



Association Highlights

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AHIR deadline is May 30

May 30 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates data for the fall 2003 *Sire Evaluation Report*. It's important to your individual herd and to the Angus breed to collect and submit performance records promptly. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at (816) 383-5100.

Nominate delegates now

You only have a few weeks left to nominate delegates to represent your state at the 2003 American Angus Association Annual Meeting, set for Monday, Nov. 17, in Louisville, Ky.

Each active Association member should have received a nomination petition in the mail and may nominate one member. All eligible nominations from each state will be included on that state's ballot, which will be mailed to members later this summer for the final selection of delegates. Nominations

must be postmarked by June 30 to be included on the final ballot.

It's important to nominate a person from your state who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. In some cases, that person could be you, so don't hesitate to nominate yourself.

If you're a new member, make plans to attend the Annual Meeting to learn more about the business of your Association. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), which is the site of one of the five Angus Roll of Victory (ROV) super-point shows.

Kentucky to host NJAS

Summer is just a few short weeks away, and that means that Angus youth and their parents will soon be on their way to the 2003 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This year's event is set for July 13-19 at the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center in Louisville, Ky.

The NJAS is the Association's largest annual event and attracts more than just Angus juniors and their parents. "Kentucky ... Kool as Can Be in 2003" is the theme for the event, which is being hosted by the Kentucky Junior Angus Association (KJAA), the Kentucky Angus Association and the Kentucky Angus Auxiliary. Breeders from across the country will attend for the opportunity to meet friends, both new and old; to support the youth of our breed; and to learn more about what's going on in the Angus business.

For more information about the show and contests connected to the event, refer to the NJAS preview on page 68 in this issue or contact the Junior Activities Department. Complete rules for all of the contests are available online at www.njaa.info.

Juniors can submit show entries online

Junior members can save a stamp by submitting their entries for shows online this year. Simply logon to www.njaa.info and provide the necessary information, as well as a Visa or MasterCard number to cover entry and bedding fees.

Online entry is available for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Lewisburg, W.Va.; the North Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in Lincoln, Neb.; the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in Filer, Idaho; and the NJAS in Louisville, Ky.

Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via the mail, so don't let time slip away from you. As always, no late entries are accepted for any reason.

Tee off at third annual golf tournament

If you're planning to attend the NJAS, don't forget to bring your golf clubs. Whether you're an amateur or an avid golfer, you'll want to participate in the third annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. The event will take place Tuesday, July 15, in Louisville, Ky.

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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.

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	%	Split-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	@	Clone-ET
^	Cell clone		

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. and includes 18 holes of golf for all players. Lunch will be served afterward and awards will be given. The entry fee is \$100 for adults and \$75 for junior members. Teams will consist of four players, and awards will be given for the longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin and other achievements.

Tournament sponsors and award donors are needed for this event. Hole sponsorships are \$250, and other sponsorships are available as well. All proceeds from the event benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

For more information about playing, signing up a team or becoming a sponsor, contact the Junior Activities Department.

LEAD Conference planned for Fort Worth

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member. One event that allows members to do just that is the annual NJAA Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference set for July 31-Aug. 3 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Juniors ages 14 and older are eligible to participate. This year's theme is "Discover Your Worth in Fort Worth." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and explore the unique Fort Worth area.

Registration materials can be found in the entry booklet that was distributed to all active juniors earlier in the year. Request materials by contacting the Junior Activities Department, or go to www.njaa.info. Registration is \$175 for juniors and \$150 for advisors until June 15, the early registration deadline. After that date, registration will be \$200 for juniors and \$175 for advisors.

National Angus Conference coming in fall

In just a few short months breeders will make their way to the 2003 National Angus Conference and Tour, set for Sept. 24-27 in Mandan, N.D. A program of top beef industry speakers will highlight the one-day conference, and the North Dakota Angus Association (NDAA) will host a two-day tour that will feature Angus herds across the state.

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., will sponsor the event. "Take Initiative" is the theme, and both purebred and commercial producers are invited to attend. A preliminary schedule for the event and hotel

information are now available at www.angus.org, or you may contact Linda Campbell at lcampbell@angus.org or (816) 383-5143 to request registration materials when they are available.

Date change for All-American Futurity

The dates of the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity are July 10-12 in Louisville, Ky. The event will include a regional preview junior Angus show, as well as a Roll of Victory (ROV) show. This precedes the 2003 NJAS, which is set for July 13-19 in Louisville.

Junior exhibitors who plan to participate in both events need to submit separate entries for both shows and need to check in with both shows once they arrive in Louisville.

Need help with junior transfers?

Juniors who have not received the transfer paper on a purchased animal should contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the ownership deadline of a particular show. The staff will make every attempt to get the animal transferred on time. Keep in mind that late transfers for shows are never accepted. Please contact the Association before it's too late.

Make note of junior deadlines

A summer full of junior Angus activities is first preceded by many deadlines for show entries, contests and awards. Make note of the dates and deadlines provided on page 54 of "Next Generation," as no late entries are accepted for any reason. If you have questions, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

Silent auction will support youth

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Louisville. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

Many valuable items and collectibles will be up for grabs. Semen packages, pieces of fine art and Angus crafts are just a few of the unique items shoppers will find.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate two items to the auction, and donations from individuals are

also accepted. As an incentive, a donation of \$100 will be made to the state association that donates the highest-selling item to the auction. To donate an item or to get a more specific listing of items available, contact Susan Rhode at (816) 383-5100 or srhode@angus.org.

New Murphy prints and art book available soon

Longtime Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy has recently finished another oil painting for the American Angus Association. The painting is titled "Apple Blossom Time" and

features a cow and newborn calf in a Midwest pasture scene.

The Angus Foundation will offer 1,000 signed and numbered prints of this original oil painting for a donation of \$100 per print. The prints will



be available for purchase at the 2003 NJAS in Louisville, Ky. An initial offering will be made to those who purchased a print of Murphy's "Mists of Autumn" a few years ago, giving those people the opportunity to purchase the same numbered print of "Apple Blossom Time" if they choose.

A book featuring original artwork commissioned by the American Angus Association has been written by Keith Evans, former director of communications and public relations for the Association, and will be offered at the NJAS as well. The book features Murphy's work, as well as that of other artists. It will feature color photographs of all of Murphy's work, flanked by the history of the pieces and how they were used to promote the Angus breed. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Angus Foundation.

Submit names of judges

The Association's Activities Department maintains a list of Angus judges, which is used to recommend individuals to shows and fairs across the country on request. Members are welcome and encouraged to submit names of qualified judges at any time. If you know of someone who should be included on this list, contact Linda Campbell at lcampbell@angus.org or call the Activities Department.

