

# Summer Countdown

*Anticipation builds for the 2022 National Junior Angus Show.*

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The dust is still, untouched by a single pair of cowboy boots. The seats in the grandstands are turned up, awaiting their chance to host a body eager to watch the show below. The barns are quiet, practically holding their breath as they wait for the stampede of passionate National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members to arrive July 2-9, 2022.

This summer, the biggest show on dirt will arrive to Kansas City with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This event is more than just a cattle show — it features contests, networking opportunities and educational clinics.

Angus breeders of all ages can head to Kansas City to either participate in these NJAA activities or enjoy good company as they watch the events take place.

This year marks the return of the auctioneering contest, where young Angus enthusiasts have the chance to showcase their best chant at the auctioneer's block.

For those who enjoy the thrill of presenting to a crowd without the hammering of the gavel, there is also an opportunity to compete in the



public speaking contest. Scholarship awards of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 are presented to the top three speakers in the senior division.

Individuals' knowledge of the beef industry will also be put to the test with the skill-a-thon contest. This event is unique in the fact that it is flexible to any NJAA member's schedule for the week of the show.

In addition to the long list of competitive events, there are opportunities for even the youngest of Angus cattlemen and women. The Angus Mentoring Program (AMP) pairs up younger generations with older members to help them make the most of their time in a new state. The event emphasizes making

connections that last a lifetime as junior connect with peers from across the nation.

Between the hustle of the cattle show and the NJAA contests, educational sessions will also be hosted. Breeders of all ages can gather to learn more about a range of subjects from new technologies in the beef industry to the tools available to American Angus Association members.

The newest six of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) will earn their green coats. Top cattle were awarded new banners. Outstanding showmen will compete for the championship title in the showmanship contest.

Year after year, the NJAS draws the best and brightest breeders and livestock of the Angus industry. From driven competitors to proud parents, the biggest show on dirt is certainly an event that deserves to be added to the family calendar.

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