



Association Highlights

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Performance information due June 15

June 15 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIRSM) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates data for the Fall 2007 *Sire Evaluation Report*. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

For the first time, a heifer pregnancy genetic evaluation will be conducted. The initial research release of sire heifer pregnancy expected progeny differences (EPDs) is planned to follow the Association's deadline for submitting performance data on June 15. Breeders must submit their heifer breeding records by the June 15 deadline in order to be included in the heifer pregnancy EPD research report.

The release of heifer pregnancy EPDs

will be in the format of a web-based special research report listing sire EPDs with a minimum 0.30 accuracy. To contribute data for this project, AHIR participants can submit breeding records electronically through either AAA Login or the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) options, or by requesting printed forms.

If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

Plan for summer field days

Now is the time to plan for the upcoming summer field days that you may be hosting at your farm or ranch. The Association's communications team offers a field day planner complete with a timeline and checklist of preparatory activities to make your event a success. In addition, the

Association will help you publicize your event if hosted on behalf of a local, state or regional Angus association.

A packet of information and posters to display and distribute at your event are available. Contact the Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more details.

Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state at the 2007 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, set for Monday, Nov. 12, in Louisville, Ky.

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

Signed nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30 to be included on the final ballot. Remember, if your membership has expired or will expire in May or June, renew now. Only current members can be placed on the ballot.

It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

Order black books now

Now is the time to place your order for the 2008 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource[®] black books. The pocket-sized books include a 2008 calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The books make a great promotional tool or gift for your commercial bull buyers. You can custom-order your books for \$2.50 each, which includes your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover. Custom orders require a 100-book minimum order. If you would like to order smaller quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover, those are available for \$2.50 each.

BioZyme, through the Angus Foundation, is a major partner in the production of these books, and a VitaFerm[®] ad will appear on the inside front cover, which reduces book costs to producers. Custom orders must be placed by July 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	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		

To place orders, contact Kristin Toll, the BRS/AngusSource black book representative, at 816-383-5100 or ktoll@angus.org. Books will be shipped to you by Nov. 15 — just in time to distribute to your customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

Store your registration certificates electronically

Since early 2004, Association members and affiliates have been afforded the option to electronically store their animals' registration certificates. The procedure allows more flexibility when transferring papers and will eliminate the typical "paper shuffle" that some cattle breeders experience.

Electronic storage gives producers the option to electronically transfer papers with no mail time or postage cost. Breeders have the convenience of accessing the herd information 24 hours a day, seven days a week through AAA Login at www.angus.org.

Beginning April 1, producers may choose to convert the paper registration certificates of existing registered Angus cattle to electronic storage at no charge. An electronically stored registration may at any time be removed from electronic storage and printed at the owner's request.

Remember, members who participate in Angus shows will still need to provide original registration papers at check-in.

National Angus Conference & Tour set

The 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour is Aug. 29-31 in Peoria, Ill. The three-day event will include educational programs and tours of Angus herds in Illinois. Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of "A Heartland Homecoming."

See page 112 for more information.

Juniors should note deadlines

A summer full of junior Angus activities is first preceded by many deadlines for entries, contests and awards.

- ▶ May 1 is the deadline for Gold Award and Outstanding Leadership Award applications.
- ▶ May 1 is also the ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Junior Show.
- ▶ May 1 is the application deadline for the Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarships.
- ▶ May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The writing, photography and graphic arts entries are also due to the Association by May 15.
- ▶ May 15 is also the entry and recipe

deadline for the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

Make note of these and other approaching deadlines, as no late entries are accepted for any reason. If you have questions, contact the Junior Activities Department.

Juniors can submit show entries online

Junior members can save time this spring by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to www.njaa.info and provide the necessary information, including a Visa® or MasterCard® number, to cover entry and bedding fees.

Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail, so don't let these deadlines sneak up. As always, no late entries are accepted for any reason.

Need help with junior transfers?

Juniors who have not received the transfer paper on a purchased heifer 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, late transfers for shows are never accepted. Please contact the Association before it's too late.

LEAD Conference planned for Georgia

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being an NJAA member. One event that allows members to do just that is the annual NJAA Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference set for Aug. 2-5 in Athens, Ga.

All juniors ages 14 to 21 years old are encouraged to attend the conference, "Life's a Peach, So Eat It Up." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and tour agricultural sites in Georgia.

Conference space is limited to 200 participants, so reserve your spot soon. Early registration for juniors, advisors and parents is \$175 and due June 15. After this deadline, the rate increases to \$200, if space is still available. Registration and release forms are available in the green NJAA information packets that were mailed to all junior members earlier this year.

Tee up at seventh annual golf tournament

The seventh annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 3, at the Forest Ridge Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla., in conjunction with the NJAS. This event provides an opportunity for Angus enthusiasts of all ages to join

together in a day of fun and recreation while raising money to support the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research programs.

Player entry fees will again be \$100 for adults and \$75 for junior Angus members. Player registrations must be received by Friday, June 15, 2007. A late fee of \$10 will be applied to players registering after June 15.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research. For more information about signing up a team, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Silent Auction will support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the 2007 NJAS in Tulsa. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be up for grabs.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation.

