



# Association Highlights

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## Annual Meeting planned

Details are being finalized for the 120th Annual Meeting of the American Angus Association, set for Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Angus events at the NAILE will take place Nov. 15-18.

For a list of hotels, a complete schedule of events and other information, see page 100 of this issue.

## Board candidate profiles in this issue

Profiles of seven members who have proclaimed their candidacies for election to the Association's Board of Directors can be found on page 106. Delegates to the Association's Annual Meeting (see page 116) will elect five individuals to each serve a three-year term on the Board.

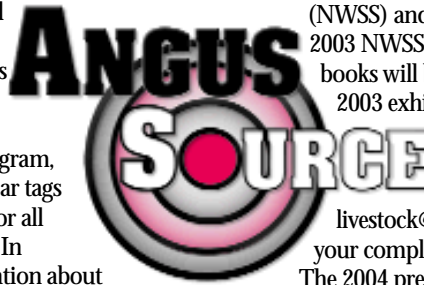
## Submit records by Nov. 14

The deadline for submitting weight records to be included in the Spring 2004

National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 14. Please direct questions to Bill Bowman or Gloria Hurlbut in the Performance Programs Department by calling (816) 383-5100.

## AngusSource program launched

The American Angus Association has recently enhanced the AngusSource program to help differentiate Angus feeder cattle and replacement females of known origin from other black-hided cattle. Groups of commercial calves may now be enrolled in the AngusSource program, and customized ear tags will be supplied for all calves submitted. In addition, information about the source, genetics and management processing of the calves can be compiled into a concise marketing document to present to



potential buyers. The cost to enroll cattle is \$1 per head.

This program offers many benefits to both registered Angus breeders and their commercial customers. For more information about the program, see page 25 of this issue or go to [www.angussource.com](http://www.angussource.com).

## NWSS premium books available

If you need a livestock premium book for the 2004 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) and you weren't an exhibitor at the 2003 NWSS, you must request it. Premium books will be mailed automatically to all 2003 exhibitors.

To obtain a premium book, contact the NWSS livestock office at (303) 297-1166 or [livestock@nationalwestern.com](mailto:livestock@nationalwestern.com). Include your complete name and mailing address. The 2004 premium book will be available in October. Show schedules, information and entry forms will also be available at [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).

## Plans being made for NWSS

Angus activities at the 2004 NWSS in Denver, Colo., start Tuesday, Jan. 13, with the junior heifer show at 1 p.m. in the Stadium Arena. The Roll of Victory (ROV) female show will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Stadium Arena.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 8 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The National Western Angus Bull Sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena with the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The day concludes with the Angus reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel.

The ROV bull show begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, in the Stadium Arena. Later that day, the Angus Foundation Female Sale, sponsored by the Colorado Angus Association, is set for 3 p.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, Angus activities move to the yards with the carload and pen show at 9 a.m.

Hotel reservations for the NWSS can be made by calling the Marriott City Center Hotel, which serves as Angus headquarters

## ASSOCIATION FEES

### CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

### REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age . . . . .	\$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age . . . . .	\$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age . . . . .	\$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age . . . . .	\$27

### TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date . . . . .	\$5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date . . . . .	\$7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date . . . . .	\$12

### MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per weaning weight) . . . . .	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate . . . . .	\$10
Regular annual membership . . . . .	\$30
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age) . . . . .	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf . . . . . regular registration fee plus	\$10
Cell-clone transplant calf . . . . . regular registration fee plus	\$50

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

## BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	%	Split-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	@	Clone-ET
^	Cell clone		

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for the event, at (303) 297-1300. A room rate of \$86 plus tax has been negotiated for the Angus group. Reservations must be made by Dec. 22, 2003.

### **NWSS junior deadlines**

Nov. 1 is the ownership deadline (issue date) and Nov. 15 is the entry deadline for the junior Angus heifer show at the NWSS. There are no exceptions to these deadlines. If a junior member is having difficulty completing a transfer in time to meet show ownership deadlines, contact the Member Services Department. They will do what they can to expedite the process.

### **Beartooth Ranch to donate 2004 Angus Foundation Heifer**

Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont., will donate BT Everelda Entense 51N to highlight the 2004 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which will sell Thursday, Jan. 15 at the National Western Bull Sale in Denver, Colo. The heifer is a January 2003 daughter of Twin Valley Precision E161.

All proceeds from the sale of the package benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research in agriculture. Look for more information about the package on page 48.

### **Limited-edition Murphy prints available**

Long-time Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy has recently finished another oil painting for the Association. The painting is titled "In Apple Blossom Time" and features a cow and newborn calf in a Midwest pasture scene.

The Angus Foundation is offering 1,000 signed-and-numbered prints of "In Apple Blossom Time" for a donation of \$100 per print.

The 20×24-inch (in.) prints can be purchased by contacting the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100. The prints will also be available in the Holiday Room at the Executive West during the Annual Meeting in Louisville. The buyer must select a print number when ordering. A \$10 shipping and handling fee will be added to all orders.

### **Foundation offers Angus art book**

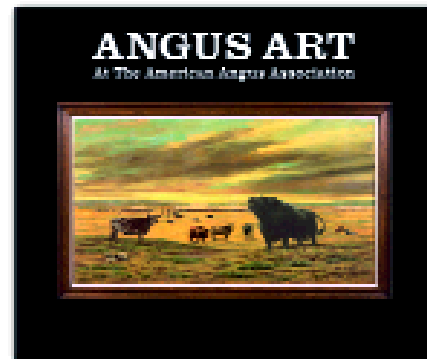
The Angus Foundation will be offering a new item to Angus enthusiasts — *Angus Art At The American Angus Association*, a book of artwork commissioned by the Association during the past 50 years. The initial offering will take place at the

Association's Annual Meeting next month in Louisville.

The book was written by Keith Evans, former director of communications and public relations for the Association, and it features the work of renowned Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy, who has contributed more than 20 oil paintings and numerous drawings and sketches to the Angus art collection.

The 70-page, four-color book documents the history of the Angus art collection and gives a complete biography of Murphy and his career with the American Angus Association. Much of Murphy's artwork has been used in advertising campaigns for the Angus breed throughout the years. Those campaigns are archived in the book as well.

Books are available to anyone who makes a \$20 donation to the Angus Foundation, plus a \$5 shipping and handling fee. Both Evans and Murphy will



be on hand during the events in Louisville to visit with members and sign copies of the book.

Starting Nov. 20, the book will be available to order through the Association by contacting the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100. It can also be ordered by going to [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and using the "shop online" service.



### **Angus Foundation to sponsor NCBA Young Cattlemen's Conference participant**

The Angus Foundation will sponsor one Angus breeder to participate in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) 2004 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC), which is an industry-wide program that develops young leaders for the beef business.

"We're excited to extend this opportunity to one of our Angus breeders," says Abbie Nelson, Wilton, Calif., chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors. "The influence the Angus business has on the beef cattle industry is more prominent now than ever, and we feel an Angus breeder needs the opportunity to participate in this industry-wide program. The Angus Foundation's participation in this program also fits the purpose of the organization quite well — to support youth, education and research, which is what YCC is all about."

The purpose of the YCC program is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry. The tour, which begins in Denver and proceeds across the country to Washington, D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year, and all participants must be nominated by one of NCBA's affiliate organizations.

"We hope our participation in this program will encourage Angus breeders to become more active in not only their state cattlemen's organization and the NCBA, but also their local and state Angus associations," Nelson says. "Developing young breeders who someday will fill leadership roles for the Angus breed and for the entire industry is important to the future of our business. We are happy that the Angus Foundation, and those who have supported it for many years, can allow our membership to become involved at this level."

The Angus representative for the program will be chosen by an appointed committee, and selections will be made through an application process. All applicants must be between 25 and 45 years of age, an active member of the NCBA and an active member in good standing of the American Angus Association. Expenses, including travel to and from the event, and registration costs for the program, will be covered by the Angus Foundation.

**Applications are available from the American Angus Association and must be submitted by Jan. 2, 2004.**

For more information contact James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the Association, at (816) 383-5100 or [jfisher@angus.org](mailto:jfisher@angus.org).