



# Association Highlights

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## Angus Outreach Seminars continue

The Angus Outreach Seminars, which feature informational sessions about two of the American Angus Association's newest programs, AngusSource and Dollar Value (\$Value) Indexes (\$F, \$G, \$B), continue this month. All members are encouraged to attend and talk with Association staff about programs and ways the Association can best serve members now and in the future. The dates and locations of upcoming meetings include:

- Feb. 2 — Boise, Idaho
- Feb. 3 — Sacramento, Calif.
- Feb. 9 — Fort Worth, Texas
- Feb. 13 — Athens, Ga.
- March 8 — Cullman, Ala.
- May 3 — Winchester, Va.

For specific times and meeting locations, go to [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or contact Matt Perrier,

director of commercial programs, at (816) 383-5118 or [mperrier@angus.org](mailto:mperrier@angus.org).

## Pathfinder deadline this month

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department for inclusion in the *2004 Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 13.

Please submit your Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) to the office before that date so they can be processed. If you have questions, contact Bill Bowman or Gloria Hurlbut at (816) 383-5100.

## Printed version of Sire Evaluation Report now available

The Spring 2004 Sire Evaluation has been online for more than a month now, and the printed version of the report is now available as well.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2003 report will receive the spring 2004 report automatically. All other members and all commercial producers who want a printed report must request it. Breeders who would like a quantity of printed reports to have on hand for their sales or events are welcome to do so. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or [bschafer@angus.org](mailto:bschafer@angus.org).

## Coverage of NCBA convention on the Web

If you weren't able to attend the 2004 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Phoenix, Ariz., you can still see news and highlights from the event on the Web. Angus Productions Inc. (API) provides complete online coverage at [www.4cattlemen.com](http://www.4cattlemen.com).

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., sponsors the Web site, which includes summaries of Cattlemen's College presentations, reports of council and committee meetings, and photos and announcements of award winners.

## Dates set for 2004 National Angus Conference

Mark the 2004 National Angus Conference and Tour on your calendars. The event will take place Sept. 14-17 in Roanoke, Va. The historic Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center will serve as headquarters for the event. The program will include an educational conference with featured beef industry speakers, followed by a tour of Angus herds hosted by the Virginia Angus Association.

Look for more information in upcoming issues.

## Double-check credit card payments

When mailing work to the Association, breeders who pay fees with a Visa or MasterCard should double-check their account numbers and make sure the expiration date is listed on the forms before mailing. Having this information and making sure it is correct is necessary for the completion of work in a timely manner. If you have questions about paying with a credit card, contact the Member Services Department at (816) 383-5100.

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## 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 main 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*. Free copies are available from the Association.

## BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HG	Horn gene
+	Embryo transfer calf	R	Red
^	Cell clone	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
%	Split-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
@	Clone-ET	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
S	Syndactyly	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
H	Double muscling		
D	Dwarfism		
M	Osteopetrosis		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

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### Junior entry booklets mailed

Every junior member of the American Angus Association should have recently received a booklet of information regarding shows, events, entries and deadlines for all 2004 junior activities. This booklet contains the rules, entry forms and information Angus youth need to participate in this year's regional preview shows, regional shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

If you are a junior member who's planning to participate in these events and who hasn't received a packet, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

### Kansas City is site for 2004 NJAS

Summer seems like months away, but Angus youth are already preparing for the 2004 NJAS, which is set for July 12-17 at the American Royal complex in Kansas City, Mo.

The Missouri Junior Angus Association is busy making plans for "Angus and All That Jazz." The five-day event will feature the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world and a host of educational and leadership activities for youth of all ages.

Look for the show schedule and hotel information in the junior information packet, in future issues of the *Angus Journal* or in the spring 2004 edition of the *Directions* newsletter. Information can be found online at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

### Association can help with junior transfer

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and has not received the transferred papers, the Association can help. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

### Historic Angus Herd Award honors longtime breeders

If you or your family has been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 or more years, you may be able to receive the Association's Historic Angus Herd Award.

The award recognizes individuals or families with longevity in the Angus

business. Breeders can apply for the award at any time. Simply call the Association's Public Relations and Communications Department and request an application, fill it out, and send it in. Or, you can download the application from the Association's Web site at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

If you have questions about the application process or if your farm or ranch qualifies for the award, contact Susan Rhode at (816) 383-5100 or [srhode@angus.org](mailto:srhode@angus.org).

### Juniors should note Western Regional deadlines

Juniors planning to show cattle at the Western Regional Junior Angus Show need to act now to meet show deadlines. The ownership deadline is Feb. 15, and the entry deadline is March 1. Remember, these are the dates that applications for transfers and entries must be postmarked. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted for any reason.

Entry forms for the Western Regional were included in the 2004 junior information packet. The Western Regional is set for April 23-25 in Reno, Nev., in conjunction with the Western National Angus Futurity.

### Nominate advisors and honorary Angus Foundation recipients now

Any state junior Angus Association can nominate their advisors to be honored as National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Advisors of the Year. The award is presented at the NJAS and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state's junior Angus association. Letters of nomination should be submitted to James Fisher, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, Mo., by May 1.

Any individual can nominate another Angus enthusiast for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

To learn more about these awards and their criteria, contact the Junior Activities Department.

### Angus Foundation offers junior scholarships

Now is the time for college-bound high school seniors or for those who are already taking college classes to work on scholarship applications. The Angus Foundation will award scholarships to 20 deserving junior Angus members who are working toward college degrees. Eighteen juniors will receive \$1,000 scholarships, and two will receive \$3,500 scholarships.

Applicants for the Foundation scholarships must be junior, regular or life members of the American Angus Association and less than 25 years old. Selection is based on involvement in Angus activities, academics and involvement in the beef industry. Winners of the scholarships will be announced during the awards ceremony at the 2004 NJAS, which is set for July 12-17 in Kansas City, Mo.

The NJAA/Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) scholarship will also be awarded to one deserving Angus junior at the NJAS in July. Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must meet the requirements mentioned above and be incoming sophomores, juniors or seniors in college. They must be majoring in animal science, meat science, agricultural communications or other related fields.

All applications are due May 15. Contact the Junior Activities Department at the Association for application forms, or obtain one online at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

### Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary awards 10 scholarships annually to five boys and five girls who are graduating high school seniors. Recipients are chosen from application forms that can be obtained from state Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairpersons (see page A4 for a list) or from Shirley Williams, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairperson, by calling (479) 474-1013 or sending an e-mail to [williamsfair Oaks@aol.com](mailto:williamsfair Oaks@aol.com). Juniors must first be chosen as their states' auxiliary scholarship winners before advancing to national competition.

### Electronic storage option available

As Association members register their calves this spring, they will have the option to request the Association store the registration certificates electronically rather than mail the papers to them. Selecting this option will allow members to electronically transfer those registrations to buyers.

Members can specify that electronic storage be the default for registrations recorded to their membership code. Each registration application will provide an option to override the customer default so that the individual certificate can be printed, if necessary.

Regular registration and transfer fees will apply to both printed and electronically stored registrations. At any time, a member can request an electronically stored paper be printed and mailed at no additional cost.

For more information, see page 157 or contact the Member Services Department at (816) 383-5100.

