

NJAS PREVIEW :

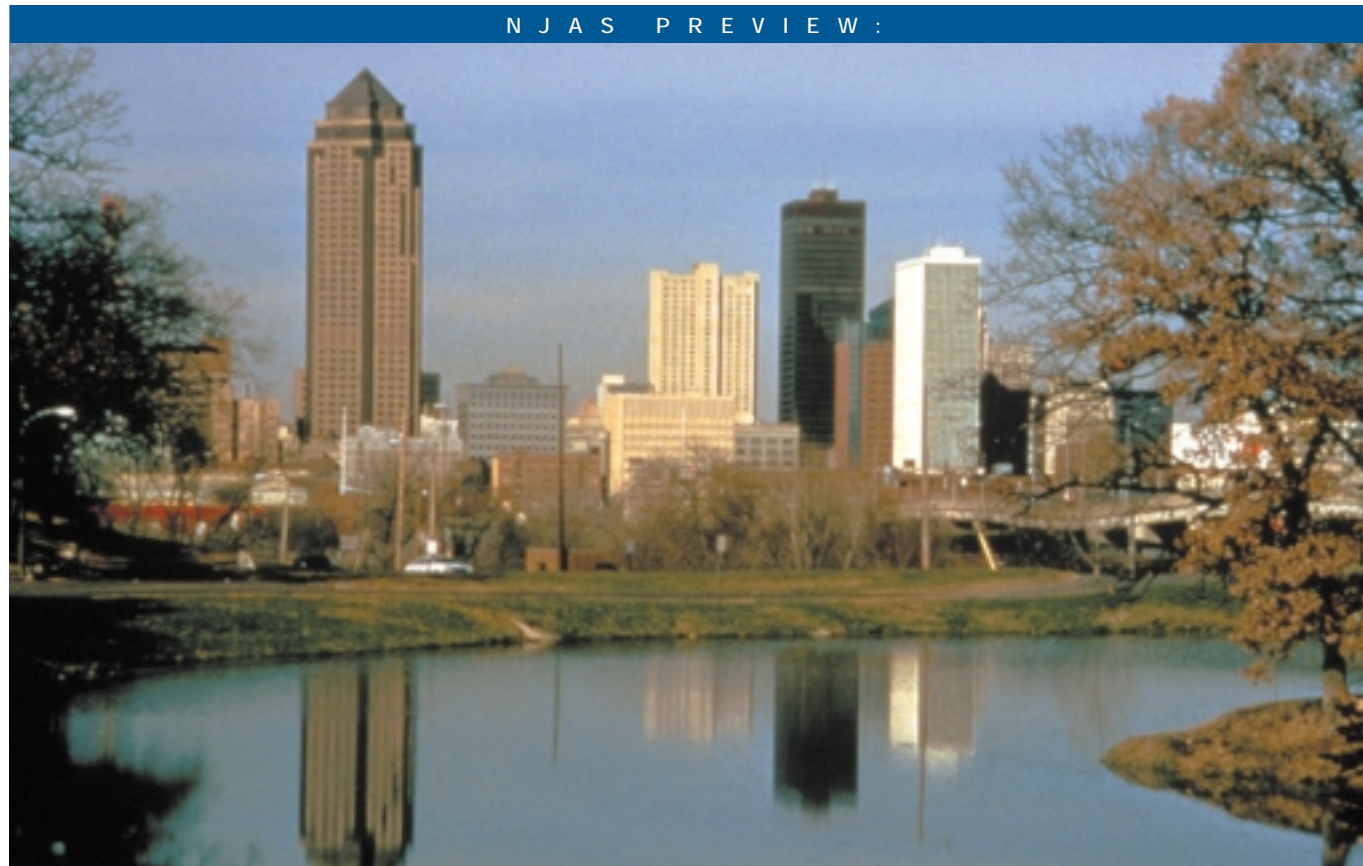


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Juniors Track to Des Moines

The Iowa Junior Angus Association will coordinate the 2000 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa, July 10-15. This year's show will carry the theme "Tracking the Millennium" and will be at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

The NJAS has grown to become one of the largest single-breed beef cattle shows in the world. Junior Angus breeders from more than 40 states are expected to enter cattle in the six-day event. The show will consist of classes for steers, owned heifers, bred-and-owned heifers, cow-calf pairs and bulls.

In addition to livestock competitions, leadership contests and educational seminars will be offered for all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members, which will provide young Angus breeders from all parts of the United States the opportunity to

compete—with or without cattle.

More than 70 contestants are expected to compete for the title of top showman in the finals of the 34th National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Six Angus leaders will be elected as Directors of the NJAA Board at the association's annual meeting. Educational contests will include public and extemporaneous speaking, team sales, photography, poster and graphic design, as well as the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off.

Participants must be junior members of the American Angus Association. To compete, they must have been 9 years old, but not yet 21, on Jan. 1, 2000.

For purchased animals, applications for transfer to the junior members must be postmarked by May 15 to be eligible to compete. Application for registration of bred-and-owned animals and all entries must be postmarked by June 1.

For entries or more information, contact the Junior Activities Department, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506-2997; (816) 383-5100; e-mail: angus@angus.org.

New Cook-Off features

The 17th All-American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off contest, scheduled for 1 p.m. July 11, will include several new features.

- The Black Kettle Award will be presented to the team who earns the most points among all the age groups. This award is offered in memory of Angus breeder and Cook-Off participant Paul St. Blanc, who died last summer. St. Blanc created many of his special Cajun recipes in his black cooking pot.

- A new division will feature quick-and-easy *Certified Angus Beef* entrées. Additional points will be awarded for the creative use of meat loaf, tri-tip roast, pot roast, and Bourbon Street top sirloins. RMH Foods will make these entrées available for the competition.

- Two to six people are eligible to compete on a team in the four age divisions: 9-13, 14-17, 18-21 and adults.

As in the past, teams may request any *Certified Angus Beef* cut for preparation in the fresh-meat category. Grills will be provided. Any other cooking method may be used if the cooking unit is furnished by the contestants.

Cook-Off entries are due June 1. To enter or to order the desired product, contact Anne Patton Schubert at (502) 477-2663.

Where to stay

Room blocks have been reserved at the following hotels, all within 3 miles of each other and all in the same area of the city.



Holiday Inn University Park, 1800 50th St., West Des Moines; phone: (515) 223-1800; \$62; 200-room block.

Heartland Inn, 11414 Forest Ave., Des Moines; phone: (515) 226-0414; \$60; 40-room block.

Four Points Sheratin Hotel West, 11040 Hickman Road, Des Moines; phone: (515) 278-5575; \$62; 64-room block.

Fairfield Inn, 1600 114th St., Clive; phone: (515) 226-1600; \$62; 70-room block.

Country Inn and Suites, 1350 N.W. 118th St., Clive; phone: (515) 223-9254; \$75; 30-room block.

Comfort Suites, 11167 Hickman Road, Urbandale; phone: (515) 276-1126; \$79; 15-room block.

Wildwood Lodge, 11431 Fourth Ave., Clive; phone: (515) 222-9876; \$79; 30-room block.

Sleep Inn-Living History Farms, 11211 Hickman Road, Des Moines; phone: (515) 270-2424; \$69; 35-room block.

Courtyard by Marriott, 1520 N.W. 114th St., Clive; phone: (515) 225-1222; \$75; 50-room block.

Holiday Inn Downtown, 1050 Sixth Ave., Des Moines; phone: (515) 283-0151; \$62; 120-room block (closest to fairgrounds).

While in Des Moines

While you're in Des Moines, there are many activities to entertain the family.

"For family adventure, the Iowa State Fair, White Water University, National Balloon Classic and Blank Park Zoo captivate the senses. View the passion of renowned artists in the outstanding collection of works at the Des Moines Art Center or take a hands-on approach at the Science Center of Iowa. Witness the progression of Iowa agriculture at a living-history museum or view government in action beneath the majestic capitol's 23-karat-gold dome.

"In metro Des Moines, amazing sights await your discovery. Architectural buffs will be amazed by the Victorian opulence of the governor's home and by a 42-room Tudor mansion nestled in a residential neighborhood. Just minutes outside the city, embrace the romance at picturesque Madison County."

—Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site

For more information

For more information about the NJAS, contact the Junior Activities Department. You may also want to visit the following Web sites by the NJAA, Iowa Junior Angus Association and the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, respectively.

www.angus.org/njaa/njas.htm

www.breedingcattlepage.com/ijaa/default.htm

www.desmoinesia.com/attractions.html



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 9

evening Cattle may begin arriving but will be restricted to tie-outs
5 p.m. NJAA Board meeting—Holiday Inn University Park
8 p.m. Staff and NJAA Board meeting—Holiday Inn University Park

Monday, July 10

8 a.m. Facilities available for stalling—Cattle Barn, Iowa State Fairgrounds
10 a.m. Begin check-in
evening NJAA Board meeting—Holiday Inn University Park

Tuesday, July 11

7:30-9 a.m. Breakfast
9 a.m. Continue check-in and stalling
9 a.m. Queens' brunch
9 a.m. Weigh carcass steers
10 a.m. Advisors' meeting
11 a.m. Stalling and check-in deadline
noon Exhibitors' meeting
1 p.m. Cook-Off—Family Center
4 p.m. Teams sales competition and quiz-bowl-contest sign-up—Show Office
4-5:30 p.m. Evening meal—hamburgers, chips, etc.
6:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies—Pavilion
evening Banana splits
8:30 p.m. Load carcass steers. Transfer to processing plant for data collection.

Wednesday, July 12

6:30-8:30 a.m. Pancake breakfast
8 a.m. Begin show—Pavilion
Steers → cow-calf pairs → bred-and-owned bulls
9 a.m. Poster, scrapbook and graphic-design contest deadlines (entries turned in to show office)
9 a.m. Angus Foundation silent auction items due—Show Office
10 a.m. Judge scrapbooks, posters and graphic-design entries
noon Open silent auction
2 p.m. Extemporaneous-speaking preparations and contest—Family Center
3 p.m. Quiz bowl
2 p.m. *Angus Journal* Web-marketing seminar—Sales Arena
3-5 p.m. Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) seminar—Sales Arena
6:30 p.m. NJAA candidate/delegate dinner and interview session—Holiday Inn University Park
6:30 p.m. Evening meal—walking taco

Thursday, July 13

6:30-8 a.m. Breakfast
8 a.m. Resume show—Pavilion
Bred-and-owned heifers
12:30 p.m. Showmanship orientation and photo session—Pavilion
2 p.m. Team-sales competition—Pavilion
3 p.m. Public-speaking contest—Family Center
6:30 p.m. Evening meal—Texas-style meal
7 p.m. NJAA Board 20-year reunion

Friday, July 14

6:30-8 a.m. Breakfast
8 a.m. Resume show—Pavilion
Owned heifers (calf, intermediate and jr. yearling division 1)
11 a.m. Present Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation awards
1:30 p.m. Showmanship preliminaries—Pavilion
3:30 p.m. NJAA elections—Pavilion
5-6:30 p.m. Evening meal—ribeye sandwich, chips, etc.
6:30-8:30 p.m. NJAA awards function—Pavilion
(present awards for team sales; poster; graphic design; photography; public and extemporaneous speaking; Cook-Off; scrapbook; Gold Awards; carcass results; Auxiliary, CAB Program/NJAA, Angus Foundation scholarships; top-10 Cow-Calf Game)
Introduction of new NJAA officers and directors
9 p.m.-midnight Junior and adult social/dance

Saturday, July 15

6:30-8 a.m. Breakfast
8 a.m. Showmanship finals and awards presentation—Pavilion
9 a.m. Resume show—Pavilion
Remainder of owned heifers → state groups
Announce Best Herdsmanship, Premier Breeder and Sweepstake winners prior to selections of grand champions
Present Auxiliary Silver Pitcher awards
10 a.m. Close silent auction—Pavilion
2 p.m. NJAA Board meeting—Fairgrounds