



Association Highlights

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National Conference & Tour this month

The 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour will take place later this month in Peoria, Ill. A “Heartland Homecoming” is slated for Aug. 29-31, 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.

Although early registration has closed, walk-ins will be accepted at a rate of \$125 per person. For more information, or to view

online coverage of the event, visit www.nationalangusconference.com.

Fall sire summary available online

The fall 2007 *Sire Evaluation Report* and the updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) from the latest National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) were released July 16.

To view the latest Sire Evaluation Report online, go to www.angusresearch.com. Printed copies are expected in the Association offices by mid-August. In addition to the online and printed versions, the report is available on CD for \$25.

Register now for Boot Camps

Two Cattlemen’s Boot Camps

are scheduled for fall. The Boot Camps, hosted by the American Angus Association and funded through the Angus Foundation, are educational sessions that allow all cattle producers to attend two-day events at major universities across the country.

- University of Kentucky is hosting a Boot Camp Sept. 21-22 at the Fayette County Extension Office, Lexington, Ky. The registration deadline is Aug. 31.

- Penn State University will host a Boot Camp Oct. 30-31 in State College. The registration deadline is Oct. 1.



Registration fees for Boot Camps are \$75 and cover meals and

materials. Preregistration is required. For more information about these and future Boot Camps, go to www.angus.org or call Kris Sticken with the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 14

All ballots to nominate state delegates for the 2007 Annual Convention of Delegates must be received at the American Angus Association by Aug. 14 in order to be counted. No late ballots will be accepted. If you haven’t mailed yours, please do so as soon as possible.

All ballots must be signed by an active member to be considered valid. Voters should make sure they don’t exceed the allotted number of votes per state, which is listed at the top of the ballot. Ballots with more votes than allowed per state will be null and void.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the Annual Convention Nov. 12 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

National Western announces changes for exhibitors to note

The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) has announced several changes that exhibitors should note for its 2008 event, set for January.

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		

The entry deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 20, and all cattle must be registered at time of entry. No pending registrations will be allowed in either the Hill or Yards shows.

All cattle entered must test negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI BVD). And, all cattle sold, either privately or through auction, must test negative for brucellosis (Bang's disease) and tuberculosis (TB).

For a complete set of NWSS rules and guidelines, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Changes, consignment deadline for NWSS Bull Sale

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2008 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Thursday, Jan. 17.

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 Angus Herd Improvement Records (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 nonparent sires.

For more information, contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846 or dgazda@angus.org. For entry forms, contact Linda Campbell at 816-383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

Summer show photos available

Any youth who competed in a junior Angus show this summer where an Association representative took photographs will receive one complimentary color 5 × 7 photograph in the mail. Those photos are also e-mailed to each member's local media.

Anyone who would like to order additional photos, from either a junior or open show, can do so by contacting the Association's Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or prphotos@angus.org.

Breeders' reference

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association, a "Breeders' 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.

Bulls identified as carriers of the red gene, a Class II defect:

- ▶ **Sunset Stockman 15** (15548927), born Sept. 18, 2004.

Bulls tested free of red color:

- ▶ **LEE OB281 Domino 1214** (15050730), born Dec. 2, 2004.

Results reported May 3-June 19, 2007.

Start planning for 2006 Annual Convention

The Association Annual Convention of Delegates will be conducted in conjunction with the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. Angus events in Louisville begin Sunday, Nov. 11, with the junior Angus show, an educational program for breeders and the open forum for candidates and delegates. The open bull show and the Annual Convention will be Monday, Nov. 12. The Annual Banquet is that evening, and featured entertainment is Red Steagall. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show. All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Executive West Hotel.

Look for a more detailed schedule of events and additional information in the future.

Junior deadlines for the fall

- ▶ Sept. 1 is the entry deadline for the American Royal junior Angus show.
- ▶ Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.
- ▶ Nov. 1 is the ownership deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.
- ▶ Nov. 20 is the new junior entry deadline for the NWSS.



Association Outreach

Angus Foundation wins communication award

The Angus Foundation was honored June 19 for excellence in producing publications and communication projects. It received several awards at the annual meeting of the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) in Madison, Wis.

Among 130 additional entries from alumni associations and agricultural colleges and institutions from across the U.S., the Angus Foundation received:

- ▶ First place, print media/four-color newsletter category, for the Fall 2006 issue of "Foundation for the Future"
- ▶ First place, multimedia category, for the video "Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus"
- ▶ Second place, multimedia category, for the informational video "The Future is in Your Hands"
- ▶ Third place, campaign/series category, for "Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus," a packet of informational materials
- ▶ Third place, event program category, for "The Magic of the Vine" event program
- ▶ Third place, print media/annual report category, for "Advancing the Future of the Angus Breed: The 2006 Annual Report of the Angus Foundation"

In addition to the communication awards, Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins received the Founder's Distinguished Service Award, which is presented annually on behalf of NAADA's founders to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the association (see page 44).

NAADA is a professional association that provides education and support for professionals, volunteers and student leaders who are dedicated to expanding the human resources and financial support for land-grant colleges of agricultural sciences and related programs. The awards competition was established to recognize outstanding publications and communication projects among the organization's membership.