



Association Highlights

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Register now for Cattlemen's Boot Camps

Two more Cattlemen's Boot Camps are forthcoming. Registration deadlines are approaching so register now. Boot Camps are sponsored by the American Angus Association and Angus Foundation and hosted by the universities.

The registration deadline for the Boot Camp at Iowa State University (ISU) is Dec. 7. The ISU Boot Camp is set for Dec. 18-19 in Ames. Another Boot Camp at Washington State University (WSU), Pullman, is set for Jan. 3-4, 2008. Registration for the WSU Boot Camp is due by Dec. 17.

Leading industry experts will address the various topics of reproduction, nutrition, carcass quality and adding value to the herd during the Boot Camps.

Enrollment is limited to allow for small group interaction, so register today by

contacting the Association at 816-383-5100. Registration is just \$75, which includes meals and materials. For hotel information and complete schedules, visit www.angus.org.

Spring Sire Evaluation Report available

The spring 2008 Sire Evaluation Report will be online later this month at www.angussiresearch.com. The report will be online by Monday, Dec. 17. 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. This evaluation also includes the dollar value indexes (\$Values), expressed in dollars per head, to assist commercial beef producers in selection decisions.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2007 report will receive the spring 2008 report automatically. All other members and commercial producers who want a printed report must request it by contacting Brenda Schafer at 816-383-5144 or send e-mail to bschafer@angus.org.

Make plans for the National Western

It's time to finalize your plans for the 102nd National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities take place Jan. 15-19 with hundreds of entries expected for the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the hill, and the carload and pen shows in the yards.

Visit with Association staff in Denver

All Angus producers attending the NWSS are encouraged to stop by the Association's Listening Post in the yards. Association staff will be on hand daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, to visit with producers about Association programs and to hear what industry issues producers are thinking about. Be sure to stop by to chat and have a cup of coffee.

In addition to the Listening Post, Association staff will be available to visit with producers at the Association booth on the hill. Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), will be in the booth Wednesday through Friday to answer any questions about AIMS.

Apply now for Beef Leaders' Institute

The American Angus Association is conducting a Beef Leaders' Institute (BLI) for members who are 25-45 years old. The first ever BLI is set for June 1-4, 2008, and begins at the Association office in Saint Joseph, Mo. The BLI will serve as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry, by participating in tours of feedyards, packing facilities, restaurants, retail outlets and the Association. 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. The attendees will be responsible for their round-trip

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		

transportation between their home and Kansas City.

The BLI will be limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online and are due to the Association by March 1. For more information or an application, go to www.angus.org or contact Shelia Stannard at 816-383-5100 or [sstannard@angus.org](mailto:ssannard@angus.org).

Summer internships available

The Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) will offer summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association and publication work. The paid internships will last approximately 10-12 weeks. Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2008.

Two internships are available at the Association, one in the Communications Department and one in junior activities. API offers an editorial internship. More information about these internships is available online.

Important junior information

Although summer shows are months away, those months will be here before you know it. A comprehensive mailing that includes show schedules, rules and entry forms will be mailed to junior members in January. This booklet will include all regional preview shows, regional shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference information. This information will also be posted online at www.njaa.info.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

Every year, the Angus Foundation selects one participant to sponsor on the Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) tour. The tour and conference that begins in Denver and proceeds across the country to Washington, D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year, and all participants must be nominated by one of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) affiliate organizations.

Sponsorship by the Foundation covers flight costs and registration fees. Incidental costs and meals are not covered by the Foundation sponsorship.

The applicant must be between the ages of 25 and 50 and must be an active member of the NCBA and the American Angus Association. This will be the sixth year that the Angus Foundation has provided this opportunity to an Association member.

Applications for the 2008 YCC are

available on the Angus Foundation web site, at www.angusfoundation.org, and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 4, 2008.

Angus gifts available for the holidays

Still looking for the perfect holiday gift for the Angus enthusiast on your list? Shopping online at www.angusonline.org/store offers many options.

You will find a variety of practical and pleasant items available — complete with photos, descriptions and prices — that you can purchase online with a Visa or MasterCard.

If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Association at 816-383-5100 to discuss the items with someone. Don't delay!

Still time for "end-of-the-year" charitable gifts

Charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation in support of its education, youth and research programs are appreciated regardless of the time of year the gift is made by the donor. Oftentimes, however, charitable giving decisions are made at the end of the year, once an individual or couple knows their income tax situation for that respective calendar (tax) year.

As a reminder, one should pay special attention to timing when it comes to year-end gifts. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, 501(c)(3) charities such as the Angus Foundation will recognize the U.S. Postal Service's postmark denoted on the outside of the carrier envelope used by the donor in transmitting the gift to the charity.

In order to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash gifts, this means your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the Angus Foundation in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Gifts can also be made online at www.angusfoundation.org. Donors will be recognized for their support to the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*, which aims to raise \$11 million by Dec. 31, 2011.

Foundation Heifer Package to sell in Denver

Jeff and Jud Baldrige of Baldrige Bros., North Platte, Neb., are continuing the legacy started by their father in supporting the Angus Foundation by donating the 2008 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell during the NWSS in Denver, Colo., Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. in the National Western Complex.

Baldrige Blackcap S813 is an August 2006 daughter of Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616, a son of GAR Precision 2536. Her dam is the renowned VT 1407 New Design Z38.



In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives:

- ▶ 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.;
- ▶ free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and
- ▶ an Advanced Reproductive Technology Package from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.

For more information about the heifer package or ways you can contribute to the Angus Foundation, log onto www.angusfoundation.org, contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation, at 816-383-5100, or visit with any regional manager.

