



Association Highlights

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Activities planned for 101st National Western

Five days of Angus events — including a 2007 super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, a junior heifer show, pen and carload shows, and the National Western Angus Bull Sale — are planned during the 101st National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

The activities begin with the junior heifer show at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the Stadium Arena. Bruce Kiesewetter, Letts, Iowa, will evaluate the juniors' Angus females.

The female portion of the super-point ROV Angus Show will begin at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Stadium Arena. The ROV bull show will resume on Friday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. Jim Pipkin, Republic, Mo., will evaluate the cattle.

The National Western Angus Bull Sale highlights events Thursday, Jan. 11. The bull sale show begins at 9 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. Five judges will evaluate the 76 bulls and select division, grand and reserve grand champions. Judges include Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont.; Mike Jones, Folsom, La.; Greg McCurry, Sedgwick, Kan.; Doug Parrett, Urbana, Ill.; and Matt Perrier, Eureka, Kan. The sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena, and will be broadcast via the internet at www.liveauctions.com. The sale of the 2007 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will precede the bull sale.

The Angus Reception, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will complete Thursday's activities. A change of venue this year, the reception will be at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. Transportation will be provided from the Marriott City Center Hotel.

Angus activities conclude Saturday, Jan. 13, with the pen and carload shows in the yards. The event begins 30 minutes earlier than in the past, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Mark Duffell, Aldie, Va.; Jeff Dameron, Lexington, Ill.; and Bill Rishel, North Platte, Neb., will officiate the group competitions.

An Angus Listening Post will again be located in the Yards. Look for a larger tent across from where it was previously located, and stop by for a cup of coffee Wednesday through Saturday.

A schedule of Angus events follows.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

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

Wednesday, Jan. 10

8 a.m. Super-point ROV Angus female show, Stadium Arena

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

Thursday, Jan. 11

9 a.m. Judging Angus sale cattle, Stadium Arena

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

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 Center for Performing Arts

Friday, Jan. 12

8 a.m. Super-point ROV Angus bull show, Stadium Arena

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

Saturday, Jan. 13

8:30 a.m. Angus Carload & Pen shows, Livestock Center Auction Arena

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

For more information about events going on at the NWSS, go to www.nationalwestern.com.

NWSS coverage on the Web

Not going to Denver? You can still keep up with what's going on via the internet. Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide online coverage of Angus events at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. Log on at www.angusjournal.com/denver after the show to see results and photos.

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		



Riverbend Rita R125

Foundation Heifer Package sells at NWSS

Frank and Belinda VanderSloot, owners of Riverbend Ranch, Idaho Falls, Idaho, have donated the 2007 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell during the NWSS.

Riverbend Rita R125, a January 2005 daughter of Bon-View New Design 1407, will headline the package. She is bred to Mytty In Focus and is due to calve in March 2007. A picture of the heifer and her full pedigree is available at www.angusfoundation.org.

The sale of the package will precede the 2007 National Western Angus Bull Sale, set for 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 11 in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the National Western Complex.

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 farm or ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and
- ▶ 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, president of the Angus Foundation, at (816) 383-5100; or visit with any regional manager.

Make plans to stop by the Angus Listening Post

While attending events at the NWSS, be sure to stop by the Angus tent in the herd bull display area in the Yards. For the fourth year, the Angus Listening Post will provide members the opportunity to exchange ideas and take part in discussions with Association personnel and other producers.

Please note, the Listening Post has moved across the aisle this year to allow for more space for all to stop by. All Association members and commercial producers are welcome to stop by the Angus Listening Post for a cup of coffee and good discussion about

the Angus business and what's going on in today's beef industry.

Spring Sire Evaluation now available online

The spring 2007 Sire Evaluation Report is now available on the internet 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.

Printed copies of the *Sire Evaluation Report* will be available at the NWSS. In addition, active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the Fall 2006 report will receive the spring 2007 report automatically. All other members and all commercial producers who want a printed report can request one by contacting Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.

Pathfinder deadline is Feb. 9

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2007 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 9.

The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIRSM) data into the office in a timely manner. If you have questions about submitting data on forms, using the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program or with AAA Login, call the Association for assistance.

Angus Outreach Seminars planned

The Association continues to plan Outreach Seminars across the United States. A seminar is planned in conjunction with the Wyoming Winter Ag Expo. It will begin at 4 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds in Douglas, Wyo. Another seminar is planned in conjunction with the Utah Angus Association Annual Meeting Jan. 27, starting at 2 p.m. in Provo, Utah. A third Outreach Seminar is set for March 16 in Clemson, S.C., and will begin at 4 p.m. It will be prior to the South Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting.

Association staff and directors will be on hand to discuss current Association programs, and beef industry trends.

Watch www.angus.org for an updated list of Outreach Seminars.

American Angus Association Webcast

The American Angus Association will host an educational webcast Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, beginning at 8 p.m. Central time. Staff will present an update on programs and

services in addition to the featured discussion topic, which is yet to be announced.

In order to view and listen to the webcast you will need a high-speed DSL internet connection. Register for a free and private account at www.liveauctions.tv prior to the start of the webcast. Once on the site, go to "Create a new user." Fill in the brief information form to create a unique user name and password.

Past webcasts are archived on the Association's Angus Learning Center online resource. Visit www.angus.org/AngusEducation.html to access presentations on "AHIR Basics," "AAA Login" and "AngusSource®"

The next scheduled webcast will be Feb. 13.

Request your sale day kits now

When planning your spring bull sale, be sure to contact the Communications Department to request your sale day kit. The updated kit contains literature for you to distribute to your bull buyers as well as posters to decorate your salering. Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org to request your kit today.

Summer internship deadline Feb. 1

The Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) will offer four summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships begin the end of May, and conclude in mid-August. The application deadline is Feb. 1. See "Next Generation" on page 44 for more details.

Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 9 years old and older should receive the green entry booklet in the mail this month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional preview shows and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). It also contains information about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

Note these junior deadlines

Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 9-11 in Harrisonburg, Va.

March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior

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Angus Show, which will be April 27-28 in Reno, Nev.

March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.

May 15 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.

www.4cattlemen.com

For API coverage of the 2007 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show Jan. 31-Feb. 3 in Nashville, Tenn., visit *www.4cattlemen.com*. Attended by more

than 5,000 cattlemen each year, this is the largest meeting of its kind in the United States. Five industry organizations, including the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB), the American National CattleWomen (ANCW), Cattle-Fax and the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF), are to convene at the event.

Speakers, committees and working groups are scheduled to address issues ranging from cattle handling to political lobbying, from public lands to tax regulations, from market outlooks to advertising schedules. Animal health and tracking systems are sure to take center stage.

For pre-event and general coverage of the event, visit the "Newsroom" at *www.4cattlemen.com*. After the event, visit the "Trade Show" page for highlights of the latest advances in animal health, management and recordkeeping. More than 250 trade show exhibitors, including the American Angus Association and its affiliates, are expected to display their programs, products and services. Visit the "Award Winners" page for coverage of the Environmental Stewardship Award Program results, Vision Award recipients, National Beef Ambassadors and other award winners.

