



Association Highlights

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Still time to register for Boot Camp

There is still time to register for the Cattlemen's Boot Camp set for Oct. 29-30 at Pennsylvania State University (Penn State).

The Boot Camp, hosted by the American Angus Association and funded through the Angus Foundation, is an educational session that allows all cattle producers to attend two-day events at major universities across the country.

Penn State will host a Boot Camp Oct. 29-30 in State College, Pa. The registration deadline is Oct. 1. More Boot Camps are planned for this winter and next spring.

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



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

National Western Bull Sale consignments due Oct. 1

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2008 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008. The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15, 2007, 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.

Some changes have been implemented

for the 2008 sale, which is the only sale conducted by the American Angus Association. 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 expected progeny difference (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 consignment forms, contact Linda Campbell at 816-383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

Make plans for Annual Meeting

Now is the time to make plans to attend the Association's 124th Annual Convention of Delegates, which is set for Monday, Nov. 12, in Louisville, Ky. The Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), which includes a Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show. The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting, scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC). Elected delegates and other attendees will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2007.

The Annual Banquet will be Monday evening at the Executive West Hotel. Special honorees at the banquet will include the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award winner and inductees into the Angus Heritage Foundation. The featured speaker at this year's banquet will be Red Steagall, cowboy poet and singer.

The Angus show schedule will follow the same schedule this year as it did last year. The junior show will be Sunday, Nov. 11; the Roll of Victory (ROV) bulls and cow-calf pairs will show Monday, Nov. 12; and ROV females will show Tuesday, Nov. 13.

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		

NAILE exhibitors must enter by Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2007 NAILE this November, you will want to be sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium catalogs and entry forms for exhibitors are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the web site www.livestockexpo.org. Visa® and MasterCard® are accepted.

Hotel options in Louisville

The Executive West will serve as Angus headquarters for the Annual Meeting and all related events, but rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates, and Association officers and directors. Anyone who doesn't fall into one of those categories may want to make reservations at one of these nearby hotels, located within walking distance of the Executive West:

- ▶ Executive Inn Hotel, 1-800-626-2706
- ▶ Best Western Ashton Inn Suites, 502-375-2233
- ▶ Courtyard by Marriott, 502-368-5678
- ▶ Residence Inn by Marriott, 502-363-8800
- ▶ Howard Johnson's Express Inn, 502-363-9952
- ▶ Hampton Inn, 502-366-8100

National Western announces changes for exhibitors

The National Western has announced several changes that exhibitors should note for its 2008 event, set for January.

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). In addition, 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.

Order summer show photos now

Summer is over, and it's time to gather photos from all those shows and events for scrapbooks, sale books, and fall and spring advertising. Photos of winning animals and other special awards from all summer shows that were attended by an Association representative are available from the Association.

Photos are available from the Communications Department from all shows attended by a regional manager or another Association staff member. These photos were likely used for publicity in your

local paper and state Angus publication. Photos are available in sizes ranging from 4×6-inch (in.) to 8×10-in. and are priced affordably. Photo CDs are still available for those who had their photos taken at one of the backdrops at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). To order call Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 or e-mail prphotos@angus.org.

Request sale day kits

When planning your fall production sales, don't forget to request your sale day kit from the Association's Communications Department. The kits contain posters for decorating your sale facilities as well as a sample of Association literature for you to distribute to your customers. Contact the Communications Department for your kit or order it online. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

September concludes Angus Foundation's fiscal year

Sept. 30 is the end of the Angus Foundation's fiscal year. Contributors of \$250 or more (between Oct. 1, 2006, and Sept. 30, 2007) will be invited to the Angus Foundation's Supporter Recognition Event Nov. 10 in Louisville. To make a donation to the Angus Foundation and ensure your invitation to the event in Louisville, contact Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

All financial contributions also count toward the \$11 million goal for Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus.

Don't forget these fall junior deadlines

- ▶ Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.
- ▶ Nov. 1 is the ownership deadline for the NWSS junior show.

National Angus Conference online

If you missed the National Angus Conference & Tour headquartered in Peoria, Ill., this August, you can still get a glimpse of the event online. Angus Productions Inc. (API), through sponsorship of Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpharma Animal Health, provided online coverage of the "Heartland Homecoming" at www.nationalangusconference.com.

Visit the site now to read summaries and view the PowerPoints of speaker presentations, listen to the conference and view photo galleries of the tour.

