



Association Highlights

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Delegate ballots due Aug. 19

All ballots to nominate state delegates for the 2003 Annual Meeting must be received at the American Angus Association by Aug. 19 in order to be counted by the Credentials Committee. No late ballots will be accepted. If you haven't mailed yours, please do so as soon as possible.

National Angus Conference and Tour, Sept. 24-27

Start finalizing your plans to attend the 2003 National Angus Conference and Tour, set for Sept. 24-27 in Mandan, N.D. "Take Initiative" is the theme for the event, and we hope you will do just that — send your registration in today.

The event will include Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) and Web Marketing workshops, plus the conference program. The two-day tour is hosted by the North Dakota Angus Association and will be a great opportunity to explore local Angus herds and enjoy Angus fellowship.

Registration materials for the event have been distributed to active members and

affiliates in North Dakota and surrounding states. You will also find a special insert in this issue that features a registration form and conference schedule, as well as information on speakers and tour stops. You may register online at www.angus.org. Registration cost before the Sept. 1 early registration deadline is \$65; it is \$80 thereafter.

Fall Sire Evaluation Report online

The American Angus Association fall 2003 *Sire Evaluation Report* is available online and can be accessed via the Association homepage, www.angus.org.

To request a printed report, complete and return the blue postcard included in the ballot mailing you received in July. This will ensure that you receive both the fall 2003 and spring 2004 reports. Otherwise, call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at bschafer@angus.org.

In addition to the online and printed versions, the report is available on CD-ROM for \$25. A computer printout of the report is available for \$15.

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Members who want to announce their candidacies for the Association Board of Directors in the October *Angus Journal* must submit their biographical information and photographs to Editor Shauna Rose Hermel (3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506) by Aug. 15. For more information, contact Hermel at (816) 383-5270 or shermel@angusjournal.com.

Start planning for 2003 Annual Meeting

The Association Annual Meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Events begin Sunday, Nov. 16, with the junior Angus show, an educational program for breeders, and the open forum for candidates and delegates. The open bull show and the Annual Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 17, and the Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show. All events will take place either at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Executive West Hotel.

Look for a more detailed schedule of events and additional information in upcoming issues.

Sale deadlines for NWSS

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2004 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15 is \$300 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$350 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) performance information to be eligible.

For more information, call Chuck Grove, sale manager, at (434) 525-4687, or contact Linda Campbell at the Association at (816) 383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

Request breeder ad kits now

The Association will offer breeder advertising kits to all active members at no charge. The kits contain camera-ready advertisements in various sizes that can be used in newspapers and state and regional publications, as well as radio scripts for use in local areas. The ads are designed to

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*. 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		

complement the Association's "Black Hide" national advertising campaign, but allow space for the local breeder to insert his or her logo, contact information and sale date. The ads are provided both as hard copy and as individual files on CD.

The kits will be available in the early fall, but they can be requested at any time. To make your request, contact Lea Ann Maudlin in the Communications and Public Relations Department at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

Promote Angus with black hide posters

Posters designed to coordinate with the Association's award-winning "Black Hide" national advertising campaign have been produced and are available to members. The posters feature the "Unless It's Angus, It's Just Bull" headline and includes the Association's Web site and contact information.

The posters make great decorations for field days and events or great promotional tools at your local livestock auction barn or feed store. If you would like to distribute posters in your local area, call the Communications and Public Relations Department or e-mail Maudlin at lmaudlin@angus.org.

New Murphy print for sale

Long-time Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy has recently finished another oil painting for the American Angus Association. The painting is titled "In Apple Blossom Time" and features a cow and newborn calf in a Midwest pasture scene.

The Angus Foundation is offering 1,000 signed and numbered prints of this original oil painting for a donation of \$100 per print. The prints can be purchased by contacting Monica Jordan in the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100 or mjordan@angus.org. The buyer must select a print number when ordering. A \$10 shipping and handling fee will be added to all orders.

The Angus Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports many programs of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including scholarships and educational programs. The mission of the Angus Foundation is to support youth, education and research related to agriculture.

Junior deadlines for the fall

Sept. 20 is the entry deadline for the American Royal junior Angus show.

Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.

Nov. 1 is the ownership deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

Order show photos online

Angus Productions Inc. (API) offers easy,

convenient online ordering of photos that were taken at shows and events this summer, including the Atlantic National open and junior shows, Eastern Regional junior show, North Central Regional junior show and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Several candid photos from the NJAS are also available on the site, including state group pictures from opening ceremonies, the queen's brunch, the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off teams and contest winners.

Simply go to www.angusphotos.com and enter information about the show, animal and exhibitor. Then choose the photos you

want from a selection of proofs. Orders are placed online, and payment can be made with a Visa or MasterCard. If you have questions call the Web Marketing Department at (816) 383-5200.

Angus Web sites offer information

The American Angus Association, API, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Foundation have a variety of Web sites that provide information to members. You will find a description of each site in the *Resource Edition* inserted in this issue. If you haven't checked them out, do so the next time you're online. 