

Several Western states will join forces in 2001 to host the National Junior Angus Show...

Under the Western Sky

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The Angus associations in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, with help from those in Nebraska and Nevada, have joined forces to host the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), which will be in Denver, Colo., July 9-14. This show marks the first time several states have worked together to organize the largest single-breed cattle show in the world.

"The 2001 NJAS is unique in that it marks the first time a large number of states have come together to host the event," says James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association. "This show has created a lot of enthusiasm throughout the West because both the adult and junior associations from all of the states are getting involved."

Presently, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is the largest junior beef breed organization in the world. Most of the 11,000 members also belong to one of 65 state, regional or local junior Angus associations that are active throughout the country. These groups meet regularly, sponsor shows and conduct field days. They also take an active part in the Angus business and the promotion of the breed.

Many national contests, such as showmanship, begin at the local level. "It's important for juniors to be active in their state associations," Fisher says. "Usually their first experience is in their local association where friendships and family time grow with the junior. They can then expand to the regional and national level if that is what they want to do."

Here's a look at what the West will offer the 2001 NJAS.

California

There are 381 junior members in California who belong to the NJAA. Laura Dierberger, advisor, says their responsibilities for the 2001 NJAS are the opening ceremonies, the queens' reception, and the junior and senior socials.

Each state has been asked to contribute \$5,000 toward the NJAS, and California is well on its way.

"We are selling blocks of material ranches can put their brands on that will be made



into a quilt," Dierberger says. The blocks sell for \$50-\$150. At press time, the completed quilt was to be auctioned in Louisville, Ky., in November, and all proceeds were to go to the national junior show.

Vintage Angus, Modesto, Calif., donated a September daughter of VDAR Lucy's Boy that was sold at the 2000 Western National Angus Futurity for \$5,000. A syndicate bought the heifer, then donated her back to Vintage, who then sold her again in their production sale. Lazy H Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., purchased the heifer at the Vintage sale for \$9,000.

"There are a lot of seniors helping out in California," Dierberger says. "We are trying to get things decided now so that it is all lined out at the beginning of the year."

Colorado

There are 199 juniors from Colorado who are members of the NJAA. They are in charge of the grounds committee, decorating committee, welcoming committee, the trade show and hospitality.

"We are working on selling ranch signs to hang around the coliseum pillars," says Tari Hoagland, past advisor and co-chairwoman of the 2001 NJAS. "They can be taken home after the show and used." The signs cost \$1,250. Colorado hopes to raise \$20,000 for the 2001 NJAS with them.

The Colorado Angus Association is selling raffle tickets for a quilt featuring the 2001 logo being made by Emma Danciger. The quilt, "Under the Western Sky," depicts a mountainous scene with vivid colors. It will be raffled at the Western National Angus Futurity in Reno, Nev., in April.

Tybar Ranch, Carbondale, Colo., donated proceeds from cow-pie bingo at their first production sale on Nov. 4.

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The Montana Junior Angus Association (MJAA) is selling chances on this Pearson squeeze chute to raise money for the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Pictured in front of the chute are Rob Erickson, Western Ranch Supply of Billings and Great Falls, Mont., and Joe Cook, president of the MJAA.

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Idaho

Carla Malson, advisor for the Idaho Junior Angus Association and the Northwest Junior Angus Association (which includes Idaho, Oregon and Washington) and co-chairwoman of the 2001 NJAS, says the 164 junior members from Idaho are contributing by making gift bags that will go to all of the expected 1,500 exhibitors and contestants. The gift bags will include the Idaho Spud Bar, a chocolate bar shaped like a potato. They also are in charge of the meals and trophy committees.

Mike and Julie Patton of Sawtooth Cattle Co., Gooding, Idaho, donated a heifer that was auctioned at the Idaho State Sale in February and brought \$7,000. All proceeds went to the 2001 NJAS.

Montana

There are 327 juniors in Montana who are members of the NJAA. John and Pam Patterson, advisors, say their responsibilities for the 2001 show include the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off; the public speaking, poster and graphic-design contests; and the seminars. They already have a few ideas for the seminars, including discussions on brisket edema — a problem ranchers face in high altitudes.

Fund-raisers include raffling a Pearson squeeze chute. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. “We hope to raise \$7,500,” John Patterson says. They started selling tickets in June and will continue sales through April. The winning ticket will be drawn during the Angus sale at the Midland Bull Test.

“We have sent out letters to all the breeders in Montana,” Patterson says. One breeder has donated \$1,000.

“There are many challenges that face the 2001 National Junior Angus Show,” Patterson says. “We are fortunate to have Carla Malson and Tari Hoagland as co-chairwomen.”

New Mexico

There are 50 active NJAA members in New Mexico. They currently are reorganizing, and they hope to have a junior association operating in the near future. They will bring cattle to the NJAS as a group for the first time in 2001.

New Mexico is helping with the trade show and decorations at the 2001 NJAS and hopes to sponsor a meal.

“Johnston Angus donated a heifer that was raffled at the New Mexico State Fair,” says Greg Smith of G13 Angus Ranch. “Part of those proceeds will go toward the 2001 show.”

Oregon

As a fund-raiser for the 2001 NJAS, the 248 NJAA members from Oregon are raffling a Honda four-wheeler with hopes of raising more than \$5,000.

“We are in charge of meals with Idaho and Washington and share the junior and adult socials with California,” says Kathleen Buchanan, co-advisor of the junior association. The Oregon Angus Association is sponsoring a meal.

Utah

There are 56 juniors in Utah who are members of the NJAA. They are hoping to organize a fund-raising event for the 2001 NJAS during the Gold Spike Sale in Ogden.

Washington

There are 136 juniors in Washington state who are members of the NJAA. They are on the meals committee for the 2001 NJAS and hope to provide three meals a day for the five days of the show. They also are bringing apples for the folks at the NJAS, and the arena and other areas will be decorated with the packing boxes.

Wyoming

There are 97 juniors from Wyoming who are members of the NJAA. Wyoming is responsible for arena decorations and landscaping with New Mexico.

NJAS committees need your help

Committees depend on willing workers. If you want to participate on a committee to help ensure the success of the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), please call the contact person listed below.

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Planning and executing the NJAS takes a big effort by junior members and adults. Association regional managers play an important role in working with the states.

“Most of our fund-raising has come from private donations,” says T.C. Guest, president of the Wyoming Angus Association. “I am hoping to get a large donation from a corporation here in Wyoming.”

Group effort

The nine states are trying to raise a minimum of \$5,000 each for the NJAS.

“We believe it will take \$150,000 to put on this show,” Malson says. The money, combined with donations from other ranches, businesses and individuals, will help make the 2001 NJAS a success.

“We have been offered help from Nebraska, with Becky Tiedeman helping the Junior Board streamline the activities,” Malson adds. “There are so many things going on with the contests — speech, graphic design, poster, Cook-Off — people just get exhausted. We are going to try and run two or three teams at a time to speed things up.”

Nebraska also is handling the

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- Advertising spaces are available in the show program, and you can bid on premium pages or purchase other types and sizes. Look at the 2001 NJAS Web site at www.angusjournal.com/2001njas or contact Mark Nelson at (916) 687-7108 or Carla Malson at (208) 674-1079.
- You also can support the show by purchasing 2001 NJAS merchandise bearing the 2001 logo. Contact Tari Hoagland at (303) 651-2130. Hats, water bottles, playing cards and can koozies are available.
- In memory of Gloria Thomas, Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore., has donated a pick-of-their-herd flush. The high bidder will have the chance to pick any cow in the Thomas herd to be flushed. The package includes 10 guaranteed freezable embryos. Galen Lusk, Western Genetics Inc., Sugar City, Idaho, is donating the flush work. The package will sell at the Angus Foundation Female Sale Jan. 12 in Denver.
- Amanda Raithel, Falls City, Neb., has donated an original graphite drawing that will be auctioned at the evening social in Louisville, Ky., as part of the Annual Meeting.
- Colorado's Kiowa Creek Ranch, Elbert, is donating a choice lot between two full sisters that will sell during the Angus Foundation Female Angus Sale Jan. 12 in Denver. The February 2000 heifers are sired by Northern Improvement 4480 GF.
- Larry Green, Volborg, Mont., and Roth Angus, Freeman, S.D., have donated three embryos that will sell Jan. 11 at Green's Commitment to Excellence Showcase Sale in Denver in 2001. They also donated their proceeds from the semen auction of their 2000 sale.
- Famed Western outdoor photographer Linda Dufurrena is donating an outdoor photograph and note-card prints to be auctioned at the Western National Angus Futurity.
- G Bar Angus, Lodi, Calif., has donated a heifer to be auctioned at the Western National Angus Futurity.

A special thank-you goes to all those who have made contributions to the 2001 NJAS.

For more information about how to get involved with the 2001 NJAS, contact Carla Malson, co-chairwoman, at (208) 674-1079; Tari Hoagland, co-chairwoman, at (303) 651-2130; or James Fisher, American Angus Association director of junior activities, at (816) 383-5100.

sponsorships for each class during the show. “Businesses, ranches — anyone who is interested — can sponsor a class at the 2001 NJAS,” Malson says. “If you are interested in this, contact Becky.”

Nevada doesn't have an Angus association, but they do have Susan Honeck, a registered Angus breeder who has raised enough money to sponsor a breakfast. She also has persuaded Linda Dufurrena, a Western outdoor photographer, to donate a photograph and note cards.

“Everybody has been cooperative here in Nevada,” says Honeck, who lined up feed stores to sponsor items for the gift bags.

The Humboldt County Cattlewomen, Nevada Cattlemen's Association and the New Holland dealership in Winnemucca also lend support.

“We realize some state associations are stronger than other states,” Malson says. Therefore, the Western states are working together to split costs and to delegate responsibilities to make the 2001 NJAS one to remember.

