



Association Highlights

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Celebration planned to commemorate 135 years of Angus in U.S.

All Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the Kansas Angus Association (KAA) field day Sept. 27 in Victoria, Kan. The event will take place at George Grant's Cemetery and Monument to celebrate the Angus breed, which he introduced to the U.S. in 1873.

In addition to celebrating the milestone anniversary of the breed and the American Angus Association, local Angus breeders will display cattle for viewing, dignitaries will be on hand to speak and a *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) lunch will be served.

Two other milestones in the Angus business should also be noted in 2008 — the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) celebrate 50 years and 30 years, respectively.

There is no cost to attend the Kansas Field Day, but reservations are appreciated to help with the meal count. Please e-mail KAA manager Anne Lampe at kansasangus@wbsnet.org with the names of those attending.

Register now for National Conference & Tour

If you've missed the Sept. 1 early registration deadline for the 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T), set for Oct. 7-9 in Oklahoma City, you can still register until Sept. 15 or walk in at the rate of \$125 per person.

"An Angus Gathering" will



be hosted by the Oklahoma Angus Association and includes a daylong conference and two days of tours. Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health are the major partners for the three-day event.

For more about the tour stops or speakers, visit www.nationalangusconference.com or refer to the insert that was in the July *Angus Journal*.

Cow size assessment is key

As production input costs continue to escalate, it becomes more important than ever to identify genetics to best match the environment and resources available. Cow size becomes a crucial measurement that can be used to better characterize Angus genetics, allowing producers to use the resulting tools to make profit-affecting decisions.

Cow size phenotypic measures collected at weaning time are used in mature size expected progeny differences (EPDs). The cow weights/heights must be taken ± 45 days of calf weaning date and must have an associated body condition score (BCS). Plan now to collect and submit cow records with the fall weaning data. For more information refer to the August 2008 *Angus Journal* "By the Numbers" column.

American Royal announces changes to Angus schedule

Angus exhibitors will want to note changes to the American Royal schedule later this fall. The junior heifer and the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus shows will both take place Friday, Oct. 31, rather than on two separate days as in the past. The junior show will begin at 8 a.m., with the super-point ROV Show to follow.

Also, the entry deadline for both open and junior cattle has moved to Sept. 10. Watch www.americanroyal.com for more information.

National Western Bull Sale consignments due Oct. 1

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2009 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Thursday, Jan. 15.

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	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	HG	Horn gene
^	Cell clone	R	Red
%	Split-ET	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
@	Clone-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
S	Syndactyly	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
H	Double muscling	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
D	Dwarfism		
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test		
M	Osteopetrosis		

The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15 is \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$450 per head. All consignments must have AHIR performance information to be eligible.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2007, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for non-parent sires.

For more information, contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846. For entry forms, contact Linda Campbell at 816-383-5143.

Start planning for 125th Annual Convention

Now is the time to make plans to attend the Association's 125th Annual Convention of Delegates, set for Monday, Nov. 17, in Louisville, Ky. The Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), which includes a super-point ROV Angus show.

The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting, scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC). Elected delegates and other attendees will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2008.

The Annual Banquet will be Monday evening at the Executive West Hotel. Special honorees at the banquet will include the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award winner and inductees into the Angus Heritage Foundation.

The Angus show schedule will follow the same schedule as in the past. The junior show will be Sunday, Nov. 16; the ROV bulls and cow-calf pairs will show Monday, Nov. 17; and ROV females will show Tuesday, Nov. 18.

NAILE exhibitors must enter by Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2008 NAILE this November, you will want to be sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium sale books

BREEDER'S REFERENCE

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association, a "Breeder's Reference" is published periodically in the *Angus Journal* to inform breeders of cattle determined free of genetic defects, those determined carriers of genetic defects or genetic factors, and those determined carriers of nontraditional blood. The following is a list of animals reported to the Association June 17, 2008, through July 21, 2008.

CLASS II DEFECTS

Cows tested free of PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism (FD2) by DNA test:

- ▶ **CM Erica Lassie 607H** (13086222), born Jan. 31, 1998
- ▶ **Wardens Blackcap 4P8 7361** (15765041), born April 20, 2007

Bulls tested free of the red color gene (FR):

- ▶ **JRR Designs Expectation 6314** (15457701), born Dec. 30, 2005

and entry forms for exhibitors are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the web site, www.livestockexpo.org. Visa® and MasterCard® are accepted.

Hotel options in Louisville

The Executive West, which is in the conversion process to a Crowne Plaza, will serve as Angus headquarters for the Annual Meeting and all related events, but rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates, and Association officers and directors.

Anyone who doesn't fall into one of those categories may want to make reservations at one of these nearby hotels, located within walking distance of the Executive West:

- ▶ Executive Inn Hotel, 1-800-626-2706
- ▶ Comfort Inn & Suites, 502-375-2233
- ▶ Courtyard by Marriott, 502-368-5678
- ▶ Residence Inn by Marriott, 502-363-8800
- ▶ Howard Johnson's Express Inn, 502-363-9952
- ▶ Hampton Inn, 502-366-8100

Junior show changes at National Western

Junior Angus exhibitors will want to note that the ownership and entry deadline to the junior Angus heifer show at the NWSS is Nov. 20. No late entries are accepted.

Also, a senior yearling division has been added to the junior show. For more information about the NWSS, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Order summer show photos now

Summer is over, and it's time to gather photos from all those shows and events for scrapbooks, sale books, and fall and spring advertising. Photos of winning animals and other special awards from all summer shows that were attended by an Association representative are available from the Association.

Photos are available from the

Communications Department from all shows attended by a regional manager or another Association staff member. These photos were likely used for publicity in your local paper and state Angus publication. Photos are available in sizes ranging from 4×6-inch (in.) to 8×10-in. and are priced affordably.

Photo CDs are still available for those who had their photos taken at one of the backdrops at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). To order call Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 or e-mail prphotos@angus.org.

Request sale day kits

When planning your fall production sales, don't forget to request your sale day kit from the Association's Communications Department. The kits contain posters for decorating your sale facilities as well as a sample of Association literature for you to distribute to your customers. Contact the Communications Department for your kit or order it online. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

Don't forget these fall junior deadlines

- ▶ Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.
- ▶ Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior show.

YCC applications online

The Angus Foundation will once again sponsor an Angus representative to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). Applications for the 2009 YCC will be available online at www.angusfoundation.org beginning Oct. 1. The application deadline is Monday, Jan. 5, 2009.

