



Association Highlights

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Spring Sire Evaluation Report available

The spring 2006 *Sire Evaluation Report* will be available online later this month at www.angus.org. 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.

If you would like to receive an e-mail notification when the new evaluation is released, sign up at www.angus.org/sireeval/sireeval_signup.html. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2005 report will receive the spring 2006 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 bschafer@angus.org.

NWSS hotel information

The Angus headquarters for the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel. A special Angus room rate of \$88, plus tax, has been negotiated. Call the hotel directly at (303) 297-1300 to make reservations. Request the American Angus Association room block to get the special rate. All reservations must be made by Dec. 27.

Make plans for the National Western centennial

It's time to finalize your plans for the 100th NWSS in Denver, Colo. Angus activities take place the first week with hundreds of entries expected for the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the hill,

and the carload and pen show in the yards. Following is a schedule for your reference:

Tuesday, Jan. 10

2 p.m. Junior Angus heifer show — Stadium Arena

Wednesday, Jan. 11

8 a.m. Super-Point ROV Angus female show — Stadium Arena

Thursday, Jan. 12

9 a.m. Angus sale bull show — Stadium Arena (*note new time*)
 2 p.m. National Western Angus bull sale, preceded by the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Angus reception — Denver Marriott City Center Hotel

Friday, Jan. 13

8 a.m. Super-Point ROV Angus bull show — Stadium Arena
 3 p.m. Angus Foundation Female Sale — Livestock Center Auction Arena

Saturday, Jan. 14

9 a.m. Angus carload & pen show — Livestock Center Auction Arena

Go to www.nationalwestern.com for more information about events going on at the NWSS.

Stop by Listening Post in the yards

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.

Angus Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will sponsor a young producer to attend the 2006 National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). YCC is an industry-wide program that develops leaders and exposes them to all aspects of the beef industry. The tour and conference, which begins in Denver and proceeds across the

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► 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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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 NCBA's affiliate organizations.

The award will include registration costs for the YCC paid directly to NCBA and coach-class airfare from the participant's home to the beginning site of the conference and from the ending site of the conference to the participant's home.

Applicants must be active members of NCBA and active members in good standing of the American Angus Association. Applicants must be between 25 and 50 years old. Employees of the Association, its subsidiaries or its affiliates are not eligible to apply. Applications are available online at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 6, 2006. Upon receipt, the selection committee will review the application. The YCC nominee will be notified in late February or early March.

Association provides marketing tools

As you are planning your spring bull sale and have extra room in your sale book, consider filling that space with practical information from the Association. The

Association offers inserts online that are ready for insertion into any sale book.

The inserts are in various sizes, and include information about selection tools, \$Values and AngusSource.SM

Advertisements from the Association's 2005-2006 ad campaign are available to help producers promote their herd. Prerecorded radio spots created around the "Power of One" ad campaign also are available for producers to use. The 30-second spots include 20 seconds of prerecorded message with 10 seconds for producers to customize the spot for play on their local stations.

To download the camera-ready sale book inserts or the radio spots and for guidelines on using the advertisements, go to www.angus.org and click on "Marketing Tools."

Angus gifts available for the holidays

Still looking for the perfect holiday gift for the Angus enthusiast on your list? You have time to shop online at www.angusonline.org/store and www.angussalebarn.com.

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. But, don't delay. December is a busy time to ship items, and you won't want your holiday gifts lost en route to you.

Important junior information

Although junior 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 early January. This booklet will include information about all regional preview shows, regional shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. This information will also be posted online at www.njaa.info in January.

Junior deadlines

- ▶ The ownership and entry deadline for the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) Regional Preview Junior Angus Show is Feb. 1, 2006.
- ▶ The ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show is March 1, 2006.
- ▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for the Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year awards, which are presented during the NJAS.

Breeder's Reference

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association, a "Breeder's Reference" is published periodically in the *Angus Journal* to inform breeders of Angus cattle determined free of genetic defects, those determined carriers of genetic defects or genetic factors, and those determined carriers of nontraditional blood.

The bull Clearwater VRD 1192 (Reg. No. 14212641) was determined to be a carrier of the Class 1 genetic defect syndactyly (mule foot). He was born March 4, 2002.

Rule 300(C), paragraph 2 of the Association Rules, as published in the March 2005 *Breeder's Reference Guide*, states:

Future progeny of animals determined to be carriers of genetic defects or the horn gene are not eligible for registration unless owner members of the affected cow or bull are tested in an Association-approved test that can be supervised by the Association. In the event that such progeny are determined to be free of the genetic defect or specific gene in issue, they will be registered.

Any pedigrees containing carriers of syndactyly have the letter "S" following the registration number to denote the documented defect. A comprehensive "Genetic Defects and Factors" listing will be published in the March 2006 *Breeder's Reference Guide* and August 2006 issue of the *Angus Journal*. It was last published in the 2005 *Resource Edition* inserted in the August issue. Updates are listed in the *Angus Journal* when available as "Breeder's Reference" listings and can be located via the "Reference" department of the Table of Contents.

Foundation Heifer Package to sell in Denver



B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214

Bill and Barb Rishel of Rishel Angus, North Platte, Neb., have donated B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214 to the Angus Foundation to offer at auction at the 2006 NWSS. She will highlight the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, and all proceeds from the sale go directly to the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research.

The sale of the package will precede the 2006 National Western Angus Bull Sale, set for 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12 in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the National Western Complex in Denver, Colo.

The package includes B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214, a February 2004 daughter of Twin Valley Precision E161. She is bred to Ironwood New Level, due to calve in early February 2006. A full pedigree is available at www.angusfoundation.org and on the back cover of the National Western sale book inserted in this issue.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer will receive:

- ▶ Thirty days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.
- ▶ Free transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.
- ▶ A flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.

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

