



# Association Highlights

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## Association plans seminar for Angus leaders

The American Angus Association is planning a seminar for state, regional and local Angus association leaders June 5-6, 2003, in Saint Joseph, Mo. The event is designed to help these associations provide better programs and services for their members and to better utilize the services of the American Angus Association.

Two representatives from each association will be invited to attend. The program will include tours of the Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) offices, as well as a one-day educational program. If you are an officer in your state, regional or local Angus association, look for additional details about this event in the mail or at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## Plan now to attend events in Reno

The 2003 Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF) and 2003 Western

Regional Junior Angus Show are approaching quickly. The events are set for April 25-27 in Reno, Nev. Activities are being planned for both juniors and adults, so make travel and hotel arrangements now.

The headquarters hotel for the event is the John Ascuaga's Nugget. To make room reservations call 1-800-648-1177. Identify yourself as part of the Western States Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates, which are \$78 for Hotel Tower, \$58 for Courtyard and \$29 for Roof Gardens. All reservations must be made before April 5 for these rates to apply.

## Affiliates receive EPD updates

Earlier this winter, Angus affiliates, individuals who are not members of the Association but who have recently purchased and received the ownership transfer of a registered Angus bull, received updated expected progeny differences

(EPDs) on all active bulls currently in their ownership. Initiated last June, this service is one more benefit that affiliates receive when their Angus seedstock suppliers transfer ownership of the bulls into the affiliate's name.

Approximately 53,000 updates were sent to affiliates nationwide. This service will likely continue on an annual basis following the January release of the National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) data. The update includes the bull's name, birth date and all EPDs available. A letter from the American Angus Association accompanies the update, thanking producers for their purchase of Angus bulls and outlining commercial services provided by the Association.

The Commercial and Industry Relations Committee of the Association's Board of Directors created this program, in an effort to increase the service to commercial users of registered Angus genetics and to carry out the goals in the Association's long-range plan. AgriLabs Ltd. sponsored the EPD update as part of its "2003 Performance Partners" sponsorship with the Association.

If you're not transferring the registration papers of Angus bulls to your commercial customers, they're missing out on this valuable benefit of using Angus genetics. For more information contact the Commercial Programs Department.

## North Dakota to host 2003 National Angus Conference and Tour

Plans are underway for the 2003 National Angus Conference and Tour, which will be held Sept. 24-27 in Mandan, N.D. The Association has a program full of top-notch beef industry speakers lined up for the one-day conference program, and the North Dakota Angus Association (NDAA) is putting the finishing touches on the more than two-day tour, which will feature Angus herds from across the state.

The theme for the event is "Take Initiative." As the beef cattle business becomes a more competitive, profit-driven marketplace, both seedstock and commercial producers need to "Take Initiative" when selecting genetics, managing resources and exploring alternative marketing options. The program promises

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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 major 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*. Copies are available free from the Association.

## BREEDERS' REFERENCE

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

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	%	Split-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	@	Clone-ET
^	Cell clone		

to challenge attendees to open their minds and consider new ways to approach their businesses from all aspects. The event will be sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedia, Inc.

Speakers on the program include Daryl Strohbehn, Iowa State University; Barry Dunn, South Dakota State University; Ron Lemenager, Purdue University; Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.; Gene Harris, Kildeer, N.D.; and Vance Uden, Franklin, Neb. Presentations will also be given on herd health and beef quality assurance (BQA) issues.

Members of the NDAA plan to showcase some of the best cattle their state has to offer on the tour portion of the event. Not only will attendees have the opportunity to see some of the best herds in the state, but they will also see a great diversity of beef cattle environments and scenic areas. Members who will host stops include Tokach Angus Ranch, Ellingson Angus Ranch and Schaff's Angus Valley, all of Saint Anthony; Frey Angus Ranch, Granville; McCumber Angus Ranch, Rolette; Vollmer Angus Ranch, Wing; Brooks Chalky Butte Ranch, Bowman; and Farview Angus Ranch, Regent. Other breeders will also be featured at stops in central locations.

Registration materials for the event will be available later in the spring, but you can request materials be sent to you at that time by contacting Linda Campbell at (816) 383-5143 or [lcampbell@angus.org](mailto:lcampbell@angus.org). A complete schedule, hotel information and online registration for the event will also be available later this spring at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

The American Angus Association encourages all registered and commercial producers to "Take Initiative" and make plans to attend this great Angus event.

### Angus Foundation Heifer Package raises \$40,000

Edwards Angus Ranch, Denton, Mont.; Express Ranches, Shawnee, Okla.; Paws Up Angus Ranch, Greenough, Mont.; Three Trees Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga.; Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla.; and Rolling RRR Ranch LLC, Wellston, Okla., purchased the 2003 Angus Foundation Heifer Package that sold Jan. 16, during Angus activities at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Whitestone Farms, Aldie, Va., donated the full sister to Connealy Dateline that headlined the package. For more information, see page 291 in the NWSS coverage in this issue.

### Sire Evaluation Report available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association spring 2003 *Sire Evaluation Report* are still available. To request a printed



report for your personal use, or a quantity to have available at your spring sale, call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at [bschafer@angus.org](mailto:bschafer@angus.org).

Make note that the spring report will not automatically be

mailed to affiliate bull buyers, as it has been in years past. Of course, the *Sire Evaluation Report* can also be accessed and searched on the Internet via the Association Web site at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### Look for delegate petitions in the mail soon

Preparations are already being made for the 2003 Annual Meeting this November in Louisville, Ky. The first step of the democratic election process will take place this month with the mailing of petitions to every Association member. Members can use the petitions to nominate state delegates for the 2003 Annual Meeting.

Members may nominate any member from their state, including themselves. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the Annual Meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Nominations must be returned to the Association by June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition this month, don't set it aside — send it in right away. June 30 will be here quicker than you think.

### Report new association officers

All state, local and regional Angus associations need to submit the names of their new officers to the Communications and Public Relations Department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are included on the Association Web site and in the August *Angus Journal* 2003 "Resource Edition." Listings will include association name, current officers, addresses, phone numbers and Web site, if applicable. If you

haven't received a form to update your association's listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org).

### Junior deadlines for Atlantic National

The ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show is April 15. Even though the event is a regional preview show for junior members, the Atlantic National show management handles the entry process. For information or to request entry forms, contact Bobbi McMullen at (717) 548-3282 or [bobbie@epix.net](mailto:bobbie@epix.net).

### Association can help with junior transfers

If you know a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and has not received the transfer papers, and if the ownership deadline for a specific show is approaching, help is available. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show's 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.

### Association offers tattoo brochure, supplies

For Angus breeders, tattooing newborn calves isn't just a process for herd identification (ID); it's an Association requirement for registration eligibility. Members who are new to the Angus business, or maybe even new to the cattle business, are often challenged by their first attempt at tattooing a calf.

The Association has a brochure available to members titled "Tattooing — Steps to Permanent Identification," which gives step-by-step instructions on the tattooing process. The brochure can help you set up a herd ID system and determine the equipment you need to tattoo a calf. It gives suggestions on how to prepare the ear before tattooing.

The Association also offers tattooing equipment — including pliers, characters and ink — for sale to members at a minimal cost. To request a brochure or to order supplies, call or write the Communications and Public Relations Department or e-mail Maudlin at [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org). Tattoo supplies can also be ordered by using the "Shop Online" feature at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

