



NJAS *the* **BIGGEST** *show* ON **DIRT**

Some of the biggest smiles were painted across young faces — and even some faces well past their days as a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

Passion was practically bursting from the biggest hearts in the livestock industry as NJAA members once again stepped foot into one of the most competitive show rings in the nation.

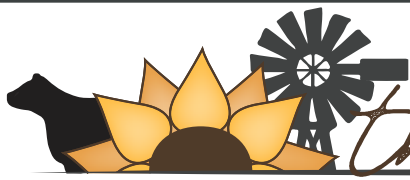
Hundreds of Angus enthusiasts gathered in Kansas City, Mo., to witness some of the biggest moments of the year as they attended “The Biggest Show on Dirt,” the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Hosted at the American Royal Center July 2-9, this year’s show once again upheld the high standards of *The Business Breed* in both its exhibitors and cattle. It was a week full of great friends, good memories, hot weather and amazing victories. More than 800 NJAA members and their families brought nearly 1,100 head of black-hided cattle to Kansas City for this year’s headliner event. Upwards of 20 contests were available to juniors, and 82 scholarships were awarded by the Angus Foundation.

There’s a reason the NJAS can proudly be called the biggest show on dirt — our industry is built on the backs of devoted Angus breeders, competitive juniors, passionate families and only the highest of quality cattle.

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NJAS 2022: SUNDAY



The week kicked off at the American Royal Center in Kansas City, Mo., as NJAA members began to check in their animals. Once the first groups of livestock were settled in, juniors attended an Angus University clinic to learn about livestock judging and then gathered together to make friends and gain mentors with the first session of the Angus Mentoring Program (AMP).



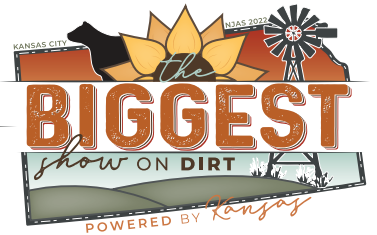
NJAS 2022: MONDAY



More exhibitors and cattle journeyed to Missouri on Day 2. The new faces were just in time for another AMP session, the weighing of the carcass steers and the start of the famous NJAS contests. Juniors competed in the auctioneering, public speaking and cattle judging contests before displaying their state pride at the opening ceremonies. After hearing from former NJAA member Courtenay DeHoff, Angus families showed off their patriotism at the Red, White and BBQ Fourth of July picnic celebration.



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NJAS 2022: **TUESDAY**



If they weren't sweating while mucking out tie-outs, Angus members could be spotted out on the course for the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament or at Union Station in their crowns for the Queen's Luncheon. The afternoon brought fan-favorite events like the opening of the trade show and silent auction and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Cook-off. The third day also presented opportunities to attend educational clinics, compete in the career development contest or meet the candidates vying for a green jacket at the Annual Meeting of the NJAA.



NJAS 2022: **WEDNESDAY**



After starting the day with a prayer in the ring, the first champion titles were handed out during the bred-and-owned (B&O) heifer show. Even outside the show ring, the day was jam-packed. Juniors competed in the skill-a-thon, extemporaneous public speaking, team sales, quiz bowl and team fitting contests. If they weren't busy watching the show or attending the American Angus Auxiliary social, Angus enthusiasts could be found cheering as the Angus Foundation scholarships were presented. An exciting educational clinic about proper showmanship techniques created anticipation for the next day's events.



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NJAS 2022: THURSDAY



It was a busy day in the show ring on Thursday, as champ slaps were awarded in the Phenotype and Genotype Show and the steer, B&O bull, B&O cow-calf and owned cow-calf shows. The skill-a-thon continued, juniors presented in the beef science poster contest and the final round of the quiz bowl. An eager crowd gathered to watch the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest and congratulate the top 15 showmen.



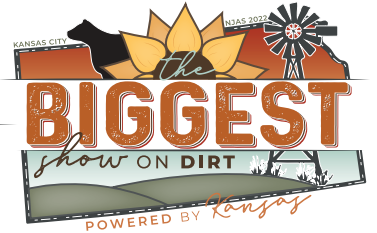
NJAS 2022: FRIDAY



The parade of high-quality cattle continued with the start of the owned heifer show. Influential members of the Angus breed were spotlighted as the Advisor of the Year was named and the Honorary Angus Foundation Award winners were announced. More outstanding members of the Angus family were recognized at the NJAA Awards Premier. Here, all contest winners were announced and Gold Awards; Crystal Awards; Auxiliary, CAB, NJAA and Angus Foundation scholarships were handed out to worthy juniors. The retiring six members of the National Junior Angus Board were celebrated before the upcoming year's directors were named and six new green coats ran to join their team.



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NJAS 2022: **FRIDAY**



NJAS 2022: **SATURDAY**



The start of the weekend also marked the end of a hot but exciting week at the biggest show on dirt. Last purchases were made at the trade show, and final bids were placed in the silent auction. Five new juniors took home a silver bowl as the top five showmen in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest were recognized. Another five NJAA members were awarded banners as the top of the owned heifer show were selected.

Premier breeders, sweepstakes winners, owned best five head and Auxiliary Silver Pitchers were also announced.

