



Association Highlights

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Fall NCE released this month

The release of the Fall 2008 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is scheduled this month. Watch for new performance data to be posted online by July 14.

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.

The Fall NCE will also include updated research reports for heifer pregnancy and docility.

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

National Angus Conference & Tour set for Oklahoma

The 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) is Oct. 7-9 in Oklahoma City, Okla. The three-day event will include educational programs and tours of Angus herds in Oklahoma.

Registration is just \$75 prior to Sept. 1 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.

Look for more information in the insert within this issue or at www.nationalangusconference.com.

NJAS this month

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is July 13-19 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa Angus and Junior Angus associations have been working hard to put the finishing touches on this year's event, "Christmas in July."

If you can't make the trip to Iowa, watch for results posted daily from the cattle show at www.angusjournal.com/njas.

Delegate ballots due by Aug. 19

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. 19 to be counted.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 125th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 17 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

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	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		

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 (TAMU) Beef Center, College Station, Texas. Another is set for the Kansas State University (K-State) campus in Manhattan, Kan., Oct. 17-18.

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

Store certificates electronically

Association members are encouraged to store their registrations electronically. This service, provided at no cost, allows members to have electronic storage of all registration certificates. Stored papers can be easily transferred electronically using AAA Login, Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) and offline Microsoft Excel.

Another advantage of electronic storage is the reduction of the paper trail and less worry for papers being misplaced or lost in the mail. To store papers electronically, send your paper certificates to the Association with a letter indicating your desire for electronic filing.

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* Associate Editor Crystal Albers at calbers@angusjournal.com 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.

If you have any questions, call Albers at 816-383-5215.

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 personnel. Photos are available for a reasonable fee.

Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at prphotos@angus.org or call 816-383-5100 to order your color prints today.

American Royal announces changes

Angus exhibitors will want to note changes

AUXILIARY NOTES

American Angus Auxiliary Midyear Meeting

The American Angus Auxiliary midyear meeting will take place Wednesday, July 16, during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in the Varied Industries (VI) building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. There will be a social and roundtable discussion about state and regional auxiliaries from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with the meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Executive Committee is excited to bring several new ideas to you during this meeting. Don't miss this discussion of new possibilities on which we can build new programs.

Our Nominating Committee has also been working on nomination forms and a process for nominating members for the six new regional director positions. Anyone interested in being considered as a candidate for the position of secretary-treasurer or regional director should contact Mary Greiman, committee chair, at 641-923-2235 or tmkcg@ncn.net.

Certificates of Achievement

All juniors who are involved in Angus activities are encouraged to apply for the Certificate of Achievement Award from the American Angus Auxiliary. The awards are given for outstanding achievements with Angus cattle or in Angus activities at national, state and district levels. These certificates are helpful when applying for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), as well as when applying for an Auxiliary or Angus Foundation scholarship. The application is available on the Auxiliary web site at www.angusauxiliary.com.

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. Showmanship will also be conducted Oct. 31, beginning at 1 p.m.

Also, the entry deadline for both open and junior cattle has moved to Sept. 10. Watch www.americanroyal.com for more information.

Junior deadlines for NAILE

The ownership deadline is Aug. 1 for the Angus junior show 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 NAILE is Oct. 1. Late entries are never 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.

Tee Up for 8th 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.

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 supports 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 for viewing soon at 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"

Hosted by Bob Funk of Express Ranches, the Angus Foundation's exciting Gala and Auction titled, "That Old West Magic: A Saturday Night at Prosperity Junction" is set for 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 page 72 in this issue of the *Angus Journal*.

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API providing online coverage of BIF meeting

Visit www.bifconference.com for Angus Productions Inc.'s (API's) online coverage of the 40th annual Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) meeting and research symposium. This year's conference, "Beef Beyond Borders," is in Calgary, Alta.,



Canada June 30-July 3.

Attracting the leading minds in beef cattle production, academia and industry, BIF participants gather to share the latest research and innovations contributing to ongoing advancements in beef production and honor leaders in beef cattle improvement.

This is the seventh year API has provided online coverage of the event, this year made possible through the generous support and sponsorship of BioZyme Inc. and its long-standing commitment to Angus producers and the Angus Foundation.



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. The following is a list of animals reported to the Association April 28, 2008, through May 19, 2008.

CLASS II DEFECTS

Bulls identified as carriers of the red color gene (R):

- ▶ **Basin Max 2840** (13558161), born Jan. 25, 2000
- ▶ **PCC Hiawatha 1002R** (15388724), born May 3, 2005

Cows identified as carriers of the red color gene (R):

- ▶ **AJ Max Traveler Tecumseh*** (14404691), born March 26, 2003
- ▶ **EXAR Blackcap 3117** (14529115), born Nov. 4, 2003

Cows tested free of PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism (FD2) by DNA test:

- ▶ **CM Erica Lassie 607H** (13086222), born Jan. 31, 1998

Bulls tested free of the red color gene (FR):

- ▶ **Dakota 004-659** (15557703), born Jan. 31, 2006
- ▶ **Dakota Newslie 6108** (15557714), born Feb. 6, 2006
- ▶ **Dakota Newslie 6158** (15557734), born Feb. 14, 2006
- ▶ **Dakota 004-6207** (15557748), born March 4, 2006
- ▶ **Dakota Newslie 6231** (15557756), born March 4, 2006

Cows tested free of the red color gene (FR):

- ▶ **Double Creek Elba G317** (14518193), born April 24, 2003

Editor's Note: The asterisk (*) following an individual's name indicates the certificate of registration has been cancelled.