

Association Highlights

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Still time to register for National Angus Conference

Although the Sept. 1 early registration deadline has passed, you can still attend the 2000 National Angus Conference and Tour in Lexington, Ky. Cost of registration for both the tour and conference is now \$65, which includes registration, transportation and meals.

Complete the registration form on the back cover of the National Conference and Tour insert in the August issue of the *Angus Journal*, or contact Linda Campbell at (816) 383-5100 or lcampbell@angus.org to request a registration brochure. You also can register for the event online at www.angus.org. Registrations also will be accepted on-site.

Make plans to attend 2000 Annual Meeting

Angus breeders will gather to conduct the business of the American Angus Association Nov. 12-13 in Louisville, Ky. The Association's Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), one of the country's premier livestock events, including an Angus Roll of Victory (ROV) super-point show.

The election of officers and five members to the Association's Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting, which is set for 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center. Elected delegates and other attendees will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2000.

The Annual Banquet will be Monday evening at the Executive West Hotel. Mark Mayfield, the "corporate comedian," is the featured entertainer at this year's event. Special honorees at the banquet will include the 2000 Roll of Victory (ROV) show heifer, show bull, and sire of the year; inductees into the Angus Heritage Foundation; the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Leadership Award Winner; and the *Angus Journal's* 2000 Land Stewardship Award winner.

The Executive West will serve as Angus headquarters. Rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates, and Association officers

and directors and will fill quickly. For alternate accommodations in Louisville, call 1-800-633-3384 or look up www.gotolouisville.com.

2001 World Angus Forum

Don't miss what might be your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the home of the breed during the 2001 World Angus Forum. Conducted every four years, the World Angus Forum brings Angus breeders from around the world together to collaborate on Angus issues.

Stirling, Scotland, is the site for the 2001 World Angus Forum. The American Angus Association is offering a tour package for breeders who are interested in attending.

Two options are available. The Scotland-only tour departs June 12 and returns June 23 and includes a pre-Forum tour of Scotland and the Forum program in Stirling. The second tour departs June 12 and returns July 6 and includes the Scotland tour, Forum and an additional tour to Wales, Ireland and England.

Both packages include airfare, transportation, hotels and most meals during the stay. Reservations are being accepted now, so call Terry Steele at Anchors Away Cruises & Tours at 1-800-527-8666, Ext. 203, or e-mail terrys@anchorsawaycruises.com, to reserve your space. For more information, see the advertisement on page 144 of this issue.

Sitz Angus donates Foundation heifer

Sitz Angus, which operates ranches in Dillon and Harrison, Mont., will donate a female to headline the 2001 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which will be auctioned at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) this coming January in Denver.

The Sitz family will offer a "pick of the crop," as the buyer will select a female of choice from all heifer calves born at the ranch in 2001. Other products and services will be included in the package, which will be auctioned preceding the National Western Angus Bull Sale.

All proceeds from the sale of the package

go to the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research in the Angus breed. Junior members account for one-third of the Association's active membership and are vital to the future of the Angus breed.

Consignments due for Denver bull sale

If you plan to consign a bull to the National Western Angus Bull Sale, you have until Sept. 15 to save \$50 on your entry fee. Until then, the entry fee will be \$300. After that, and until the final sale deadline of Oct. 1, the entry fee will be \$350. The sale will be during the NWSS set for January in Denver.

For more information or to request entry blanks, contact Chuck Grove, sale manager, at (804) 525-4687 or Linda Campbell at the Association at (816) 383-5100 or lcampbell@angus.org.

Request NWSS catalogs now

If you need a livestock premium catalog for the 2001 NWSS, you must request it. Notices, with a request form, were mailed to all 2000 exhibitors. You may obtain a premium list by calling the stock show office at (303) 297-1166.

Valley Tree Farms earns historic herd award

Valley Tree Farms, owned by LaVern Jones, Winchester, Ill., has been named a Historic Angus Herd by the Association in recognition of more than 50 years in the continuous production of Angus cattle.

Jones has been an active member of the Association since 1943 and has records of stock purchases for the farm since 1939. The first stock were purchased in Oklahoma, including 11 cows, of which nine had heifer calves the first year. The Association in 1942 assigned the farm the tattoo letters "CLJ." One of the first herd sires was purchased from Lynn Eaton, Huntsville, Ill.

The Jones children were involved in Angus projects through 4-H and many of the Valley Tree Farms cattle were bought by local breeders who saw the quality of the stock the children exhibited at local and state fairs. In addition to Angus cattle, the Jones also raised Poland China hogs.

LaVern and his wife, Vivian, moved from the family farm to town in 1990. Their son, Lyle, now lives on the farm and helps manage the 20 Angus cows maintained in the herd.

Sire Evaluation Report available

The Association's *Fall 2000 Sire Evaluation Report* is available online at www.angus.org and was mailed to all active members near the end of August.

This report lists nearly 6,000 bulls, with 60% having carcass data available. Since the spring 2000 evaluation, 157 additional sires have been evaluated for carcass merit. Breeders have submitted individual animal carcass data records on 3,525 animals since the spring 2000 evaluation was released.

The *Sire Evaluation Report*, which is managed by the Performance Programs Department and generated by the herds that participate in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program, is a great tool for making genetic progress in your herd.

Are you setting the PACE?

The Association's Public Awareness and Consumer Education (PACE) program is looking for active breeders who are making a difference in building demand for beef and improving the beef industry's image with consumers.

If you or someone you know is an active spokesperson for the beef industry, forward that person's name to Susan Rhode at (816) 383-5100 or srhode@angus.org. We want to build up our network of PACE team members and show all Angus breeders how important it is to be aware of consumer issues and how easy it is to set the PACE!

If you would like to learn more about consumer issues, call the Communications and Public Relations Department to request a producer-information kit. The kit contains information on nutrition, food safety, environmental stewardship and other beef industry issues.

LPC and AAEA awards

The *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin* brought a variety of awards home from the Agricultural Publications Summit, a joint meeting of the Livestock Publications Council (LPC) and the American Agricultural Editors' Association (AAEA), where both groups announced the winners of their writing and photography contests.

In the LPC contest, staff of the Association, Angus Productions Inc. (API) and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) came home with nine honorable mentions, 11 seconds and 12 firsts. The *Journal* was the overall high-point earner among publications, while CAB was the second-high-point earner in the service-member category.

The AAEA competitions are open to all agricultural publications. The *Journal* had a second-place human interest article.

NJAA member Rhonda Nida won LPC's Forrest Bassford Student Award. Jennifer Ryan, intern for the *Journal*, was a travel-scholarship recipient as one of the three finalists for that award.

For a full list of winnings, see page 266.



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For a CAB staff listing, refer to page 252.

CURRENT FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. The major cause of work being delayed is many members do not send the correct amount of money with their work.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals from birth to 4 months of age	\$7
Applications for animals from 4 to 10 months of age	\$9
Applications for animals 10 to 12 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals over 12 months of age	\$27

TRANSFERS

Applications received within 30 days from sale date	\$5
Applications received 30 to 60 days from sale date	\$7
Applications received after 60 days from sale date	\$12

MISCELLANEOUS

AHIR fee per weaning weight	\$3
AI Service Certificate	\$10
Regular Membership (subject to \$40 annual renewal dues)	\$50
Junior Membership (under 21 years of age)	\$20
Convert Junior to Regular Membership	\$45
Embryo Calves regular registration fee plus \$10 per calf	

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