



Association Highlights

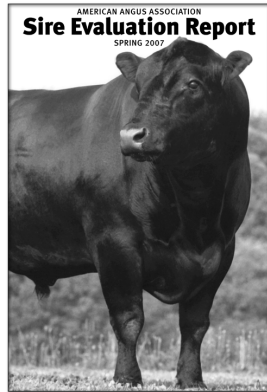
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Sire Evaluation Report available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association's Spring 2007 *Sire Evaluation Report* are now available.

To request a printed report for your personal use, or a quantity to have available at your spring sale, call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at bschafer@angus.org.

If you prefer to search for Angus bulls online, the Sire Evaluation Report can be accessed and searched 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.angussiresearch.com.



Outreach Seminars

A series of Outreach Seminars continues, with one set for March 16 in Clemson, S.C. The seminar begins at 3 p.m., and precedes the South Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Watch for more details about this and other Outreach Seminars at www.angus.org.

Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are already being made for the 2007 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Louisville, Ky. The first step of the delegate election process will take place this month when

forms to nominate members to serve as delegates to the Annual Meeting will be mailed during the last week of March with the mailing of nomination petitions to every active life and regular Association member.

The nomination period runs from April 1 through June 30. Each membership is allowed to nominate one eligible member who resides in the same state or district. Active members may nominate any one member from their state, including themselves. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, send it in right away.

Report new Association, Auxiliary officers

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer listings to the Communications Department by May 1. This will ensure correct listings are included on the Association web site and in the 2007 *Resource Edition*, published as an insert in the August 2007 *Angus Journal*. Listings will include association name, current officers, addresses, phone numbers and web site, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

This year, state Auxiliary information is also being requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

Officer updates can be sent throughout the year and will be corrected on the Association's web site listings of local, state and regional Angus associations. This information can be accessed by thousands of visitors each month at www.angus.org.

Plan now to attend events in Reno

The 2007 Western National Angus Futurity and 2007 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are approaching quickly. The events are set for April 28-30 in Reno, Nev.

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		

Activities are being planned for both juniors and adults, so make travel and hotel arrangements now.

The headquarters hotel for the event is John Ascuaga's Nugget. To make room reservations call 1-800-648-1177. Identify yourself as part of the Western National Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates.

Dates set for 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour

The 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour is set for Aug. 29-31 in Peoria, Ill.

The program will include an educational conference with featured beef industry speakers. The Illinois Angus Association is planning a tour of Angus herds.

Look for more information in upcoming issues.

Request your sale day or field day kit now

Producers with late spring sales or those planning summer field days at their operations should plan now by requesting a sale day kit or field day planner and kit from the Communications Department. The kits include educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

The field day planner includes a checklist and timeline to plan a field day. All materials should be requested at least two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination.

AngusSource® transfer inserts available

Members who market their registered Angus bulls to commercial producers can include an AngusSource® insert when mailing transferred registration papers to their commercial bull customers. The insert explains the benefits of AngusSource and the enrollment process. Copies of the insert can be requested by contacting AngusSource, or they can be downloaded from the marketing tools link on www.angus.org.

Junior deadlines for Atlantic National

The ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show is April 15. Even though the event is a regional preview show for junior members, the Atlantic National show management accepts

the entries. For information or to request entry forms, contact Harry Bachman at (717) 867-1809 or bachhau@lmf.net.

Junior deadlines forthcoming

Juniors should remember May 1 as the deadline for several application forms:

- ▶ Gold Award applications due.
- ▶ Outstanding Leadership Award applications due.
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Show.
- ▶ Angus Foundation scholarship applications due.
- ▶ Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarship applications due.

May 15 is another important deadline:

- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.
- ▶ Entries for the NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests due.
- ▶ Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njaa.info.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and the

ownership deadlines for a specific show are fast approaching, the Association can help. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Date set for 2007 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament

In conjunction with the 2007 NJAS, the seventh annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 3, at the Forest Ridge Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla. The tournament is open to both adults and youth. Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. Look for more information in upcoming issues and at www.angusfoundation.org.

Scholarship applications due May 1

More than \$100,000 in educational scholarships will be available this year to Angus youth through the Angus Foundation scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked on or before May 1 to be considered eligible.

Applications and instructions are available at www.angusfoundation.org. Please closely follow the instructions, as incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Note that there is a separate application for the NJAA/CAB scholarship that is offered through the Angus Foundation.

