



Association Highlights

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Angus activities planned at 2003 National Western

Five days of Angus events are planned for the 2003 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The activities begin with the junior heifer show at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Stadium Arena. Joel Judge, San Luis Obispo, Calif., will judge the show.

The female portion of the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show will begin at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the Stadium Arena. Bill Conley, Clarksdale, Mo., will serve as the lead judge of the ROV show; Doug Slattery, Brenham, Texas, will serve as associate judge.

The National Western Angus Bull Sale highlights the day's events on Thursday, Jan. 16. The bull sale show begins at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. Five judges will evaluate the 50 bulls to establish a sale order, selecting division and grand champions. Judges are Chuck Brost, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Ron Frye,

Denton, Mont.; Sam Hands, Garden City, Kan.; Jeff Johnson, Broken Bow, Neb.; and Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C. The sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena.

Angus producers from 23 states and Canada have consigned some of their top Angus bulls to the sale, which is sponsored by the American Angus Association. Regional manager Chuck Grove is sale manager. For more information about the sale, contact the American Angus Association at (816) 383-5143, or Grove at (434) 525-4687. An online sale book can be viewed at www.angusjournal.com.

The sale of the 2003 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will immediately precede the bull sale. Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va., is donating the heifer to headline the package.

An Angus reception will wrap up Thursday's activities. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center, located downtown.

The super-point ROV Angus show

resumes Friday, Jan. 17, with the bull show, which begins at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. Conley and Slattery will again serve as judges. The Foundation Female Sale will begin at 3 p.m. at the Livestock Auction Arena in the yards.

Angus activities will conclude on Saturday, Jan. 18, with the pen and carload shows in the yards. The event begins at 9 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Seth Leachman, Billings, Mont.; Dick Burns, Kickapoo, Ill.; and Charlie Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky., will officiate at the group competitions.

NWSS coverage on the Web

Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide real-time coverage of Angus events at the NWSS in Denver, Colo., on the Web. Logon at www.angusjournal.com/denver to see results and photos from NWSS Angus events.

Angus Foundation Heifer Package sells in Denver

Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va., will donate a full sister of Connealy Dateline to headline the 2003 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which will sell at the 2003 NWSS. All proceeds go to the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

The sale of the package will begin the 2003 National Western Angus Bull Sale, set for 2 p.m., Jan. 16 in the Beef Palace Auction Arena.

The package includes Eila Eila 755P of Whitestone, a February 2002 daughter of Eila Eila of Conanga sired by DHD Traveler 6807. In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa; Ivomec® provided by Merial; and an Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) package from the Association AIMS Department.

For more information about the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, logon to www.angusfoundation.org, contact the American Angus Association at (816) 383-5100 or visit with any regional manager.

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 major 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*. Copies are available free from the Association.

BREEDERS' 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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Angus tent promotes breed in the yards

Be sure to look for the American Angus Association's tent in the herd sire display area in the yards at the NWSS later this month. Association staff will be on hand Thursday, Jan. 16, through Saturday, Jan. 18, to visit with breeders who have questions about Association programs and to talk with commercial producers about commercial programs that can benefit their herds.

Information will be available on the Beef Record Service (BRS) and AngusSource. Be sure to stop by the Angus tent to learn more about these programs and how they can benefit your customers.

AIMS demonstrations in Denver

Scott Johnson, director of AIMS, will demonstrate version 2.2 of the software at the NWSS in Denver. Johnson will be in the Association booth outside the Stadium Arena during the female show on Wednesday, Jan. 15; during the Angus sale-bull show on Thursday, Jan. 16; and during the open bull show on Friday, Jan. 17. Stop by and let him show you how to improve your recordkeeping system.

Spring Sire Evaluation online now

The spring 2003 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available on the Internet at www.angus.org. Accessing the report online is the fastest and easiest way to get the latest performance information on sires in the Angus breed. It allows you to specify ranges of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2002 report will receive the spring 2003 report automatically. All other members and all commercial producers who want a printed report will be required to request it by contacting Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.

Pathfinder deadline is Feb. 14

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the *2003 Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 14.

Gloria Hurlbut and the rest of the Performance Programs Department appreciate your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data into the office in a timely manner.

If you're tired of filling out forms by hand, check out the Member Logon service

located at www.angus.org or call the AIMS Department at (816) 383-5100 and find out about an easier way to manage your data.

API to provide online coverage as cattlemen convene in Nashville

Cattle producers will be "Setting the Pace for Profitability" at the 2003 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show, which is set for Jan. 29-Feb. 1 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. The event is organized by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and other industry organizations.

API will provide real-time coverage of the convention and trade show at www.4cattlemen.com. The coverage is sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. View the site now for a schedule and to access links to online registration.

The Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) will have a booth at the trade show where attendees can learn about Association programs.

Upcoming junior deadlines

Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 8-9 in Harrisonburg, Va.

2003 National Western Stock Show Angus schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 14

1 p.m. Junior Angus heifer show, Stadium Arena

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8 a.m. ROV super-point Angus female show, Stadium Arena

Thursday, Jan. 16

7:30 a.m. American Angus Auxiliary joint meeting with Hereford women, Renaissance Hotel

8 a.m. Judging Angus sale cattle, Stadium Arena

2 p.m. National Western Angus Bull Sale preceded by sale of Foundation Heifer Package, Beef Palace Auction Arena

6:30 p.m. Angus Reception, Denver Marriott City Center Hotel

Friday, Jan. 17

7 a.m. Come-and-Go Angus Gathering Breakfast Buffet, National Western Club

8 a.m. ROV super-point Angus bull show, Stadium Arena

3 p.m. Angus Foundation Female Sale, Livestock Center Auction Arena

Saturday, Jan. 18

9 a.m. Angus carload and pen shows, Livestock Center Auction Arena

Feb. 15 is the ownership deadline and March 1 is the entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 25-27 in Reno, Nev.



BREEDERS' REFERENCE

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association, a "Breeders' Reference" is published periodically in the Angus Journal to inform breeders of Angus cattle determined free of genetic defects, those determined carriers of genetic defects or genetic factors, and those determined carriers of nontraditional blood.

- ▶ The bull **High Valley 0R47 of 3D22** (Reg. No. 13630253) was determined to be a carrier of the dwarfism gene. He was born March 18, 2000.
- ▶ The cow **Dimke 0C32 of 4D4 4C6 Ambush** (Reg. No. 13649255) produced a calf that was determined to be a dwarf. She was born Dec. 12, 1999.
- ▶ The cow **UW Blackcap B601-9025** (Reg. No. 13502707) produced a calf that was determined to be a dwarf. She was born Nov. 26, 1999.
- ▶ The cow **Dimke 0C30 of 4D4 4C6 Ambush** (Reg. No. 13649271) produced a calf that was determined to be a dwarf. She was born Jan. 6, 2000.

Section II Rule 2(g) paragraph 2 of the Association Rules, as published in the March 2002 "Breeder's Reference Guide," states:

Calves sired artificially by non-owned bulls that transmit dwarfism, osteopetrosis, syndactyly or double muscling are not eligible for registration if they are conceived artificially 60 or more days after first notification of the bull transmitting said genetic defect is published in the Angus Journal or breed publication.

Any pedigrees containing carriers of dwarfism have the letter "D" following the registration number to denote the documented defect.

A comprehensive "Genetic Defects & Factors" listing will be published in the January 2003 and March 2003 issues of the *Angus Journal*. It was last published in the "2002 Resource Edition" inserted in the August issue. Updates are listed when available as "Breeders' Reference" listings and can be located via the "Reference" department of the "Table of Contents."

