

Association Highlights

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Fall Sire Evaluation Report available online

The American Angus Association fall 2001 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available on the Internet and can be accessed via the Association home page (www.angus.org).

To request a printed report, call the Performance Programs Department or send e-mail to bschafer@angus.org. You also can purchase the report on CD-ROM for \$25 or obtain a computer printout for \$10.

The printed report no longer will be mailed to the general membership or nonmember bull buyers. You must request the report by completing and returning the postcard included in the ballot mailing you received in July or by contacting the Association.

Task force appointed

As the Association plays a larger role in collecting data for and providing services to Angus breeders and the industry, the Board of Directors continues to explore ways to enhance the Association's role in the industry.

A task force of Board members, Association staff and active breeders was appointed to explore the potential of a service to generate ancestral records and genetic predictions on Angus-derivative cattle. The task force will report to the Board at its September 2001 meeting. (See "Board Action," page 70.)

Committees change for 2002

The Board of Directors approved a new committee structure, with changes effective for fiscal year (FY) 2002. The new structure changes the Industry Relations Committee to the Commercial and Industry Relations Committee and the Long-Range and Administrative Planning Committee to the Member Services Committee.

The Board works as a whole and in six committees, which work with the programs, services and budgets of various areas and departments within the Association. For a list of committees and the Board members who serve on them, contact Pat Musil at (816) 383-5131 or pmusil@angus.org.

New mailing-list policy approved

Members should review the policy approved by the Board of Directors

regarding the lists of active members and nonmember bull buyers.

Active Regular and Junior Member Lists. State, local and regional Angus associations may request and receive mailing labels only for members in their own state(s). One list per year is free of charge, and additional lists (up to four per fiscal year) may be purchased at 10¢/label with a minimum charge of \$100. The labels are for one-time use and may not be copied by any means. All requests for an active-member list must be made in writing, with a signature from an officer of the association making the request, to the Association director of member services.

Nonmember Bull Buyer List. This list is not available for purchase.

If you have questions about the new policy or would like a printed copy, please contact Bryce Schumann, director of member services, at (816) 383-5100 or bschumann@angus.org.

Board candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Members who want to announce their candidacies for the Board of Directors in the October *Angus Journal* must submit their biographical information and photographs to Editor Shauna Hermel by Aug. 15. For more information, contact Hermel at (816) 383-5270.

Angus Foundation Web site launched

The Web site developed for the Angus Foundation (www.angusfoundation.org) includes information about programs supported by the Angus Foundation, including junior programs and scholarships, estate planning and charitable gifting, and a list of past Angus Foundation Heifer Package donors and purchasers.

Time to plan for 2001 Annual Meeting

The Association Annual Meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the Roll of Victory (ROV) super-point show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Events begin on Sunday, Nov. 11, with the Angus junior show, an educational program for breeders, and the open forum for candidates and delegates. The open female show and the Annual Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 12,

and the Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude on Tuesday with the open bull show. All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Executive West Hotel.

Take note of NWSS sale deadlines

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2002 National Western Angus Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15 is \$300/head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$350/head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) performance information to be eligible.

For more information, call Chuck Grove, sale manager, at (804) 525-4687, or contact Linda Campbell at the Association at (816) 383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

Register now for national conference and tour

The 2001 National Angus Conference and Tour will be Sept. 30-Oct. 3, in North Platte, Neb. The Quality Inn and Suites Sandhills Convention Center will serve as headquarters for the event. See page 64a for an eight-page insert highlighting the event and three preconference workshops.

Cost for registrations received by Sept. 1 is \$65; after that date, the cost increases to \$80. Registration materials have been mailed to active Association members and commercial producers in Nebraska and surrounding states. You also can use the registration form on the back of the national conference insert or register online at www.angus.org.

Association history available in fall

The American Angus Association — A Historic Journey, 1883-2000 will be available to purchase this fall. Written by Keith Evans, former director of communications and public relations, the book traces the involvement of the Association from its founding to the present.

It will be available for purchase at the Annual Meeting in Louisville, where Evans will be available to sign copies. Books can be purchased afterward from the Association. For ordering information, contact Linda Campbell at the Association.