



Association Highlights

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Delegate ballots due Aug. 13

All ballots to nominate state delegates for the 2002 Annual Meeting must be received at the American Angus Association by Aug. 13 in order to be counted by the Credentials Committee. No late ballots will be accepted. If you haven't mailed yours, please do so as soon as possible.

Schedule changes for NAILE show

The Board of Directors approved schedule changes for the 2002 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)

super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) show in Louisville, Ky.

The bull show will be held Monday, Nov. 18, and the female show will be on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Fall Sire Evaluation Report online

The American Angus Association fall 2002 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available on the Internet and can be accessed via the Association homepage (www.angus.org).

To request a printed report, complete and return the blue postcard included in the

ballot mailing you received in July. This will ensure that you receive both the fall 2002 and spring 2003 reports. Otherwise, simply call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at bschafer@angus.org.

In addition to the online and printed versions, the report is available on CD-ROM for \$25, or a computer printout of the report is available for \$15.

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 Rose Hermel (3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506) by Aug. 15. For more information, contact Hermel at (816) 383-5270 or shermel@angusjournal.com.

Plan now for 2002 Annual Meeting

The Association Annual Meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. Events begin Sunday, Nov. 17, with the Angus junior show, an educational program for breeders and the open forum for candidates and delegates. The open bull show and the Annual Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 18, and the Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show. All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Executive West Hotel.

NWSS sale deadlines approaching

Now is the time to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2003 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15 is \$300 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$350 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) performance information to be eligible.

For more information, call Chuck Grove, sale manager, at (434) 525-4687, or contact Linda Campbell at the Association at (816) 383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

North Dakota to host 2003 national conference

The 2003 National Angus Conference and

Angus Web sites offer info

The American Angus Association, Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Foundation have a variety of Web sites to provide information to members. If you haven't checked them out, do so the next time you're online.

www.angus.org — This is the Association's flagship Web site and the place to go for information on programs and services, member and industry links, or how to contact the Association and its staff.

www.angusonline.org — This site is your passport to member logon, where you can submit registrations and AHIR data, pay your balance, purchase and transfer artificial insemination (AI) certificates, and view your registered herd inventory.

www.angusfoundation.org — Learn about the projects supported by the Angus Foundation and why the success of Angus youth is vital to the future of the Angus breed.

www.njaa.info — This site is the official Web page of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Here you'll find information about upcoming junior activities, downloadable scholarship forms, plus much more.

www.beefrecords.com — This site is where producers can learn more about Angus Beef Record Service (BRS), print enrollment forms to get started on the program, and submit cow herd information online, if desired. When enrolled, customers can also go to this site to view and sort their cow herd's data.

www.arcnetonline.com — This is an interactive site for buyers and sellers of Angus-influenced commercial cattle. Listings are for feeder cattle, replacement heifers and bred females, and include information such as weight, health/management information and genetics. Listings are free for users of registered Angus bulls.

www.angusbls.com — Bull Listing Service (BLS) allows seedstock producers to advertise their bulls to the world. Users can search by region, expected progeny differences (EPDs) and preferred sire lines to match their specifications. Listing prices range from \$4-\$7 per bull, depending on the number listed.

www.angusjournal.com — This is the official Web site of the Association's award-winning publication, the *Angus Journal*. Features allow you to search back issues, browse online sale catalogs and read the most current editorial.

www.angusbeefbulletin.com — This site is dedicated to the Association's publication specifically for commercial producers, the *Angus Beef Bulletin*.

www.certifiedangusbeef.com — Here you'll find the primary Web site for CAB and information about all aspects of the program.

www.2eatcab.com — A site designed for the consumer, it includes information about the latest *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand products, nutrition information and delicious recipes. It's also where you'll find the "Flavor Finder" to locate a licensed CAB restaurant or retail store in your area.

Tour is scheduled for Sept. 24-27 in Mandan, N.D. The program will include a one-day conference and a two-day tour, similar to the format of past events. Look for more information in upcoming issues.

Association offers service to bull owners

As a continued service, Angus affiliates — individuals who are not members of the Association, but who have recently purchased and received the transfer of a registered Angus bull — will now receive updated EPD information on their bull(s) after each biannual National Cattle Evaluation (NCE). The update will include the bull's name, birth date and all EPDs. Updates will be mailed only to affiliates who have had a bull transferred to their ownership in the past two years.

This policy was created by the Commercial and Industry Relations Committee of the American Angus Association Board of Directors to increase the service to commercial users of Angus genetics and to carry out the goals in the Association's long-range plan.

This project is supported by AgriLaboratories, Ltd., and a coupon for AgriLabs products will be included with each EPD update.

Black Hide posters available

Posters designed to coordinate with the Association's award-winning "Black Hide" national advertising campaign have been produced and are available to members. The poster features the "Color of Money" headline and includes the Association's Web site and contact information.

The posters make great decorations for field days and events, or great promotional tools at your local livestock auction barn or feed store. If you would like to request a quantity to distribute in your local area, call the Communications and Public Relations Department or e-mail Lea Ann Maudlin at lmaudlin@angus.org.

Catch events online

If you missed the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting because you were at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), or if you missed NJAS to attend BIF, visit Angus Production Inc.'s real-time site at www.angusjournal.com/realtime/. There you'll find links to API's real-time coverage of both of these events, as well as links to national Angus conferences, super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) shows and other Angus events.



Angus in Africa for World Forum

The next Angus World Forum will be held in South Africa in 2005. The forum is being planned for mid-March 2005. Definite dates will be communicated later.

"This is a golden opportunity for all Angus enthusiasts to come and see what Africa, and in particular South Africa, has to offer in Angus genetics and wildlife and as a tourist destination," says Kenny Crampton, breed director of the South Africa Angus Society.

The staging of the forum has been planned for Sun City, which is situated in the Pilansberg Mountains, in close proximity to a top game reserve and world-famous golfing facilities. Tours will be arranged giving the opportunity to see both Angus and wildlife throughout South Africa.

"An endeavour will be made to expose our visitors to as much of our beautiful country as possible," Crampton says, "from the game parks in the north to the wine routes in the south.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime not to be missed," he continues. "We look forward to the privilege of hosting this prestigious event — come and see Angus in Africa."