,000, contact the Association at (816) 383-5100.

Report new association officers

All state, local and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officers to the Communications and Public Relations Department by April 15. This will

ensure that correct listings are included on the Association Web site and in the July *Angus Journal* 2002 *Resource Edition*. Listings will include association name, current officers, addresses, phone numbers and Web site, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association officer listing, contact Kris Cole at (816) 383-5100 or kcole@angus.org.

Look for delegate petitions in the mail soon

Preparations are already being made for the 2002 Annual Meeting this November in Louisville, Ky. The first step of the democratic election process will take place this month with the mailing of petitions to every Association member. Members can use the petitions to nominate state delegates for the 2002 Annual Meeting.

Members may nominate any member from their state, including themselves. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the Annual Meeting, and able to represent Angus breeders.

Nominations must be returned to the Association by June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership to vote for the final slate of state delegates.

When you receive the petition this month, don't set it aside — send it in right away. June 30 will be here sooner than you think.

AIMS Ranch Hand Now Available

The Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) Department has developed a portable companion program, the AIMS Ranch Hand.

The program allows the user to download herd records and to add data with a handheld computer. Any brand of handheld device capable of running Palm OS 3.1 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 also be recorded. It also allows

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Angus Foundation Heifer Package raises \$25,000

Kahn Cattle Co., Rydal, Ga., purchased the 2002 Angus Foundation Heifer package at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. All proceeds from the package will support the Angus Foundation. For more information see page 160.

Junior deadlines for Atlantic National

The ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show is April 15. For details see "Next Generation."

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know a junior member who has purchased a heifer for showing and hasn't received the transfer papers, contact the Association. For more information see "Next Generation."

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the producer the convenience of viewing pedigrees, expected progeny differences (EPDs), and progeny and weight information.

Contact the AIMS Department at (816) 383-5100 or Scott Johnson at scottj@angus.org for more information.

New features added to the Association Web site

The member logon feature of the Association's Web site celebrated its first anniversary in December. Members are learning about the services the Association offers online and realizing the convenience and speed of doing business with the Association by using this service. Other additions and enhancements have been made to the site in the past few months.

Using the member logon, members can purchase artificial insemination (AI) certificates for bulls they own and transfer AI certificate inventory.

A sortable produce-of-dam report was also recently added to the member logon. It displays all owned dams and their average ratios for growth and ultrasound. The report can be sorted by any column. In addition, the cow production report for individual dams has been enhanced to include more individual progeny data.

Members can pay outstanding balances with the Association and renew annual memberships online. Regular and junior membership application forms, registration application forms, Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) enrollment forms and the *Breeder's Reference Guide* are all online and available for printing.

Other new features on www.angus.org include a "search site" option that allows the user to enter keywords and search the site for pages containing those words. A site map was also added that allows the user to quickly see an overview of all pages, similar to the table of contents in a book.

"Shop online" is an online store that was added in the fall. Users can order Angus clothing, caps, framing prints, clocks and supplies, including tattoo kits, scales, etc.

Remember to check out www.angus.org often to see the new services and features available.

Look up pedigrees, EPDs with ease

Many people don't realize they can look up pedigrees and EPDs for any animal in the American Angus Association's database on the Association Web site at

www.angus.org — even if they're not signed up on the member logon or are not members of the Association.

Simply click on the "Data Searches" link on the left menu, and then select the "EPD/Pedigree Search" option. Then enter the animal's registration name or registration number. This search is one of the most popular features on the Web site as it provides instant data on any registered Angus animal at the touch of a button.

Association offers tattoo brochure and supplies

For Angus breeders, tattooing newborn calves isn't just a process for herd identification; it's an Association requirement for registration eligibility. Members who are new to the Angus business, or maybe even new to the cattle business, are often challenged by their first attempt at tattooing a calf.

The Association has a brochure available to members, titled *Tattooing — Steps to Permanent Identification*, which gives step-by-step instructions on the tattooing process. The brochure can help you set up a herd identification (ID) system and determine the equipment you need to tattoo a calf. It also gives suggestions on how to prepare the ear before tattooing.

The Association offers tattooing equipment — including pliers, characters and ink — for sale to members at a minimal cost. To request a brochure or to order supplies, call or write the Communications and Public Relations Department or e-mail Lea Ann Maudlin at lmaudlin@angus.org. Tattoo supplies can also be ordered by using the "Shop Online" feature at www.angus.org.

Sire Evaluation Reports available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association's Spring 2002 *Sire Evaluation Report* are still available. To request a printed report for your personal use, or a quantity to have available at your spring sale, call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at bschafer@angus.org.

This year the spring report will not be mailed to nonmember bull buyers, as it has been in the past. Of course, the *Sire Evaluation Report* can be accessed on the Internet via the Association Web site at www.angus.org.

