



# Association Highlights

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## Pathfinder deadline is this month

The deadline for submitting records to the American Angus Association Performance Programs Department for inclusion in the 2005 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 11.

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 version of sire evaluation now available

The Spring 2005 Sire Evaluation Report has been online for more than a month, and

the printed version of the report is also available.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the spring 2005 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 American Angus 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 (816) 383-5144 or [bschafer@angus.org](mailto:bschafer@angus.org).

## Dates set for 2005 National Angus Conference & Tour

Plans are already underway for the 2005

National Angus Conference & Tour. The annual event is set for Sept. 27-30 and will be headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

This year's conference will include presentations about Association programs, as well as a lineup of industry experts, followed by a tour of Association headquarters in Saint Joseph. A tour of Angus herds hosted by the Missouri Angus Association is also planned.

Watch for more information in future issues of the *Angus Journal* or at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## Coverage of industry convention online

If you can't make the trip to San Antonio, Texas, for the 2005 Cattle Industry Annual Convention & Trade Show, news and highlights from the event will be available online. Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide complete coverage of the event at [www.4cattlemen.com](http://www.4cattlemen.com).

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., sponsors the Web site, which includes summaries of Cattlemen's College® presentations, reports of council and committee meetings, and photos and announcements of award winners.

## Junior entry booklets mailed

Every active junior member of the American Angus Association should have recently received a booklet of information regarding shows and events, entries, and deadlines for all 2005 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.

## Denver is site for 2005 NJAS

Summer will be here before you know it, and it is never too early to be making plans for the NJAS. This year's event is set for July 17-23 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Complex in Denver, Colo.

### ► 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  |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|--|
| #      | 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              |        |  |

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Multiple junior Angus associations throughout western states are making plans for "Way Out West." 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 2005 edition of the *Directions* newsletter. Online information is posted at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

### **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, 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.

### **Juniors should note Western Regional deadlines**

Juniors planning to show cattle at the Western Regional Junior Angus Show need to act now to meet show deadlines. The ownership and entry deadline is March 1. Remember, these are the dates by which applications for transfer and entries must be postmarked. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted for any reason.

Entry forms for the Western Regional were included in the 2005 junior information packet. The Western Regional is set for April 23-25 in Reno, Nev., in conjunction with the Western National Angus Futurity.

### **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 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 online at

[www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info), or by contacting the Junior Activities Department. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

### **Foundation offers junior scholarships**

Now is the time for high school seniors who are college-bound or those who are already taking college classes to work on scholarship applications. The Angus Foundation will award scholarships to 20 deserving junior Angus members who are working toward college degrees. Eighteen juniors will receive \$1,000 scholarships, and two will receive \$3,500 scholarships.

Applicants for Foundation scholarships must be junior, regular or life members of the American Angus Association and less than 25 years old. Selection is based on involvement in Angus activities, academics and involvement in the beef industry. Winners of the scholarships will be announced during the awards function at the 2005 NJAS, which is set for July 17-23 in Denver.

The NJAA/Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) scholarship will also be awarded to one deserving Angus junior at the NJAS in July. Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must meet requirements mentioned above and be incoming sophomores, juniors or seniors in college and must be majoring in animal science, meat science, agricultural communications or other related fields.

All applications are due May 15. Contact the Junior Activities Department at the Association for application forms, or obtain one online at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

### **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. Recipients are chosen from application forms that can be obtained from state Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairpersons or by contacting Sharee Sankey, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairperson, at (620) 767-5026 or [sankeys6nranch@yahoo.com](mailto:sankeys6nranch@yahoo.com).

Application information and a list of scholarship chairwomen are online at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com); the list is also available in the Auxiliary Annual Report insert in this issue. Juniors must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

