



# Association Highlights

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## June 6 is deadline for submitting performance information

June 6 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates the values published in the *Fall 2008 Sire Evaluation Report*. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

The Fall 2008 NCE will include new expected progeny differences (EPDs) that combine carcass and ultrasound performance data. The genetic evaluation produces a single set of EPDs for carcass weight, marbling score, ribeye area and fat thickness. The new EPDs simplify selection tools for commercial bull buyers using Angus genetics by consolidating predictions for animals with carcass and/or ultrasound data.

For more information, go to [www.angus.org/carcassepds.html](http://www.angus.org/carcassepds.html).

The Fall 2008 NCE will also include updated research reports for heifer pregnancy and docility. Breeding records and temperament scores submitted prior to the June 6 deadline will be included in these updated research reports.

Performance information can be submitted through AAA Login, Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) or via conventional mail, e-mail or fax. 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 2009 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a 2009 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.

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

## Delegate nominations due this month

You have just a few weeks to nominate delegates to represent your state at the 125th American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, which is set for Nov. 17 in Louisville, Ky.

Each Association member may nominate one member. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members for the final selection of delegates. Nominations must be received in the Association office by June 30.

Nomination forms received after June 30 are not eligible to be placed on the ballots.

Only active members can nominate or be nominated. If your membership is due to expire, please be sure that it is paid before June 30. Nominations of expired memberships cannot be placed on the ballots.

Ballots will be mailed by mid-July and must be received in the Association office no later than Aug. 19.

## 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 Rose Hermel by Aug. 15. All bios and photos submitted by the deadline will run in the October *Angus Journal*, prior

## 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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                     |        |  |

to the election at the Annual Convention in November.

### **Cattlemen's Boot Camps set in Texas, Kansas**

Two Cattlemen's Boot Camps are planned for this summer and early fall. A Cattlemen's Boot Camp is set for Aug. 22-23 at Texas A&M University Beef Center, College Station, Texas. Another is set for the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan, Kan., Oct. 17-18.

The 1½-day events are open to all cattle producers and include information from management and breeding to marketing and evaluating the end product. Registration is just \$75 and includes meals and materials. For more information or to register, contact Shelia Stannard or Monica Jordan at 816-383-5100.

### **National Angus Conference & Tour set**

The 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour will be Oct. 7-9 in Oklahoma City, Okla. The three-day event will include educational programs and tours of Angus herds in Oklahoma. Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of the event. Look for more information on page 88.

### **American Royal announces Angus changes**

Angus exhibitors will want to note changes to the American Royal schedule later this year. 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](http://www.americanroyal.com) for more information.

### **National Junior Angus Show approaching fast**

Make your plans now to attend the 2008 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 13-19 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. This event showcases the youth of our breed and activities of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). It is the largest event the Association coordinates during the year, and it is well worth your time if you've never attended.

The Iowa Angus and Junior Angus associations will host "Christmas in July," which includes four days of cattle shows and more than a dozen educational contests for junior members 9-21 years old.

Juniors will exhibit heifers, bulls, cow-calf pairs and steers. There is a carcass contest

with special emphasis on meeting *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) product specifications.

Angus youth will participate in public speaking, poster design, creative writing, graphic design, photography and state junior association scrapbook contests. Rules for all of the contests are available online at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

State showmanship winners will compete for national honors at the 42nd National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Another highlight for the week is the 25th anniversary of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off.

Delegates from state junior associations will elect six new directors to the NJAA Board.

### **LEAD Conference goes to Montana**

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. 1-4 in Billings, Mont.

All juniors 14 to 21 years old are encouraged to attend the conference, "Take it to the Top." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and tour agricultural sites in "Big Sky Country."

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 for annual golf tournament**

The eighth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 15, at The Legacy Golf Club in Norwalk, Iowa, 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 are \$100 for adults and \$75 for junior Angus members. Player registrations must be received by June 30. A player late fee of \$10 will be applied to players registering after June 30. Please contact your regional manager or the Angus Foundation to receive more information about sponsorship opportunities.

Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. 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 2008 NJAS in Des Moines. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

A highlight of this year's auction will be a mirror exquisitely engraved with the American Angus Association's 125th Anniversary logo. This 2×4-foot (ft.) leather-framed mirror and other featured items will be available to view online at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

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 at 816-383-5100.

### **Get ready to experience 'That Old West Magic!'**

The 2008 Angus Foundation Gala and Auction, "That Old West Magic: A Saturday Night at Prosperity Junction," is set to take place Aug. 30, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla. Breathtaking art exhibits and authentic Western entertainment await you. For more details see our special announcement on page 190 in this issue of the *Angus Journal*.

### **Father's Day gift ideas**

Don't forget Dad this year on Father's Day, June 15. Make shopping easy on yourself and fun for him by purchasing a gift from the Angus Foundation. A wide variety of items are available, including shirts, ties, jackets and caps. For a detailed listing and photos of each item, go to the online store at [www.angusonline.org/store](http://www.angusonline.org/store).

If he doesn't have a copy of *A Historic Angus Journey, The American Angus Association, 1883-2000*, now is the time to get it for him. The book was written by Keith Evans and includes more than 350 pages of history and photographs. It is available in a black, leather-bound edition for \$50 and in a beige, cloth-bound edition for \$25. A \$5 shipping and handling charge will apply for each book ordered.

The Angus Foundation also has sets of the "Profitmaker" print available. The set of four black-and-white pencil sketches is the work of Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy and is yours when you donate \$100 to the Angus Foundation. To order any of the items listed above, call the Angus Foundation or shop the online store at [www.angusonline.org/store](http://www.angusonline.org/store).

