



Angus Stakes

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Dream on

Congratulations to all the dreamers who planned, coordinated, hosted and participated in the 2007 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla., July 1-7. The American Dream was truly inspirational.

An event for all

The event has come a long way since its origin as the National Junior Angus Heifer Show. James Fisher and his predecessors within the Junior Activities Department deserve recognition for the development of this show to an event that pulls together more Angus producers and creates more excitement and enthusiasm for the breed than any other.

Instrumental in that was the creation of the National Junior Angus Association

Board of Directors, bringing to the table the thoughts and dreams of the young men and women our junior programs are all about. It is with their input that various contests have

been added to expand the educational value and participation level of the NJAS. It is with their input that other programs such as the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences reach out to those who cannot participate in NJAS or who seek a different approach.

Crucial to the NJAS effort is the

ownership of the host states. Without their planning and effort, the NJAS would not happen. It is a huge undertaking. Thank you to all the adults and

juniors from Oklahoma and Arkansas. From planning the details long before the show to taking a moment to provide directions to a restaurant while setting up the ring for the

next day's show, your attention to detail was appreciated.

And to those associations and individuals who contribute to meals throughout the week, you make it possible for many families to attend the event. The convenience of staying on the grounds for meals encourages greater participation and provides opportunity for fellowship.

If only our entire membership could attend the NJAS. To see the youth in action, to see them grow and develop in just a matter of a week, instills confidence in the future and gives young and old alike license to dream.

Catch it online

Don't forget to catch the National Angus Conference and Tour online at www.nationalangusconference.com. Online coverage of the event is made possible through sponsorship of Purina Mills, Inc.

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