



Angus Stakes

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News from Association

As the May issue headed to the printer, the American Angus Association announced staff realignments being made to better serve its members and the commercial producers who use Angus genetics. The press release follows.

Association announces staff realignments

"As our Association continues to grow and change, so do our efforts to make sure we have the right people in the right positions to serve our membership," says John Crouch, Association executive vice president. "We have a talented group of staff in place, and we want to align our resources to provide emphasis and support to meet industry needs. These changes will allow the Association to continue to serve the industry in its leadership role."

Jim Shirley, in his role as vice president of Industry Relations, will continue to oversee the regional manager staff and AngusSource®, while coordinating special projects, including Outreach Seminars. In addition to these duties, he will assume the role of director of activities, where he will be active in the Association's participation in open Angus shows, including the Roll of Victory (ROV) program.

James Fisher will solely oversee junior programs as director of junior activities. He will be responsible for the programs of the

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), which includes more than 10,000 youth nationwide. He will continue to serve as the Association's liaison to the American Angus Auxiliary and Angus Foundation, as both groups work closely with the NJAA.

Shelia Stannard continues her role as director of communications and events. She will coordinate all educational activities and events for the membership, including the National Angus Conference and Tour, the Annual Convention of Delegates, Cattleman's Boot Camps and other Association-sponsored events. She will continue to manage the communications department and will work closely with the Association's public relations efforts in concert with other staff.

Ty Groshans will assume the duties of the director of commercial programs and assistant director of performance programs, where he will work closely with commercial producers using Angus seedstock to ensure they receive true value for their Angus genetics. He will coordinate Angus public relations efforts with other staff and Association entities to make sure that Angus

remains at the forefront of the industry.

To reach these or any of the Association staff, go to www.angus.org.

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Meeting site available now

We've updated the www.bifconference.com web site for the 2007 meeting. Visit the site now for hotel, travel and registration information, as well as the schedule for the 2007 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Research Symposium and Annual Meeting. As BIF celebrates its 40th anniversary with this 39th annual meeting, it returns to its roots in Fort Collins, Colo., June 6-9. See page 213 for a tentative schedule.

Early registration with its accompanying discount rate is due May 15. A downloadable registration form is available at www.bifconference.com.

Cover photo

Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy painted "Her First Day of School," the original artwork gracing our cover, as part of a series chronicling the life of a heifer from birth (December 2006 cover, "Away in a Manger"). The third painting of the series will be featured on one of our fall covers.

Our thanks to Mr. Murphy and to the Angus Foundation, which has purchased the artworks, for allowing the *Angus Journal* to use the illustrations as covers. When the series is complete, the Angus Foundation will determine how best to share this unique series with Angus enthusiasts.

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