

Louisville Preview

American Angus Association members to meet in
November at the 120th Annual Meeting.

by Susan Rhode

Members of the American Angus Association and Angus enthusiasts from across the nation will gather at the 2003 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Nov. 15-18 in Louisville, Ky. A full schedule of events is planned for Angus breeders from across the United States and Canada who will attend the Association's 120th Annual Meeting and the 2003 Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show.

Details are being finalized for the Annual Meeting, which is open to the public and set for Monday, Nov. 17. It starts at 2 p.m. in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) South Wing. Association members elected 353 delegates and 321 alternates from 46 states, the District of Columbia and Canada to conduct the Association's business, to select officers and to elect five members to serve on the Board of Directors. Profiles of this year's Board candidates can be found on page 106, and a list of delegates and alternates can be found on page 116.

The Association's Annual Report will be presented and distributed to the membership at the Annual Meeting, along with other reports on activities within the Association, Angus Productions Inc. (API), Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Foundation.

Hotel information

The Executive West will serve as Angus headquarters for the Association's Annual Meeting and all related events. The Association's growing membership and the increase in the number of delegates to the Annual Meeting have created limited space for reservations at the Executive West; therefore, rooms are reserved only for delegates, alternates, and Association officers and directors.

All delegates and alternates should have received an Executive West reservation card from the Association last month. This card should be returned to the Executive West no later than Oct. 13. If you're not an alternate or delegate, or failed to return your reservation card on time, please make reservations at one of these nearby hotels.

Executive Inn — 1-800-626-2706

Best Western Ashton Inn Suites —
(502) 375-2233
Courtyard by Marriott —
(502) 368-5678
Residence Inn by Marriott —
(502) 363-8800
Howard Johnson's Express Inn —
(502) 363-9952
Hampton Inn — (502) 366-8100
Comfort Inn — (502) 361-5008

Angus shows begin Sunday

Competition in the showing starts with the junior show on Sunday, Nov. 16. The order in which breeds will show will be announced on Saturday, so check at the Angus registration desk at the Executive West for a starting time.

The super-point ROV show will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, in KFEC's Freedom Hall. A father-son team will evaluate the cattle, with Steve Patton, Freeman, S.D., serving as lead judge, and Jim Patton, Crawfordsville, Ind., as the associate. Bulls and cow-calf pairs will show on Monday, with the female show and group classes following on Tuesday.

Also at the NAILE ...

National CUP Lab to host seminar

The National Centralized Ultrasound Processing Laboratory and Technology Center, or The CUP Lab, will host a national ultrasound education seminar during the NAILE. The seminar will take place Sunday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. in the KFEC South Wing. The event is free and open to the public.

The seminar is designed to offer new research and industry and producer perspectives on the practical applications of ultrasound measurements for genetic improvement. A panel of speakers will make short presentations followed by a question-and-answer session with audience members.

For more information on this seminar, see "Performance Report" on page 142 or contact Ryan Ludvigson at The CUP Lab at (515) 232-9442.

Angus Awards Banquet features Stewart Kennedy

The Angus Awards Banquet, which is set for Monday evening at the Executive West, is a highlight of the events in Louisville. A



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delicious meal featuring Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) product will be served, and Association leaders will be recognized, as well as inductees into the Angus Heritage

Foundation and the winner of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award. Stewart Kennedy, an entrepreneur and motivational speaker from Edmond, Okla., will be the featured speaker. Kennedy has a variety of experiences with youth organizations, foreign agriculture and various aspects of business. He invented P.B. Slices, a new sliced peanut butter product. He and his wife created their own food company, Kennedy Foods, in 2001. Kennedy has been sharing his humorous and motivational messages with audiences since 1990.

Tickets to the banquet are \$28 and can be purchased at the Angus registration desk at the Executive West.

Murphy and Evans to autograph books

Angus art lovers and collectors will want to visit with two special guests at the Angus Reception Sunday evening. Renowned Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy and Keith Evans, former director of communications and public relations for the Association, will be on hand during the reception to autograph copies of *Angus Art At The American Angus Association*.

This 70-page, four-color book was written by Evans and features artwork that Murphy has done for the Association during the past 50 years. The book also includes works by other artists who have pieces displayed in the

Association's Angus art collection. It will sell for \$20, with all proceeds going to the Angus Foundation. It will be available for purchase in the Holiday Room at the Executive West or during the signing sessions.

Murphy and Evans will be available to autograph copies of the book during the social hour preceding the Angus Awards Banquet Monday evening.

Shop for Angus gifts at the Holiday Room

The Angus Foundation and the American Angus Auxiliary will host the Holiday Room, located in the Drinkwater Room at the Executive West.

Both organizations will have a variety of Angus items for sale, including jackets, caps, shirts, Association history books, afghans, jewelry, steak platters and many other items.

The Angus Foundation also has two new feature items this year. The "In Apple Blossom Time" limited-edition signed-and-numbered print by Murphy, as well as the *Angus Art At The American Angus Association* book, which was recently published by the Angus Foundation. For more information on these items, see "Association Highlights," page 30 in this issue.

Get your tickets to the Auxiliary breakfast

The American Angus Auxiliary will host its annual breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Executive West. Tickets are \$14 each. Please make advance reservations by mailing your check to Sandra McCurry at 11313 N. 279th W., Mount Hope, KS 67108. For more information call McCurry at (316) 661-2471.

The Auxiliary invites attendees to come listen as the Miss American Angus candidates give their prepared speeches. This part of the contest will be at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Executive West Shannon Room.

AIMS workshops

Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), will offer educational workshops on AIMS and other computer basics.



► The American Angus Auxiliary welcomes Angus breeders to its annual breakfast Sunday, Nov. 16.

On Sunday, Nov. 16, a basic computer workshop for Windows users will take place from 8-9 a.m. at the Executive West. This workshop will not discuss the AIMS program, but will focus on using Windows in everyday computer applications.

There will be an AIMS workshop for new users from 4:30 to 6 p.m. that afternoon at the Executive West. The workshop will be in an interactive format where users can ask questions and see a live demonstration of the software.

On Monday, Nov. 17, Johnson will lead a more advanced AIMS workshop featuring Crystal Report Writer. This session will be in Room 107 of the KFEC South Wing.

Informational forum set for Sunday

The Association will host a breeders' informational forum on Sunday, Nov. 16, preceding the open forum for candidates and delegates. "Achieve Angus Excellence Through Information" is the title of the program and will include presentations from Association staff members.

Matt Perrier, director of commercial programs, will tell breeders how they can "Create Opportunities" for themselves and their customers with the newly enhanced AngusSource program.

Bill Bowman, director of performance programs, and Sally Dolezal, genetic research director, will demonstrate ways to "Identify and Implement Relevant Technologies." They will discuss new technologies available to combine growth and end-product expected progeny differences (EPDs) into functional, dollar-based indexes to measure feedlot and carcass merit.

"Optimize Resources" will be the concluding presentation by John Crouch, executive vice president. Crouch will outline Association strategies that will enhance the position of the Angus breed in the beef industry.

Be sure to watch the Association Web site (www.angus.org), your November *Angus Journal* and the Angus e-List for more details.

Real-time coverage on the Web

If you're not able to attend the Angus events at the NAILE, you can still keep up with what's going on in the showring and with other Angus activities. Simply log on to www.angusjournal.com/louisville for real-time coverage of all Angus events. The site will feature placings of individual classes and photos of division champions in both the junior and ROV shows. It will also feature photos of award winners and the newly elected officers and directors of the Association.

2003 NAILE Angus events schedule

Saturday, Nov. 15

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus registration desk open, Executive West Lobby
6-7:30 p.m. Angus Foundation Reception (by invitation), Executive West Queen of Scots Room

Sunday, Nov. 16

7 a.m.-6 p.m. Angus registration desk open, Executive West Lobby
8 a.m.-6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Executive West Drinkwater Room
8 a.m. Junior heifer show, KFEC Freedom Hall (breed order to be announced)
8-9 a.m. Basic computer workshop (Windows), Executive West Edinburgh Room
9-10:30 a.m. American Angus Auxiliary Breakfast, Executive West Queen of Scots Room
11 a.m. American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting, Executive West Queen of Scots Room
11 a.m. Miss American Angus contest, Executive West Shannon Room
1 p.m. Breeders' informational forum, KFEC South Wing Room 101+
2:30 p.m. Open meeting with Board candidates, KFEC South Wing Room 101
4:30-6 p.m. AIMS workshop for new users, Executive West Edinburgh Room
6-8 p.m. Angus Reception, Executive West Queen of Scots Room; Book signing by Frank Murphy and Keith Evans

Monday, Nov. 17

7-10 a.m. Angus registration desk open, Executive West Lobby
8 a.m.-6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Executive West Drinkwater Room
8 a.m. Judging of open Angus cow-calf and bull classes, KFEC Freedom Hall
9-11 a.m. AIMS workshop on Crystal Report Writer, KFEC South Wing Room 107
2 p.m. 120th Annual Meeting of Delegates, KFEC South Wing Room 101-102
6-7 p.m. Social hour, Executive West Poolside; Book signing by Frank Murphy and Keith Evans
7 p.m. Angus Awards Banquet, Executive West Queen of Scots Room

Tuesday, Nov. 18

8 a.m. Judging of open Angus female classes, KFEC Freedom Hall