



Association Highlights

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Angus activities slated for 100th National Western

Five days of Angus events, including the 2006 Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) and National Angus Show, junior heifer show, pen and carload show, and National Western Angus Bull Sale are planned during the 100th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

The activities begin with the junior heifer show at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the Stadium Arena. John McCurry, Burrton, Kan., will evaluate the juniors' Angus females.

The female portion of the ROV and National Angus Show will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the Stadium Arena. The ROV bull show will resume on Friday, Jan. 13, at 8 a.m. Brad McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., will evaluate the cattle.

The National Western Angus Bull Sale highlights the events on Thursday, Jan. 12. The bull sale show begins at 9 a.m. in the

Stadium Arena. Five judges will evaluate the 58 bulls entered and select division, grand and reserve champions. Judges include Greg McCurry, Sedgwick, Kan.; Joel Judge, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont.; Doug Parrett, Urbana, Ill.; and Donnie Robertson, Yukon, Okla. The sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. The sale of the 2006 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will precede the bull sale.

An Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) workshop will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center downtown. The Angus reception will complete Thursday's activities at 6:30 p.m. at the hotel.

Angus activities conclude on Saturday, Jan. 14, with the pen and carload shows in the yards. The event begins at 9 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Sam Hands, Garden City, Kan.; David Brown, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Mark Duffell, Aldie, Va., will

officiate the group competitions.

An Angus "Listening Post" is available for the third year for visitors Wednesday through Saturday. Association members and commercial cattle producers are encouraged to stop by the Angus tent in the yards to talk about current beef industry issues, visit with Association staff, ask questions and exchange ideas.

A schedule of Angus events follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 10

2 p.m. Junior Angus heifer show — Stadium Arena

Wednesday, Jan. 11

8 a.m. Super-Point ROV Angus female show — Stadium Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open — Yards

Thursday, Jan. 12

9 a.m. Judging Angus sale bulls — Stadium Arena (*note new time*)
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open — Yards
2 p.m. ► National Western Angus Bull Sale — Beef Palace Auction Arena
► Sale of Angus Foundation Heifer Package — Beef Palace Auction Arena
4:30-6:30 p.m. AIMS workshop — Denver Marriott City Center Hotel
6:30-8:30 p.m. Angus reception — Denver Marriott City Center Hotel

Friday, Jan. 13

8 a.m. Super-Point ROV Angus bull show — Stadium Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open — Yards
3 p.m. Angus Foundation Female Sale — Livestock Center Auction Arena

Saturday, Jan. 14

9 a.m. Angus pen and carload shows — Livestock Center Auction Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open — Yards

For more information about events at the NWSS, go to www.nationalwestern.com.

NWSS coverage on the Web

Not going to Denver? You can still keep up with what's going on via the Internet. Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide online coverage of Angus events at the NWSS in

► 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		

Denver, Colo. Log on at www.angusjournal.com/denver during the show to see results and photos from NWSS Angus events.

Make plans to stop by the Angus Listening Post in the yards

While attending events at the NWSS, be sure to stop by the Angus tent in the herd bull display area in the yards. For the third year, the Angus Listening Post will provide members the opportunity to exchange ideas and take part in discussions with Association personnel and other producers. All members and commercial producers are welcome to stop by the Angus Listening Post for a cup of coffee and good discussion about the Angus business and what's going on in today's beef industry.

AIMS workshop set in Denver

Scott Johnson, director of AIMS, will conduct an AIMS workshop on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Denver. The informal question-and-answer session is designed for new and experienced users who want to know more specific information about AIMS. Johnson will also demonstrate how AIMS can be used with electronic identification (EID). Although reservations for the workshop are not required, they are encouraged. If you plan to attend, please let Johnson know by sending an email to scottj@angus.org. He will also be in the Angus booth on the hill during the shows to answer any questions breeders might have about the software.

Spring Sire Evaluation now available online

The spring 2006 Sire Evaluation Report is now available on the Internet at www.angus.org. Accessing the report online is the fastest and easiest way to get the latest performance information on sires in the Angus breed. It allows you to specify ranges of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges.

Printed copies of the *Sire Evaluation Report* will be available in Denver. In addition, active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2005 report will receive the spring 2006 report automatically. All other members and all commercial producers who want a printed report must request it by contacting Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.

Pathfinder deadline is Feb. 10

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2006 Pathfinder Report is Feb. 10.

Foundation Heifer Package to sell in Denver

Bill and Barb Rishel of Rishel Angus, North Platte, Neb., have donated B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214 to headline the 2006 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, set to sell on



B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214

Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena, just prior to the National Western Angus Bull Sale. All proceeds from the package go to the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research.

The February 2004 granddaughter of B/R Ruby of Tiffany 155, the dam of B/R New Design 323, is bred to Ironwood New Level and is due to calve in February. In addition to the bred heifer, three other companies have donated to the package. American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill., will donate 30 days of insurance; Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill., will provide transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch; and Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa, will provide a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows.

For more information about the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, contact Milford Jenkins at (816) 383-5100 or visit with any regional manager.

The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data into the office in a timely manner. If you have questions about submitting data on forms, by using the AIMS program or with AAA Login, call the Association for assistance.

Angus outreach meetings planned

The Association continues to plan Outreach Seminars across the United States. This month, seminars are planned for Oregon, Arkansas and Texas.

- ▶ On Thursday, Jan. 5, an Outreach Seminar is set for 6 to 9 p.m. at the Comfort Suites in Redmond, Ore.
- ▶ On Saturday, Jan. 7, another outreach meeting is set from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Fort Smith, Ark.
- ▶ On Friday, Jan. 20, an outreach will be at the Fort Worth Stock Show, Fort Worth, Texas, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The seminar will take place in the Cattle Barn #1 Dorm, just above the cattle stalled in Barn #1.

Association staff and directors will be on hand to discuss current Association programs, including the AngusSourceSM marketing program and genetic selection tools.

Watch www.angus.org for an updated list of Outreach Seminars.

Request your sale day kits now

When planning your spring bull sale, be sure to contact the communications department to request your sale day kit. The updated kit contains literature for you to

distribute to your bull buyers, as well as posters to decorate your salering. Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org to request your kit today.

Summer internship deadline Feb. 1

The Association offers two summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships will begin approximately June 1, 2006, and conclude in mid-August. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

The Junior Activities Department employs a college sophomore, junior or senior to assist in the planning and execution of junior Angus shows and leadership events. Applicants for the junior activities internship should have an agriculture-related major. They need to be detail-oriented, outgoing, have the ability to work well with all types of people and be a self-starter. Applicants who can begin the internship around May 20 will be given preference. Any student interested in the junior activities internship should send his or her résumé to James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities.

The Association's communications department is looking for a junior- or senior-level student majoring in agricultural journalism or agricultural communications who has an interest in the livestock industry. Students who are interested in the communications internship should have completed coursework in news and feature writing, as well as editing and photography. The applicants must be detail-oriented and have some experience with livestock shows. Send a résumé, cover letter and writing samples to Shelia Stannard, director of activity communications and event coordinator.

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Any students wanting more information can contact Fisher or Stannard at (816) 383-5100.

Angus Foundation offers Murphy print

The Angus Foundation is taking orders for "Champion," a print by Frank Champion Murphy depicting the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). All proceeds from the print sales go to the Indiana Angus Association, which is hosting the 2006 NJAS. A price change should be noted from previously advertised prices. The prints sell for \$100, or \$200 for specific numbers. Only a limited number of prints are available, so get yours today by contacting the Angus Foundation.

Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 9 years old and older should receive the green entry booklet in the mail this month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional and regional preview shows, as well as for the NJAS. It also contains information



"Champion," a print by Frank Champion Murphy.

about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

Note these junior deadlines

▶ Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic

(MAJAC) regional preview show, set for March 10-12 in Harrisonburg, Va.

- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 22-24 in Reno, Nev.
- ▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation inductees.

