



Association Highlights

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Outreach Seminars continue

A series of Outreach Seminars continues this spring. A seminar will be Saturday, March 15 in Indianapolis, Ind., in conjunction with the Indiana Angus Information Futurity. The seminar begins at 1 p.m. in the Indiana Farm Bureau Building.

Another is set for April 12 in Marianna, Fla., with a Florida Junior Angus Association Field Day. More information will be available on this and future Outreach Seminars at www.angus.org.

Sire Evaluation Report available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association's Spring 2008 *Sire Evaluation Report* are now available. To request a printed report for your personal use, or a quantity to have available at your spring sale,

call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at bschafer@angus.org.

If you prefer to search for Angus bulls online, the *Sire Evaluation Report* can be accessed and searched 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.angussiresearch.com.

Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are already being made for the 2008 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Louisville, Ky. The first step of the delegate election process will take place this month when forms to nominate delegates to the Annual Meeting will be mailed to every active life and regular Association member during the last week of March.

The nomination period runs from April 1 through June 30. Each member is allowed to nominate one eligible member who resides in the same state or district. Active members may nominate any one member from their state, including themselves. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, send it in right away.

Report new Association, Auxiliary officers

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer listings to the Communications Department by May 1. This will ensure correct listings are included on the Association web site and in the *2007 Resource Edition*, published as an insert in the August 2008 *Angus Journal*. Listings will include association name, current officers, addresses, phone numbers and web site, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact the Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

This year, state auxiliary information is also being requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

Officer updates can be sent throughout the year and will be corrected on the Association's web site listings of local, state and regional Angus associations. This information can be accessed by thousands of visitors each month at www.angus.org.

Plan now to attend events in Reno

The 2008 Western National Angus Futurity and 2007 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are approaching quickly. The events are set for April 25-28 in Reno, Nev. Activities are being planned for both juniors and adults, so make travel arrangements now.

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	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	HG	Horn gene
^	Cell clone	R	Red
%	Split-ET	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
@	Clone-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
S	Syndactyly	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
H	Double muscling	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
D	Dwarfism		
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test		
M	Osteopetrosis		

Request your sale day or field day kit now

Producers with late spring sales or those planning summer field days at their operations should plan now by requesting a sale day kit or field day planner and kit from the Communications Department. The kits include educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

The field day planner includes a checklist and timeline to plan a field day. All materials should be requested at least two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination.

Dates set for 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour

The 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) is set for Oct. 7-9 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The program will include an educational conference with featured beef industry speakers. The Oklahoma Angus Association is planning a tour of Angus herds. Look for more information in upcoming issues.

Junior deadlines for Atlantic National

The ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show is April 15. Even though the event is a regional preview show for junior members, the Atlantic National show management accepts the entries. For information or to request entry forms, contact Harry Bachman at bachauct@lmf.net or 717-867-1822.

Junior deadlines forthcoming

Juniors should remember May 1 as the deadline for several application forms:

- ▶ Gold Award applications due
- ▶ Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Show
- ▶ Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- ▶ Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarship applications due

May 15 is another important deadline:

- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show

June 1 deadlines include:

- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)
- ▶ Entries for the NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests due

- ▶ Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or go to www.njaa.info.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadlines for a specific show are 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, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Date set for 2008 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament

In conjunction with the 2008 NJAS, the eighth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 15, at The Legacy Golf Club in Norwalk, Iowa. The tournament is open to both adults and youth. Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. Look for more information in upcoming issues and at www.angusfoundation.org.

Undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications due May 1

More than \$100,000 in educational scholarships will be available this year to Angus youth through the Angus Foundation scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked on or before May 1 to be considered eligible.

Applications and instructions are available at www.angusfoundation.org. Please closely follow the instructions, as incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Note that there are separate applications for the NJAA/CAB scholarship and the new graduate student scholarship program that will be offered through the Angus Foundation this year.

U designated for permanent ID in 2008

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, U001 and U002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2008. Go to www.angus.org for

more information about permanent ID options.

API provides coverage of two industry meetings

Angus Productions Inc. (API) is hosting online coverage of two major industry events this winter.

The Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show Feb. 6-9 in Reno, Nev., featured the joint and individual meetings of five industry organizations — the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB), the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW), Cattle-Fax and the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF). For post-conference coverage, visit www.4cattlemen.com.

The Range Beef Cow Symposium XX was in Fort Collins, Colo., Dec. 11-13, 2007. Sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and animal science departments of South Dakota State University, Colorado State University, the University of Wyoming and the University of Nebraska, the biennial symposium has a reputation of being an excellent educational program, offering practical production management information. Visit www.rangebeefcow.com for coverage.

