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Angus dominating in Australia

According to figures released by the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association (ARCBA), Angus constituted almost half the British-breed cattle registered in Australia in 2002, demonstrating a surge of Angus in the nation's temperate beef cattle herd.

In 2002, 54,662 Angus calves were registered in primary and secondary registries, almost three times the number produced 10 years ago and six times the 9,227 Angus figure recorded in 1989. The combined Hereford and Polled Hereford registrations dropped from 62,037 in 1989 to 38,858 in 2002.

Nationwide, Angus constituted 28% of beef cattle registered in 2002, followed by Herefords/Polled Herefords with 19.5% and Brahmans with 11%. Overall, British-breed registrations account for 60% of the total, while *Bos indicus* and European breeds account for 30% and 10%, respectively.

Total annual beef cattle registrations have hovered just short of 200,000 for the past six years. In the same period, memberships of beef cattle societies have plummeted by 25% — from 12,108 in 1995 to a little more than 9,000 in 2002.

Uden to judge 2003 Brazilian National Angus Show

Vance Uden of TC Ranch Inc., Franklin, Neb., was scheduled to judge the 2003 Brazilian National Angus Show. Brazilian Angus breeders chose Uden during January's Brazilian Angus Association meeting in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, reports Stefan Staiger Schneider, international secretary of *Associação Brasileira de Angus* (ABA), the Brazilian Angus Association.

Brazil's third National

Angus Show was to take place June 7 at the Imigrantes Exhibition Center in São Paulo during the *Feicorte* (International Beef Production Chain Fair). Schneider says he expected 200 Angus — both black and red — to be shown.

"This is going to be our country's third-largest Angus show, after Expointer and Londrina," he says. "This year the show will take place in a new concept of fair. *Feicorte*

is a young international cattle exposition similar to American livestock shows and happens in São Paulo, the busiest city in South America. It will include genetic improvements, hygiene controls and carcass standardization, all currently in place in the various stages of livestock breeding."

Last year, Angus was one among 14 beef breeds at the fair, which was attended by 30,000 people representing 30 countries, he reports.

Schneider says the Brazilian Angus herd is expanding rapidly. He says 51.5% of semen sold by artificial insemination (AI) stations comes from the United States and Canada. For two consecutive years, Angus has sold more than a million doses of semen in Brazil and has become the preferred breed of cattle in use for the Brazilian commercial herd.

The 2003 International Beef Production Chain Fair was to focus on crossbreeding, a practice that is in Brazil to stay, Schneider

says. It has the potential to combine the rustic hardiness of Nelore cattle with the high productivity of British breeds.

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U.S.-raised bull leads in progeny registrations

Ankonian Centennial is the record holder for the number of Angus progeny registered in Brazilian history. ABS Pecplan (the Brazilian division of ABS Global) requested a survey of the National Breeder's Association Herd Book (*Associação Nacional dos Criadores Herd Book Collares – ANC*), which is the official herd book of the ABA, to identify Brazil's top 10 Angus bulls in breed history.

U.S. bulls Pine Drive Big Sky and N-Bar Emulation EXT ranked second (785 registered progeny) and seventh (496 registered progeny), respectively.

Ankonian Centennial, a son of Ankonian Dynamo, was purchased from Ankonian Angus Corp., then at Highmore, S.D., in 1976, and exported to the bull's current owner, Carla Sandra Staiger Schneider of Cabanha Santa Bárbara Cattle Co. in São Jerônimo, Rio Grande do Sul.

While in stud at ABS Pecplan, Ankonian Centennial became the semen sales volume leader among beef and dairy breeds in Brazil. According to the AI station staff, Centennial probably sired at least 40,000 progeny in Brazil, including commercial and purebred progeny.

www.angusinternational.info is growing

In June 2003 Angus Productions Inc. (API), Saint Joseph, Mo., launched www.angusinternational.info, a Web site devoted to sharing information about Angus genetics and Angus producers on a global scale. Check the Web site now for links to Angus associations from countries around the globe, news releases, articles of international interest and a calendar of international events.

API will be adding marketing opportunities for Angus producers who are interested in marketing cattle internationally. For more information, contact Angie Stump Denton, director of API's Web Marketing Department, at adenton@angusjournal.com or 1-800-821-5478, Ext. 211.

