



Association Highlights

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Western States Angus breeders to gather in Reno

The 2004 Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF) and 2004 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are set for April 23-25 in Reno, Nev. Activities are being planned for both juniors and adults, including shows, a sale and lots of Angus fellowship. Finalize your travel plans now.

The headquarters hotel for the event is John Ascuaga's Nugget. To make reservations call 1-800-648-1177. Identify yourself as part of the Western National Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates — \$78 for Hotel Tower, \$58 for Courtyard and \$29 for Roof Gardens. All reservations must be made before April 5 to ensure availability and price, but will be

accepted after that date if possible.

If you can't make it to the events in Reno, you can view real-time coverage online at www.angusjournal.com/reno, which is provided by the Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Marketing Department.

Look for delegate petitions to arrive soon

The first sign of preparations for the 2004 Annual Meeting, scheduled for November in Louisville, Ky., will arrive in your mailbox this month in the form of a petition to nominate delegates for your state.

As a member, you can nominate any one member from your respective state, including yourself. Candidates 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. The ballots will be mailed to members, who will vote on the final slate of delegates.

Virginia to host 2004 National Angus Conference and Tour

Plans are underway for the 2004 National Angus Conference and Tour, set for Sept. 14-17 in Roanoke, Va.

The event will take place at the historic Hotel Roanoke and will include a program of top beef-industry speakers who will address current issues facing producers. The Virginia Angus Association has planned a two-day tour featuring Angus herds, commercial operations and historic sites across the state. Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) and Web marketing workshops will also be offered during the event.

Look for a schedule of events and registration information in upcoming issues.

South Dakota to host BIF conference

Join cattle producers, researchers and other beef industry professionals at the 2004 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Convention, set for May 25-28 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center in Sioux Falls, S.D. The event is hosted by South Dakota State University (SDSU), SDSU Cooperative Extension Service and the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association.

For more on the conference, see page 285. To view an updated schedule or to register for the event, go to www.bifconference.com, which is an API-hosted site offering real-time coverage of the conference. The site is sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.

For more information about BIF, go to www.beefimprovement.org.

Electronic registrations available on request

As an Association member you can now request registration certificates processed for your member code be stored electronically by the Association. This option is available

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ASSOCIATION FEES

CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age.....	\$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age.....	\$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age.....	\$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age.....	\$27

TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date.....	\$5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date.....	\$7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date.....	\$12

MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per weaning weight).....	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....	\$10
Regular annual membership.....	\$30
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age).....	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf..... regular registration fee plus	\$10
Cell-clone transplant calf..... regular registration fee plus	\$50

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

BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HG	Horn gene
+	Embryo transfer calf	R	Red
^	Cell clone	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
%	Split-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
@	Clone-ET	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
S	Syndactyly	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
H	Double muscling		
D	Dwarfism		
M	Osteopetrosis		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

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via AAA Login, the Association's online system for providing member services.

Once this option is set for a member, future registration certificates for the specified member code will be automatically stored electronically. Each registration application will provide an option to override the customer default to have that individual certificate printed, if necessary. Regular registration fees will apply to both printed and electronically stored registrations.

If you decide later that one or more electronically stored registration certificates needs to be printed, you can request them using AAA Login. Papers will be printed and mailed at no charge. The original registration file must be paid in full before this service will be provided.

When transfers of paper or electronic certificates are processed, any buyer that has indicated they prefer certificates be stored electronically will not receive a printed paper. Electronic transfer to an electronic registration will only be allowed if the original registration paper was stored electronically.

For more information see "Expanding Angus Online" on page 157 of the February 2004 *Angus Journal*. If you have questions about this new service, contact the Member Services Department.

Update association officer listings now

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer lists to the Communications and Public Relations Department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are posted on the Association Web site and in the 2004 *Resource Edition*, which will be published in the August *Angus Journal*. Listings include the association's name; Web site, if applicable; and current officers and their contact information. If you have not received a form to update your officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

It's time to plan summer field days

With warmer days just around the corner, it is time to begin thinking about hosting an Angus field day at your farm or ranch. The Association's Communications and Public Relations Department has field-day planners and kits available to help you make your event a success.

The field-day planner provides a timeline for organizing your event, from planning the program to handling publicity. The planner

offers a checklist of details for you to review a month, a week and a day before your event. There are also some reminders for sale planning.

The field-day kit is a collection of literature, posters and other promotional items available from the Association. The kit is perfect for decorating your facilities and for providing information to junior and regular members, and to commercial producers.

Call the public relations department or e-mail Maudlin at lmaudlin@angus.org for more information or to request these materials.

Juniors should note spring deadlines

Many deadlines for junior shows and events are rapidly approaching. All National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members between the ages of 9 and 21 should have received an entry booklet in the mail by now. If you have not received the booklet, contact the Junior Activities Department.

- ▶ April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Regional Preview Show.
- ▶ May 1 is the ownership deadline for the Eastern Regional, the Northwest Regional Preview, the Southwest Regional Preview and the North Central Regional Preview. Gold Award applications and nominations for the Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year honors are also due May 1.
- ▶ May 15 is the application deadline for Angus Foundation scholarships and the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship.
- ▶ May 15 is the entry deadline for the Eastern Regional, the Northwest Regional Preview, the Southwest Regional Preview and the North Central Regional preview.
- ▶ May 15 is the ownership deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Regional Preview.
- ▶ Entry deadline for the NJAS is June 1.

For more information about junior events, activities and deadlines, go to www.njaa.info.

Ask for assistance with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and has not received the transferred papers, and the

ownership deadline for a specific show is fast approaching, the Association can help. Contact the Member Services Department at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Angus tour offered to Scotland

The Association is pleased to offer a custom-planned, professionally managed tour to Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland, July 27-Aug. 14. A highlight of the program is the Angus Heartland Celebration at Creiff, in central Scotland, which coincides with the 125th Anniversary of the Aberdeen Angus Society in the United Kingdom.

"We're very pleased to work with Terry Steele and Anchors Away Cruises and Tours to offer this first-class trip to visit the home of the Angus breed," says John Crouch, Association executive vice president. "This opportunity to see Angus cattle and explore the sights and sounds of Scotland and other countries is a unique opportunity for our membership."

The group will visit leading Angus herds in Central Scotland; attend a cattle sale; visit Scotbeef Ltd.'s meat plant; attend a civic reception at Perth's Royal George Hotel, where the inaugural meeting of the society was held in 1879; and witness a rededication of the gravestone of breed founder Hugh Watson of Keillor.

The tour package includes:

- ▶ hotel accommodations with private facilities for 17 nights;
- ▶ Angus Heartland Celebration registration and activities;
- ▶ private motor coach transportation;
- ▶ 39 meals;
- ▶ luggage handling;
- ▶ sightseeing and features;
- ▶ celebration hosted by Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society; and
- ▶ services of escorts and guides for all included services.

Space on the tour is limited. For more information or to download a registration form, a complete itinerary and costs, go to www.anchorsawaycruises.com/angusscotland or call Terry Steele at Anchors Away Cruises and Tours at 1-800-527-8666, Ext. 203.

