

Angus Pride

Angus cattle reign under the National Western colors of pride.

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Red, white and blue banners have traditionally hung from the rafters at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. America's colors boast a pride that is shared by many livestock groups, school children and adult groups alike who attended the famed event Jan. 11-26, 2003.

The largest numbers of breeding cattle in NWSS history were entered in the 2003 event. The Angus breed was represented in full force, with more Angus cattle entering the ring than any of the 15 other breeds in attendance. Angus breeders came to the grounds early to check cattle in and to let the cattle acclimate to their show surroundings.

As the events progressed throughout the week, Angus Productions Inc. (API) provided real-time coverage for family and friends not able to attend in person. The results can be viewed at www.angusjournal.com/denver. The following is a brief overview of Angus activities at the 2003 NWSS.

Couple named herdsman

Very seldom will a spectator find the Angus aisles on the Hill at rest without the whining of clipper blades or the humming of the blowers. But herdsman set down their clippers and let the cattle rest Monday, Jan. 13, as they gathered to honor Doug and Jane

Satree, Montague, Texas, the first couple to win the Herdsman Award in its 30-year history. The award is voted on by peers in the barns to recognize fellow fitters for their hard work and camaraderie.

Junior entries on parade

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members were the first to enter the ring as the 2003 NWSS Junior Angus Show kicked off the show events on the Hill Tuesday, Jan. 14.

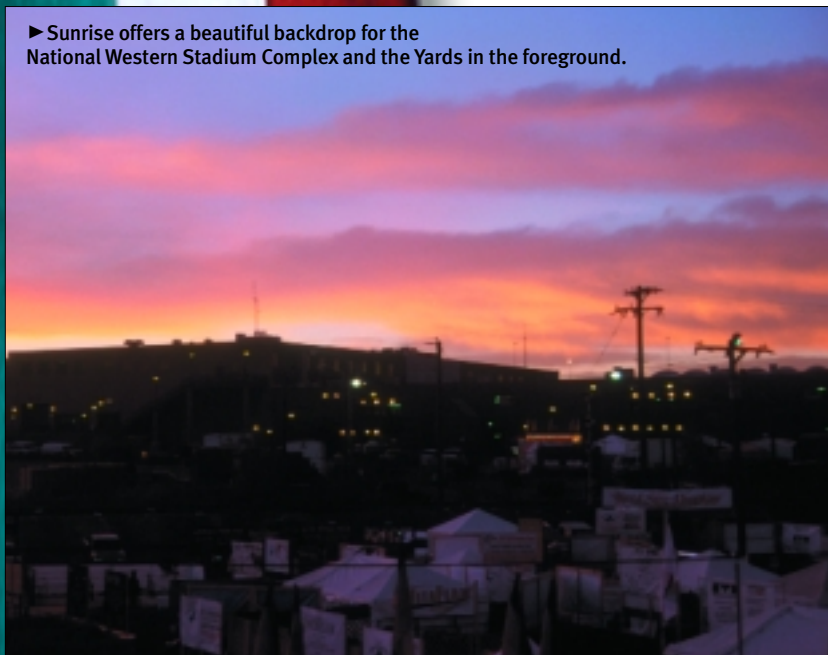
Joel Judge, San Luis Obispo, Calif., sorted through 63 entries to find his grand champion female, which was exhibited by Andrew Rogen, Brandon, S.D. Reserve grand champion female went to a heifer shown by Dillon Stertzbach, Louisville, Ohio. The lone cow-calf pair was shown by Catherine Barker, Avon, Ind. Additional results of the junior Angus show can be found on page 276.

Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas, was on hand throughout the weeklong NWSS to hand out ribbons to class winners and banners to the champions. She had assistance from a few state Angus queens and princesses as she attended her first Roll of Victory (ROV) show as Miss American Angus.

ROV show kicks off

Wednesday, Jan. 15, marked the beginning of the 2003 NWSS Super-Point ROV Angus

► Sunrise offers a beautiful backdrop for the National Western Stadium Complex and the Yards in the foreground.



► Regional managers Andy Rest and Jerry Cassady provide class winner information to Tanya Peebles to post on www.angusjournal.com/denver. Angus Productions Inc. provided live coverage of the 2003 National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

Show. Lead judge Bill Conley, Clarksdale, Mo., and associate judge Doug Slattery, Brenham, Texas, put in a long first day, evaluating 260 females. The show, which began at 8 a.m., was concluded by 4 p.m., with the naming of the champions.

NJAA members swept the ROV female show with their entries. Rogan, who had just won the junior show the day before, claimed grand champion female honors with a different heifer. This feat hasn't been achieved in recent stock show history.

Another NJAA member, Paige Wallace, Mount Vernon, Mo., claimed reserve grand champion female honors. Barker's cow-calf pair again claimed grand champion cow-calf honors. For more results of the ROV Angus show, see page 268.

Association-sponsored sale

The only sale sponsored by the American Angus Association takes place at the NWSS each year. Regional manager Chuck Grove is in charge of the event, which generally attracts 30-50 lots. Breeders from across North America brought 36 prospects from their breeding herds to be judged at the show, which started at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 16.

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., named champions from 36 entries to determine the sale order. Doug Satree exhibited the grand champion sale bull, which first won late fall bull calf champion. Reserve grand champion sale bull was shown by Laffin Ranch, Olsburg, Kan. The Laffin entry first won the early junior yearling division.

After the show, breeders flooded the stadium arena to evaluate the bulls themselves and to discuss the animals with their sellers. The 36 lots averaged \$5,175 in the sale that followed that afternoon. Joe Goggins, Billings, Mont., was the auctioneer. For more details, see page 288.

Foundation heifer

Each year, a top Angus breeder donates an outstanding heifer to headline the Foundation Heifer Package to be auctioned at the National Western Angus Bull Sale. Proceeds benefit the Angus Foundation. Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va., donated Eila Eila 755P of Whitestone, a February 2002 daughter of DHD Traveler 6807, to highlight the package. The package included several other benefits.

A syndicate purchased the package for \$40,000 before an overflow crowd in the sale palace. The buyers include Paws Up Angus Ranch, Greenough, Mont.; Edwards Angus Ranch, Denton, Mont.; Three Trees Ranch

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► John Dickinson and the other regional managers check tattoos against registration papers and take measurements to provide the judges for their use in selecting champions. Cattle are brought to the NWSS grounds early for the check-in process.



► Reserve champion female division winners line the side of the ring as judges Bill Conley and Doug Slattery selected the grand champion female in the 2003 Super-Point Roll of Victory Angus Female Show at the NWSS.



► Joe Goggins, Billings, Mont., was the auctioneer of the National Western Angus Bull Sale. The sale averaged \$5,411.

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Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga.; Express Angus Ranches, Shawnee, Okla.; Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla.; and Rolling RRR Ranch LLC, Edmond, Okla. See page 291 for more details.

Food, fellowship

The Denver Marriott City Center Hotel was headquarters for Angus events at the NWSS. It didn't take long for Angus cattlemen to clean up after attending the bull sale show events to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, spirits and fellowship at Thursday evening's Angus Reception, hosted by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.

Goggins led the auctioning of two heifer packages to support the 2003 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky. A sexed heifer pregnancy of GAR Expectation 5 GAR Precision 2536 was donated by Wehrmann Angus, New Market, Va., and Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan. The package was purchased for \$37,000 by Riverbend Ranch, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Van Dyke Angus Ranch, Manhattan, Mont., donated the pick of their 2003 heifer crop to the highest bidder. Turner Farm, Richmond, Ind., and Sugar Springs Ranch, Lincoln, Ark., purchased the pick for \$17,500. Proceeds from the 2003 NJAS Benefit Auction will help the Kentucky Junior Angus Association host the 2003 event.

Bull show

The ROV show resumed early Friday morning with Conley and Slattery judging 95 entries exhibited in the Super-Point ROV Angus Bull Show.

Grand champion bull, Gamble's Hot Rod, was exhibited by Holly Gamble, Clinton, Tenn.; Jones Stewart Angus Ranch, Washington, Kan.; and Meier Show Cattle, Stonewall, Texas. Reserve grand champion honors went to Mercedes Danekas, Wilton, Calif.; The Addicted Group, Wilton, Calif.; and LaGrand Roth Angus Ranch, Freeman, S.D., for PT Roth Famous Addiction.

Following the bull show was the get-of-sire and best-six-head competitions. Junior get-of-sire honors were won by progeny of SAV Limited Edition 9283 that were exhibited by Fairlane Farm, Louisville, Ohio; and Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio. Progeny of Famous 7001 won the get-of-sire class. They were exhibited by Gamble, Danekas and LaGrand Roth. LaGrand Roth also



► A crowd gathered as carloads were tied up outside the Livestock Center Auction Arena in the Yards. Judges had the opportunity to reevaluate division champions to name their grand champion.

claimed top honors for the best six head.

The Foundation Female sale began at 3 p.m., Friday and went well into the evening hours, kicking off events "in the Yards."

In the Yards

The carload and pen shows Saturday, Jan. 18, concluded Angus events at the NWSS.

The warm sun was accompanied by blasting winds, but that didn't keep Angus exhibitors from displaying their best.

Charles Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky.; Dick Burns, Kickapoo, Ill.; and Seth Leachman, Billings, Mont., first evaluated eight carloads. Both grand and reserve grand champion honors went to Express Angus Ranches, Shawnee, Okla., for their junior bull calf carload and senior bull calf entries.

The pen-of-three show followed with Whitestone-Krebs, Gordon, Neb., winning grand champion Angus pen. The bull calves were sired by Bon-View New Design 1407. Express Angus won reserve grand champion honors with progeny sired by Bon-View New Design 1407 and WK Gunsmoke.

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) kept the crowd's bellies full by offering brisket sandwiches for lunch. CAB Feedlot Partners were on hand to talk with breeders about the benefits and options offered through feeding cattle in CAB-licensed feedyards.

William Powell Jr., retiring American Angus Association regional manager on the East Coast, was honored Saturday evening with the 2003 Marketeer of the Year Award. Powell makes his home in Thurmont, Md., with his wife, Gail. The award is given annually by magazine field representatives and auctioneers to recognize excellence in the livestock marketing profession.

