



# Association Highlights

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## Fall NCE released this month

The release of the fall 2007 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is scheduled this month. Watch for new performance data to be posted online by July 16.

The initial research release of sire heifer pregnancy expected progeny differences (HP EPDs) is also planned. The release will be in the form of a web-based special research report listing sire EPDs with a minimum 0.30 accuracy. Printed copies will be available on request.

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

## Order black books now

Now is the time to place your order for the 2008 BRS/AngusSource® black books from the American Angus Association. The

pocket-sized books include a 2008 calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The black books make a great gift to commercial bull buyers. You can custom-order your books with your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover for \$2.50 each. Custom orders require a 100-book minimum order. Smaller quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover are also available for \$2.50 each.

BioZyme is a major partner in the production of these books, and a VitaFerm® ad will appear on the inside front cover. This partnership greatly reduces book costs to producers.

Custom orders must be placed by July 15. To place orders, contact the American Angus Association and ask for Kristin Toll. Books

will be shipped to you by Nov. 15 — in time to distribute to your customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

## NJAS is happening this month

Angus youth across the country are competing at the 2007 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 1-7 in Tulsa, Okla.

If you missed this year's event, you can view event results online at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

## Register for National Angus Conference & Tour

The 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour, "A Heartland Homecoming," is Aug. 29-31 in Peoria, Ill. Complete information can be found in the June *Angus Journal* or online at [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com).

Registration is just \$75 prior to July 27 and includes the conference program, meals and bus transportation during the tour. Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of this year's event.

## Cattlemen's Boot Camps planned

A series of Cattlemen's Boot Camps is being planned for the fall. The Association and the Angus Foundation sponsor the two-day events in cooperation with the hosting university.

One is set for Sept. 21-22 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. A Boot Camp is also set for Oct. 29-30 at Penn State University in University Park. Two more Boot Camps are being finalized for the fall.

Registration is just \$75 and covers materials and meals during the event. Watch [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for registration materials and more information.

## Delegate ballots due by Aug. 14

All forms to nominate state delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates have been returned to the Association, and ballots that will be used to vote for those nominees will be prepared and mailed to all active members this month. All ballots must be received at the Association by Aug. 14 to be counted.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 124th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 12 during the North

## 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		

American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

### **Candidate résumés due Aug. 15**

Those Association members who have expressed an interest in seeking a position on the Board of Directors should submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Editor Shauna Hermel by Aug. 15. All bios and photos submitted by the deadline will be published in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention of Delegates in November.

### **Order your summer show photos now**

If you exhibited at a state preview show, regional junior show or the NJAS, you can order copies of pictures taken by Association staff. Contact the Communications Department for photos taken by your regional manager, a summer intern or office

## **Auxiliary notes**

American Angus Auxiliary President Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, offers these reminders:

- ▶ Don't forget about the Auxiliary's membership drive. The top two membership recruiters for both annual and lifetime memberships will be recognized at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Membership forms are available on the Auxiliary web site at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).
- ▶ The NJAS awards program Friday, July 6, will feature many of the awards to National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members for which the Auxiliary is responsible.
- ▶ Check out the Auxiliary's web site for news and updates. While online, check out what's new in the Angus Sale Barn.

For more information on any of these items, or for information about the American Angus Auxiliary, contact Greiman at 1960 200th St., Garner, IA 50438; 641-923-2235; or [tmkcg@ncn.net](mailto:tmkcg@ncn.net).

personnel. Photos are available for a reasonable fee.

Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org) or call 816-383-5100 to order your color prints today.

### **Junior deadlines for American Royal, NAILE**

- ▶ The ownership deadline is Aug. 1 for the Angus junior shows at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., and at the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. The junior exhibitor must be the sole owner of the animal by Aug. 1, as listed on the

certificate, and the issue dates on the certificate must reflect the Aug. 1 date.

- ▶ The entry deadline for the American Royal is Sept. 1.
- ▶ The NAILE deadline is Oct. 1.

No late entries will be accepted.

The original registration paper is required at check-in. Don't forget to bring your original registration papers, along with your health papers, at check-in. Electronic registrations and copies will not be accepted. Bring the original registration document.

