



# Association Highlights

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## Association and its entities show growth in 2002

The Association and its entities showed growth in practically all areas in fiscal year (FY) 2002. Check out the specifics on p. 194 of this issue.

## Whitestone Farm offers Angus Foundation Heifer

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 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. See the story on page 79 for more details.

## New procedure for carcass data collection

The Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Supply Development staff is no longer coordinating the collection of progeny carcass data for structured sire evaluation. The Association will continue to compile carcass progeny test data submitted through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) to generate carcass expected progeny differences (EPDs).

CAB-licensed feedlots will serve as one of

the possible channels for members who want to prove sires for carcass merit through progeny testing. Data can also be collected by producers through their selected alliance, marketing group or packing plant and submitted directly to the Association. For more information contact the Performance Programs Department at (816) 383-5100.

## Attention AIMS users

The AIMS Department reminds all AIMS users to submit EPD request files. In order to update the EPDs on all owned animals, including sire and dam EPDs, you must submit the EPD request file (in AIMS, go to File, Data, Export and change the operation to EPD Request). The resulting "E" file can be sent by e-mail to [aims@angus.org](mailto:aims@angus.org). Files can be sent now and will be held until the National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) has been run later this month. The cost is \$15.

## Cattle industry to convene in Nashville in late January

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.

A full schedule of events is planned, including NCBA committee and subcommittee meetings. The Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) will have a booth at the trade show where attendees can learn about programs for commercial producers and CAB Supply Development.

For more information about the event, contact the NCBA Convention and Meetings Department at (303) 694-0305. Online registration is available at [www.beef.org](http://www.beef.org).

## Begin holiday shopping now

Time is running short to find those perfect gifts for the Angus breeders on your list. Both adults and youngsters will find items for their wish lists by using the Association's shop-online feature at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

Here you'll find a variety of Angus items to choose from, complete with descriptions, photos and prices. Items include clothing, history books, prints, office supplies and much, much more. You can purchase items online with a Visa or MasterCard. You're sure

## Angus activities set for NWSS

It's time to gear up for the 2003 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus breeders and other livestock producers will make their way to the Mile-High City in just a few short weeks. Angus activities will highlight the show's first week. Breeders will exhibit hundreds of entries in the Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the hill and several carloads and pens in the yards. Here's a schedule for reference:

### Tuesday, Jan. 14

1 p.m. Angus junior heifer show, Stadium

### Wednesday, Jan. 15

8 a.m. Angus ROV female show, Stadium

### Thursday, Jan. 16

8 a.m. Judging Angus sale cattle, Stadium

2 p.m. Angus bull sale, Beef Palace Auction Arena

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

### Friday, Jan. 17

8 a.m. Angus ROV bull show, Stadium

3 p.m. Angus Foundation female sale, Livestock Center Auction Arena

### Saturday, Jan. 18

9 a.m. Carload & pen shows, Livestock Center Auction Arena

The NWSS headquarters is the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel. A special Angus room rate of \$84, plus tax, has been negotiated. Call the hotel directly at (303) 297-1300 to make reservations. Request the American Angus Association room block to get the special rate. All reservations must be made by Dec. 27.

For more information about NWSS events, go to [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).

## 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 7D7 of 4G9** (Reg. No. 12838783) was determined to be a carrier of the dwarfism gene. He was born Feb. 16, 1997.

► The cow **High Valley 3D22 of 6V16** (Reg. No. 11912675) was determined to be a carrier of the dwarfism gene. She was born March 24, 1993.

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." 

to find something that will make your holiday shopping a cinch.

### **Breeder advertising kits available**

Association members can now put the award-winning "Black Hide" breed campaign to work for them on the local level. Breeder advertising kits are available to all members who would like to promote a sale or event to area cattlemen.

The kits contain various sizes of advertisements that can be used in standard-size magazines or tabloid publications. The ads feature the "Profit in the Black Market" headline and have space at the bottom to

personalize with your farm or ranch name, logo, sale date and contact information. Available at no charge, the kit contains camera-ready ads that practically any publication can use, as well as graphic files on a compact disc.

To request your breeder advertising kit, call the Communications and Public Relations Department or e-mail Lea Ann Maudlin at [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org).



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