

Association Highlights

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Annual Meeting set for Nov. 15

Preparations are being made for the 116th Annual Meeting of the American Angus Association, which is set for Monday, Nov. 15, during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. The meeting is open to the public and starts at 2 p.m. in South Wing Room 101 at the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center.

Association members elected 336 delegates and 328 alternates from 45 states and Canada to conduct the Association's business, elect officers and determine five members to serve on the Board of Directors. Look for profiles of this year's Board candidates beginning on page 90.

If you've never attended this event, take this opportunity to do so. As an active member of this organization, it's your right and privilege to become involved in the election of the Association's leadership and in the decision-making process. In addition, the Association's annual report will be presented and distributed to the membership. It's also a great place to see old friends and to make new ones.

Baxter Black to appear at Annual Banquet

World-famous cowboy poet Baxter Black will serve as the featured entertainment at the Annual Banquet Monday, Nov. 15, at the Executive West in Louisville.

Black is the best-selling cowboy poet in the world, having written 12 books and recorded more than a dozen audio- and videotapes. He is maybe most well-known for his syndicated agricultural column "On the Edge of Common Sense."

In addition to Black's performance, the banquet also will feature the presentation of the *Angus Journal's* Land Stewardship Award and the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA's) Outstanding Leadership Award. In addition, honored individuals will be inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation for lifelong contributions to the Angus industry.

Banquet tickets can be purchased at the registration desk, which will be located in the lobby of the Executive West in Louisville.

Busy Angus schedule at NAILE

There's a full schedule of Angus events at this year's NAILE. The junior heifer show will kick things off on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 8 a.m. in the Coliseum. Also that morning, the American Angus Auxiliary brunch will be at the Executive West at 10 a.m., followed by the group's Annual Meeting at 11:30. This is a schedule change from years past.

On Sunday afternoon a special report on the American Angus Association's ultrasound research project will be given at 1 p.m. in the South Wing Conference Center Room 101.

The open meeting for delegates and candidates for the Association's Board of Directors will begin at 2 p.m. in the same location.

Sunday's events will be capped off by the Angus reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Executive West.

The Angus Super Roll of Victory (ROV) Show leads off with female judging at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in the Coliseum.

Delegates will convene at 2 p.m. for the Association's 116th Annual Meeting in the South Wing Conference Center.

After the work is done, Angus producers will gather for the social hour from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Executive West before attending the Annual Banquet, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Executive West Main Ballroom.

Events conclude Tuesday, Nov. 16, with the bull show, which begins at 8 a.m. in the Coliseum.

Take time to learn in Louisville

Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) and Angie Stump Denton, director of Web marketing for the *Angus Journal*, will be conducting workshops while at the NAILE.

Johnson will demonstrate the new AIMS 2.0 Sunday, Nov. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Executive West. Monday, Nov. 15, he will set up in the South Wing Conference Center for a workshop from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This session will focus on the new version of AIMS, as well as Crystal Report Writer.

Anyone interested in developing a Web marketing plan for their farm or ranch

should attend Denton's workshop Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Executive West or from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, at the Kentucky Fair & Expo Center (KFEC). Denton also will be set up to demonstrate breeder Web sites and to answer questions during the reception Sunday evening at the Executive West.

Angus headquarters at Executive West

The Executive West Hotel again will serve as the headquarters for the American Angus Association Annual Meeting. While many events are conducted at the KFEC, the Angus reception, Annual Banquet and American Angus Auxiliary activities will take place at the Executive West.

Anyone attending the Annual Meeting or Angus activities at the NAILE who is not serving as a delegate or an alternate can call the Executive West directly at (502) 367-2251 for reservations after Monday, Oct. 25, when rooms will be released. No reservations will be accepted until that time. Please indicate that you are part of the Angus group.

The block is expected to fill quickly, so call promptly after the room-release date. Several other hotels also are available nearby to accommodate the overflow.

Start making plans for the National Western

It's time to begin thinking about your trip to the 2000 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver. Angus activities start Wednesday, Jan. 12, with the Angus junior heifer show at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena, followed by the female portion of the ROV Show.

Thursday, Jan. 13, the focus shifts to the sale bulls with judging in the Stadium Arena at 8 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The National Western Angus Sale will begin at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. The auction of the 2000 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will kick off the event.

The day's activities wind down with the Angus reception from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel.

The Super ROV bull show will start at 8 a.m. Jan. 14 in the Stadium Arena. Later that day the Angus Foundation Female Sale will be held at 3 p.m. in the yards.

On Saturday the carload and pen show takes front stage in the yards, with judging beginning at 9 a.m.

If you need a livestock premium catalog for the 2000 National Western, you must request it. Notices, with a request form, were mailed by the show organizers to all 1999 exhibitors. If you need to request another

form, call the show office at (303) 297-1166. Deadline for entering livestock is Nov. 15.

Foundation heifer donated by Davis on the Highlands

Davis on the Highlands, Springfield, Ky., will donate this year's female to headline the 2000 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The heifer, and other donated items and services, will be auctioned at the 2000 NWSS in Denver, Colo. All proceeds from the sale go to the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research in the Angus breed.

The Davis family, including Joe, Sandra, Ashley and Anne Nicole, has chosen Davis Polly 8506, a January 1998 daughter of DHD Traveler 6807 as this year's offering. Her dam, VDAR Polly 3039, was sired by VDAR New Trend 315. Bred to Sitz SLS Rain Maker 7596, this female would be a valuable addition to any herd.

In addition to this powerful female, the package will include insurance, transportation and a flush of the heifer. For more details on the Foundation Heifer Package, see page 45 of this issue.

Commercial Relations launches Bull Listing Service

The Commercial Relations Department is now offering the Bull Listing Service (BLS) to help producers identify and locate Angus breeding bulls for sale.

Breeders with bulls for sale will submit pedigree and performance information, which will go into a searchable database. Bulls remain on the list for 90 days at a cost of \$7/head for 11-99 bulls or \$4/head for 100 or more bulls.

The service went online Sept. 1 and is accessible via the Internet at www.angus.org. For more information or an enrollment form, contact Bill Bowman at the Association.

Deadline near for spring 2000 sire evaluation

Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting weight records to be included in the spring 2000 analysis of the National Cattle Evaluation will be Friday, Nov. 12. In order to ensure inclusion in the spring analysis, weights must be in the office on or prior to Nov. 12.

Please direct questions to John Crouch or Gloria Hurlbut in the Performance Programs Department.

AIMS 2.0 now available

AIMS 2.0 was released in August. More than 300 copies have been distributed to current users. New AIMS users can purchase the software for \$495.

Just a few of the improvements on Version 2.0 include new fields for yearling height and

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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.

percent retail product EPDs; storing and reporting carcass data; a new customer manager feature; a system to better track embryos, donors and recipients; and more easily accessible individual animal information.

For more information about AIMS or Version 2.0, contact Scott Johnson, director of AIMS, at (816) 383-5100 or scottj@angus.org.

Suburban Farms named Historic Herd

Suburban Farms, Eagleville, Mo., recently was recognized as a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association for the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 or more years.

The farm was founded in 1943 by Harry Sheets and remains in his ownership and management today. Foundation seedstock was purchased from E.M. Dale, Blythedale, Mo., and included five daughters of Prizemere 141, the grand champion Angus bull at the 1933 American Royal.

Through the years the Suburban Farms herd operated with approximately 40 cows, but since has been reduced to five registered Angus females.

A certificate, which is signed by the president of the American Angus Association, has been presented to Suburban Farms in recognition of this honor.

Test your breeding IQ in the computer cow-calf game

Both young and old can play along in the computer cow-calf game, which is administered by the Junior Activities Department at the Association. The game gives individuals an opportunity to test their breeding skills on paper, rather than in the pasture.

Each player is issued a herd of 50 Angus cows, complete with performance records and expected progeny differences (EPDs), plus a battery of herd bulls from which to choose. You select the matings and send them to the Association. In just a few weeks you would receive information about your calf crop. A total of five calf crops are produced throughout the game. Winners in both junior and adult divisions are recognized.

The deadline to sign up for this year's game is Jan. 5, 2000. All junior members participate for free; there is a \$15 charge for adults.

