



Association Highlights

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Annual Convention planned, exciting changes made

The Association's 124th Annual Convention of Delegates will be conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Events begin Sunday, Nov. 11, with the Angus junior heifer 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. 12. The Annual Banquet, featuring cowboy poet and singer Red Steagall, will take place that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show.

All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Executive West Hotel. Attendees should note that all events in the KFEC have moved this

year to the new South C Wing, upper level. In addition to the usual forums and meetings, educational workshops from the Association and its entities will take place in this new meeting space. Watch for more information and a complete schedule of events at www.angus.org.

Association plans educational events for fall, winter

The Association is planning educational programs for members and commercial producers during the next few months. A Cattleman's Boot Camp is set for Oct. 29-30 at Pennsylvania State University (Penn State); however, registration closed Oct. 1. Other Boot Camps are slated for Dec. 18-19 at Iowa State University in Ames, and Jan. 3-4, at Washington State University in Pullman. Cattleman's Boot Camps are

sponsored by the Angus Foundation and co-hosted by universities across the country. These in-depth programs offer information about all segments of the industry.

Another series of Outreach Seminars is also planned to keep members current on Association programs. Watch the Association web site for complete information on these and other events.

Submit performance records by Nov. 9

The deadline for submitting performance data for inclusion in the Spring 2008 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 9. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

AngusSource® implements enrollment fee

The Association offers the AngusSource program as a marketing option for Angus-sired calves. AngusSource operates not as a profit center, but as a service to our commercial customers. In order to help cover the administrative costs of the program and ensure that producers enrolling in AngusSource receive quality service and marketing support for their calves, effective Oct. 1, there will be a \$50 per enrollment fee in addition to the tag cost of \$1 per visual tag or \$3.25 per matched-pair set.

Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event scheduled

The Angus Foundation's Fifth Annual Supporter Recognition Event will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. While attending the event, supporters will have the opportunity to bid at public auction on the naming rights to the American Angus Association's 16 millionth animal registration number.

All Angus supporters who contributed \$250 to the Angus Foundation before Sept. 30, 2007, were invited to this event. Contributions count toward the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus fundraising campaign. Mail your \$250 contribution to the Angus Foundation to be included in next year's event, or go 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*. Free copies are available 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	HG	Horn gene
+	Embryo transfer calf	R	Red
^	Cell clone	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
%	Split-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
@	Clone-ET	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
S	Syndactyly	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
H	Double muscling		
D	Dwarfism		
M	Osteopetrosis		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

www.angusfoundation.org to make your payment online.

Shop the Holiday Room for gift ideas

The Angus Foundation and the American Angus Auxiliary will once again open the Holiday Room to all Angus enthusiasts searching for holiday gifts or something special for their own home or office. The Foundation and Auxiliary offer a variety of gift ideas, from clothing and jewelry to artwork and dinnerware.

The Holiday Room is located in the Executive West Hotel and is open daily beginning Saturday, Nov. 10, through Monday, Nov. 12. All Foundation sales benefit education, youth and research. The Auxiliary supports numerous programs, including beef promotion and youth education.

Make plans for the National Western

It's not too soon to start making plans to attend the 2008 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Angus activities start Tuesday, Jan. 15, with the junior heifer show, which begins earlier in 2008, at 1 p.m., in the Stadium Arena. The super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) female show will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in the Stadium Arena.

On Thursday, Jan. 17, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 9 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The National Western Angus Bull Sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena with the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The day concludes with the Angus Reception.

The super-point ROV bull show begins at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, in the Stadium Arena. On Saturday, Jan. 19, Angus activities move to the yards with the carload and pen shows at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to the shows and socials, the Listening Post will once again be a gathering place in the Yards for members to visit with Association staff and directors.

Hotel reservations for the NWSS can be made by calling the Marriott City Center Hotel, which serves as Angus headquarters for the event, at 303-297-1300. A room rate of \$90 plus tax has been negotiated for the Angus group. Reservations must be made by Dec. 27.

National Western announces changes for exhibitors

The National Western has announced several changes that exhibitors should note for its 2008 event, set for January.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 20, and all cattle must be registered at the time of entry. No pending registrations will be allowed in either the Hill or Yards shows.

- ▶ All cattle entered must test negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI BVD).
- ▶ All cattle sold, either privately or through auction, must test negative for brucellosis (Bang's disease) and tuberculosis (TB).

For a complete set of NWSS rules and guidelines, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Baldrige Bros. donate 2008 Foundation Heifer

Jeff and Jud Baldrige of Baldrige Bros., North Platte, Neb., are continuing the legacy started by their father in supporting the Angus Foundation by donating the 2008 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell during the NWSS in Denver, Colo.

Baldrige Blackcap S813 is an August 2006 daughter of Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616, a son of GAR Precision 2536. Her dam is VT 1407 New Design Z38.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer will receive 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co. of Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation of Dundee, Ill.; and a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from TransOva Genetics of Sioux Center, Iowa.

For more information log on to www.angusfoundation.org.

NWSS junior deadlines

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

There are no exceptions. If a junior member is having difficulty completing a transfer in time to meet show ownership deadlines, contact the Member Services Department. The Association will do what it can to expedite the process.

Submit data now for Angus docility EPDs

The initial research release of sire docility expected progeny differences (EPDs) is planned to follow the Association's Nov. 9 deadline for submitting performance data. Breeders must submit their yearling temperament scores by the Nov. 9 deadline in order to be included in the docility genetic evaluation.

For more about the genetic prediction tool, see "By the Numbers" on page 276-277 of this issue or contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

Angus Foundation announces graduate student scholarship program

The Angus Foundation announces a new graduate student scholarship program. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has supported the members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) by providing more than \$400,000 in scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate studies.

To foster the advancement of education, youth and research, the Angus Foundation will make available \$25,000 in graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed and pursuing an advanced degree in higher education. These one-year awards will consist of five \$5,000 graduate student scholarships.

The graduate student scholarship can only be applied to advanced-degree studies. Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation graduate student scholarship application and guidelines will be made available Dec. 1, 2007, at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline will be May 1, 2008. For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

