



Association Highlights

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National conference, tour this month in Sacramento

The 2002 National Angus Conference and Tour is April 23-26, in Sacramento, Calif. The event will include a one-day conference program and two-day tour of Angus farms and ranches and a California winery and vineyard. If you've never attended one of these events and are looking for a great spring getaway, this is your opportunity.

The early registration deadline was April 1, but you can still register up until the day of the event for \$100 per person. The easiest and fastest way to register is online at www.angus.org, making payment with a Visa or MasterCard. You can also request a registration form by contacting Linda Campbell at (816) 383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

The Hilton Sacramento Arden West hotel is the headquarters for the event.

The Angus room rate for the event is \$85 plus tax.

Call (916) 922-4700 to make reservations. A complete schedule of events, driving directions to the hotel and other information can be found at www.angus.org.

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 and will host the 2002 National Angus Show.

14,000,000 to sell in Reno

The American Angus Association will offer registration number 14,000,000 for sale at a live auction 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 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), including college scholarships, educational contests and awards, leadership conferences and activities of the National Junior Angus

Board, are funded by the Angus Foundation. All donations are tax-deductible and will be used to benefit the future of the Angus breed.

For more information about the sale of registration number 14,000,000 contact Bryce Schumann at (816) 383-5140.

Look for delegate petitions in the mail

In preparation for the 2002 Annual Meeting this November in Louisville, Ky., petitions to nominate state delegates will be mailed to all members this month.

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, and 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, don't set it aside — send it in right away. June 30 will be here sooner than you think.

Start planning summer field days now

The upcoming warmer months are a great time to host an Angus field day at your farm or ranch. The Association's Communications and Public Relations (PR) Department has field day planners and kits to make your event the best it can be.

The field day planner provides a basic time line for organizing your field day, from planning the program to handling publicity. The guide also offers some reminders if you are planning a sale. It's designed to serve as a checklist and covers the basics. If your field day is scheduled in the next six months, you should request a field day planner and start getting organized now.

The field day kit is a collection of literature, posters and other promotional items that are available from the Association. It's perfect for decorating your facility and it offers a variety of information to both purebred and commercial producers. Some small, inexpensive items also are available from the Association on a limited basis for door prizes, or you can check out the Angus promotional items available for sale by the Angus Foundation at www.angus.org.

Call the PR Department or e-mail LeAnn Maudlin, lmaudlin@angus.org, to request these materials or for more information.

Junior deadlines approaching fast

Many deadlines for upcoming junior shows and events are approaching rapidly.

April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Regional Preview Show.

May 1 is the deadline for submitting NJAA Honorary Angus Foundation nominations and Advisor of the Year nominations.

May 1 is the ownership deadline for the Eastern Regional, Central Regional Preview and Northwest Regional Preview.

May 10 is the application deadline for American Angus Auxiliary scholarships.

May 15 is the entry deadline for the Eastern Regional, Central Regional Preview and Northwest Regional Preview.

May 15 is the application deadline for Angus Foundation scholarships and the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship.

May 15 is the ownership deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

June 1 is the entry deadline for the NJAS.

For more information about these deadlines and activities, see "Next Generation" on page 86.

All NJAA members between the ages of 9 and 21 should be receiving an entry packet in the mail soon for all NJAA summer shows and events. If you do not receive your entry packet by April 15, contact the Junior Activities Department.

Angus Foundation Golf Tournament

If you enjoy spending time on the golf course and supporting the Angus Foundation, you can do both at the second annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. The event will take place Tuesday, July 9, during the NJAS in Milwaukee, Wis.

The location and schedule for the event are still tentative, so look for more details in upcoming issues of the *Angus Journal*.

The entry fee is \$100 per golfer, and several levels of sponsorship are available. Contact the Junior Activities Department or e-mail James Fisher at jfisher@angus.org for an entry form and more information. 

