



Association Highlights

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Pathfinder® deadline is this month

The deadline for submitting records to the Association Performance Programs Department for inclusion in the 2008 Pathfinder® Report is Feb. 8.

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, via AAA Login or by using the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program, call the Association for assistance at 816-383-5100.

Printed Sire Evaluation Report now available

The Spring 2008 Sire Evaluation Report has been online since mid-December, and

the printed version of the report is also now available. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the spring 2008 report will receive it automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via e-mail or by calling the Association. Breeders who would like a quantity of printed reports to have on hand for their sales or events are welcome to do so. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Schafer at bschafer@angus.org or call her at 816-383-5144.

Outreach Seminars

A series of Outreach Seminars continues this winter and spring. Outreach Seminars are a great way for Association members and commercial producers to interact with

Association staff on a more local level. Seminars usually last two or three hours and allow plenty of time for questions and interaction.

An Outreach Seminar is set for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Natural Bridge, Va. It begins at 1 p.m. at the Natural Bridge Conference Center & Hotel. The Virginia Angus Association will begin its business meeting at 9 a.m. Scott Johnson will conduct an AIMS Workshop at 11 a.m., followed by a light lunch before the Outreach Seminar.

Another is set for March 15 in Indianapolis, Ind. The seminar will begin at 1 p.m. in the Indiana Farm Bureau Building in conjunction with the Indiana Angus Association Information Futurity.

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

Beef Leaders Institute applications accepted until March 1

The American Angus Association created a Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) for members 25-45 years old to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association will provide transportation during the BLI, as well as lodging, meals and materials. Attendees will be responsible for their own round-trip transportation to Kansas City, Mo., if flying or Saint Joseph, Mo., if driving.

The first ever BLI is set for June 1-4. Participants should not schedule departures prior to 6 p.m. June 4. Lodging will be provided June 4.

The BLI will be limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online at www.angus.org or by contacting the Communications Department. March 1 is the application deadline. Further questions can be directed to Shelia Stannard at ssannard@angus.org or Ty Groshans at tgroshans@angus.org or by calling the Association.

Dates set for 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour

Plans are under way for the 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T). The annual event is set for Oct. 7-9 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

This year's conference will include

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
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| # | 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 | | |

presentations about Association programs, as well as a lineup of industry experts. A tour hosted by the Oklahoma Angus Association is also planned. Watch for more information in future issues of the *Angus Journal* and online.

Association offers marketing tools for sale books

If you are planning your sale and looking for information to educate your customers, the Association provides sale book inserts to put into your sale book. A variety of information from selection tools to AngusSource® is featured in these inserts that are available in ¼-, ½- and full-page sizes. Simply go to www.angus.org and click on the "Marketing Tools" link to download these inserts.

Junior entry booklets mailed

Every active junior member of the Association should have recently received a booklet of information regarding shows and events, entries, and deadlines for all 2008 junior activities. This booklet contains the rules, entry forms and information Angus youth need to participate in regional preview shows, regional shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference this year.

If you are a junior member who's planning to participate in these events and you haven't received a packet, contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.

Iowa will host 2008 NJAS

It's not too early to begin planning for the 2008 NJAS, "Christmas in July," slated for July 13-19 in Des Moines, Iowa, at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Iowa Angus and Junior Angus associations are inviting all to the event. The event will feature the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world and a host of educational and leadership activities for youth 9 to 21 years old.

Look for the show schedule and hotel information in the junior information packet, in future issues of the *Angus Journal* or in the spring 2008 edition of the *Directions* newsletter. Online information is posted at www.njas.info.

Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 25-26 in Reno, Nev.
- ▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.
- ▶ June 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NJAS.

Please note there are no exceptions to any

of the ownership and entry deadlines. Please contact the Association if you need assistance meeting the deadlines.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer that he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines. If a deadline is fast approaching and you haven't received the transferred registration, 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, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients now

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the NJAS and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus

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Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Junior Activities Department. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will initiate its new graduate student scholarship program this year. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has supported NJAA members by providing more than \$400,000 in scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate studies.

To foster the advancement of education, youth and research, the Angus Foundation will make available \$25,000 in graduate student scholarships to men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing an advanced degree. These one-year awards will consist of five \$5,000 graduate student scholarships.

The graduate student scholarship can be applied only to advanced degree studies. Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation will award more than \$100,000 in undergraduate scholarships this year as well. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be given in memory of former Association executive vice president Richard "Dick" Spader. In addition, 20 \$3,000 scholarships and 30 \$1,000 scholarships will be available. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2008 NJAS.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The scholarship application and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline is May 1. For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary awards 10 scholarships annually to five boys and five girls who are graduating high school seniors.

This year the Auxiliary has increased the scholarship awards to total \$14,000.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Recipients are chosen from application forms that can be obtained from the American Angus Auxiliary web site at www.angusauxiliary.com, state Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts, or by contacting Michelle Rieff, Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at 479-795-2584 or by sending e-mail to michellerieff@aol.com.

Application information and a list of scholarship chairwomen are online at www.angusauxiliary.com. State scholarship contacts are also provided in the Auxiliary annual report published as an insert in this issue of the *Angus Journal*. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 10.

API provides coverage of two industry meetings

Angus Productions Inc. (API) is hosting online coverage of two major industry events this winter.

The Range Beef Cow Symposium XX was in Fort Collins, Colo., Dec. 11-13, 2007. Sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and animal science departments of South Dakota State University, Colorado State University, the University of Wyoming and the University of Nebraska, the biennial symposium has a reputation of being an excellent educational program, offering practical production management information. Visit www.rangebeefcow.com for coverage.

The Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show will be Feb. 6-9 in Reno, Nev. The convention features the joint and individual meetings of five industry organizations — the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB), the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW), Cattle-Fax and the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF). For a detailed schedule and overviews of the sessions prior to the conference, as well as post conference coverage, visit www.4cattlemen.com.

U designated for permanent ID in 2008

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, U001 and U002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2008. Go to www.angus.org for more information about permanent ID options.

