



# Association Highlights

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## Search Pathfinder Report

The 2006 *Pathfinder<sup>SM</sup> Report* is included in this issue of the *Angus Journal*. This year's report lists 9,321 individual cows and 258 sires that qualify for Pathfinder status. You can also search the Pathfinder Report online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) under the "Performance" link.

The Pathfinder program was started in 1978 and identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production and include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights. Bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder cows are listed as Pathfinder sires in this report.

## Cattlemen's Boot Camp set in California

The American Angus Association, in cooperation with the Angus Foundation and Cal Poly State University, are conducting a

Cattlemen's Boot Camp April 28-29 at San Luis Obispo, Calif. The event is open to all cattle producers and offers perspectives on production practices, marketing and end-product merit.

An Angus Skills Lab will precede the Boot Camp the morning of April 28. The Skills Lab is targeted toward new Angus producers who would like to learn more about the very basics about registering cattle and submitting performance information, permanent identification (ID) and basics of handling. Enrollment is limited.

Registration for Boot Camp is just \$75, but space for both events is limited, so register today by contacting the Association. The registration deadline is April 11. A hotel block is available at the Best Western Somerset Inn. Call (805) 544-0973 and ask for the American Angus Association block to get the negotiated rate.

More information is available at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and on page 84.

## Western States Angus breeders to meet in Reno

The 2006 Western National Angus Futurity and 2006 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are set for April 22-24 in Reno, Nev. Activities are planned for both juniors and adults, including shows, a sale and Angus fellowship, so make your travel plans now.

The headquarters hotel for the event is John Ascuaga's Nugget. To make reservations call 1-800-648-1177. Identify yourself as part of the Western National Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates, though reservations were to be made by April 1 to ensure availability and price.

## Delegate petitions will arrive soon

Preparation for the 2006 Annual Convention of Delegates, set for this November in Louisville, Ky., is already under way. In March, active life and regular members should have received the delegate nomination form.

Each life and regular member may nominate one delegate from their respective state, including themselves. The candidates should be actively involved in the Angus business, be willing to attend the annual meeting during Angus activities at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and be able to represent Angus breeders. The signed nominations must be returned to the Association by June 30, and every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot.

The ballots will be mailed to the membership in July.

## 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour set

Make your plans now to attend the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho. The Association is pleased to announce that Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpha Animal Health are the major sponsors of "The Great Northwest Gathering."

The conference will take place at the Doubletree-Boise Riverside and will include a program of beef industry speakers that will address current issues facing producers. A

## ► 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		

tour of Idaho and Oregon Angus herds is also planned.

Look for more information in future issues of the *Angus Journal*.

### **Update association officer listings now**

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer lists to the communications department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are posted on the Association Web site and in the *2006 Resource Edition*, published in the August *Angus Journal*. Listings include the association's name, Web site (if applicable), and current officers and their contact information. If you have not received a form to update your officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org), or call her at (816) 383-5100.

### **Plan now for summer field days**

With warmer days just around the corner, it is time to begin thinking about hosting an Angus field day at your farm or ranch. The Association has field-day planners and kits available to make your event a success.

The field-day planner provides a timeline for organizing your event, from planning the program to handling publicity. The planner offers a checklist of details for you to review a month, a week and a day before your event. There are also some reminders for sale planning.

The field-day kit is a collection of literature, posters and other promotional items available from the Association. The kit is perfect for decorating your facilities and for providing information to junior and regular members, as well as to commercial producers.

Contact the communications department to request these materials.

### **Angus Foundation to host annual golf tournament**

The Angus Foundation will host its 6th annual golf tournament, Tuesday, July 11 at the Prairie View Golf Club at Carmel, Ind. The event is hosted in conjunction with the 2006 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind., and allows golf enthusiasts a way to support education, youth and research while getting in 18 holes of golf.

Teams of four have the chance to compete for prizes awarded during a *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) lunch. Various sponsorships are also available, which allow all people to become involved.

Golfers can play for \$100, which includes green and cart fees, a continental breakfast and lunch. Junior members of the Association can play for \$75. The registration deadline is June 15. Players or those

interested in sponsorships should contact the Angus Foundation.

### **Juniors should note spring deadlines**

Many deadlines for junior shows and events are rapidly approaching. All National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members between the ages of 9 and 21 should have received an entry booklet in the mail. If you have not received the booklet, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

- ▶ April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Regional Preview Show.
- ▶ May 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest and North Central Regional Preview Shows.
- ▶ May 1 is the deadline for applying for the Gold Award and Outstanding Leadership Award. Also, applications for Angus Foundation scholarships and the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship are due.
- ▶ May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Show.
- ▶ June 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NJAS and The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Show.
- ▶ June 1 is also the entry deadline for all NJAA creative writing, photography and graphic design entries, and it is the deadline to submit entries and recipes for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American CAB Cook-Off.

For more information about junior events, activities and deadlines, contact the Junior Activities Department.

### **Ask for assistance with junior transfers**

If you know of a junior member who has purchased an Angus animal to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadline for a specific show is fast approaching, the Association can help.

Contact the Member Services Department 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.

### **BIF coverage will be online**

Angus Productions Inc. (API), publisher of the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*, will provide online news coverage of the 2006 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) annual meeting at [www.bifconference.com](http://www.bifconference.com). Earlier this year than in past years, the BIF meeting will be in Choctaw, Miss., April 18-21.

General sessions will focus on how producers can incorporate current retail and consumer targets and how they can best fit into their production environments. The Ultrasound Guidelines Council (UGC) will sponsor a session titled "Basics of Ultrasounding Beef Cattle for Genetic Improvement," and BIF will honor several industry leaders, including its Seedstock Producer of the Year and Commercial Producer of the Year. The event wraps up with a tour on Friday.

For registration, hotel and travel information, visit <http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/bif2006.html> now. Then, for API's coverage of the event as it unfolds, visit [www.bifconference.com](http://www.bifconference.com).

### **News of other industry events online**

API coverage of the December 2005 Range Beef Cow Symposium (RBCS) in Rapid City, S.D., is online at [www.rangebeefcow.com](http://www.rangebeefcow.com). A link to audio/video files has been added to the welcome page.

To get the news from the 2006 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show, visit [www.4cattlemen.com](http://www.4cattlemen.com). Visit the newsroom for news releases from the event. Visit the trade show page for highlights of products and services featured in the early February trade show. The awards page contains highlights of those honored during the week. 