



Association Highlights

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Activities planned at National Western

Five days of Angus events, including the 2008 National Angus Show, junior heifer show, pen and carload shows, and the National Western Angus Bull Sale are planned during the 102nd National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus events kick off Tuesday, Jan. 15, and happen daily through Saturday, Jan. 19.

Angus activities start Tuesday, Jan. 15, with the junior heifer show, which begins earlier in 2008, at 1 p.m., in the Stadium Arena.

The super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Show will serve as the 2008 National Angus Show. The female show will begin Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. The ROV bull show begins Friday, Jan. 18, at 8 a.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 17, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 8:30 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena and will be broadcast via the Internet at www.liveauctions.tv. A sale book can be viewed online at www.angusjournal.com or requested by calling the American Angus Association. The sale of the 2008 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will precede the bull sale.

Thursday evening, Angus enthusiasts will gather for the Angus Reception at the Denver Marriott City Center — Downtown. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m.

Angus activities conclude Saturday, Jan. 19, with the pen and carload shows in the yards. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena.

A schedule of events follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 15

1 p.m. Junior Angus heifer show, Stadium Arena
(new time)

Wednesday, Jan. 16

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 17

8:30 a.m. Judging Angus sale cattle, Stadium Arena

9 a.m.- Angus Listening Post open,
5 p.m. 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- Angus Reception, Denver
8:30 p.m. Marriott City Center

Friday, Jan. 18

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 19

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

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

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		

Stop by the Angus Listening Post

An Angus Listening Post will again be located in the Yards. Be sure to stop by the Angus tent in the herd bull display aisle for a cup of coffee. The Listening Post is available for visitors Wednesday through Saturday. Association members and commercial cattle producers are encouraged to stop by the Angus tent in the yards to talk about current beef industry issues, visit with Association personnel and other breeders, ask questions, and exchange ideas.

In addition, the Angus booth on the Hill will have the latest Association publications, and Association staff will be available to visit there.

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NWSS coverage on the web

Not making the trip 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 to see results and photos.

**Baldrige Blackcap S813****Foundation Heifer Package sells at NWSS**

Jud Baldrige and Jeff Baldrige, owners of Baldrige Bros., North Platte, Neb., will donate the 2008 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell at 2 p.m. Jan. 17, 2008, during the NWSS in Denver, Colo.

Baldrige Blackcap S813 is a daughter of VT 1407 New Design Z38. She sells prior to the NWSS Angus Bull Sale, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena.

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
- ▶ an Advanced Reproductive Technology Package from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa, that includes genetic preservation and one session of in vitro fertilization with sex-sorted semen from a bull of the buyer's choice.

Proceeds enable the Angus Foundation to fund education, youth and research activities for the benefit of the Angus breed. As a part of the ambitious \$11 million fundraising drive *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*, which now stands at more than \$4.1 million, buyers have an opportunity to make a difference for the Angus breed with their investment.

For more information about the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, or ways you can contribute to the Angus Foundation, log on www.angusfoundation.org; contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation; or visit with any regional manager.

Spring Sire Evaluation Report available

The spring 2008 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available on the Internet at www.angussiresearch.com. 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 2007 report will receive the spring 2008 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.

Association announces Beef Leaders Institute

The Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association will provide transportation during the BLI, as well as lodging, meals and materials. The attendees will be responsible for their round-trip transportation between their home and Kansas City or Saint Joseph, Mo., if driving.

The first ever BLI is set for June 1-4, 2008. Participants should not schedule departures prior to 6 p.m. on June 4. Lodging will be provided on June 4.

The BLI will be limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online at www.angus.org or by contacting the Communications Department. March 1 is the application deadline. Further questions can be directed to Ty Groshans at tgroshans@angus.org, Shelia Stannard at stannard@angus.org or by calling the Association at 816-383-5100.

Angus Outreach seminars planned

The Association continues to plan Outreach Seminars across the United States. Association staff and directors will be on hand to discuss current Association programs and beef industry trends.

At press time, an Outreach Seminar is slated for Thursday, Jan. 24, in Fort Worth, Texas. The seminar is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Southwestern Exposition and Stock

Show in conjunction with the Texas Angus Association Annual Meeting.

An Outreach Seminar is also planned for Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The seminar will begin at 1 p.m. at the Aussie Eats Restaurant at the Guesthouse Inn, 850 Lindsay Ave. A no-host lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will precede the seminar, which usually lasts three hours and allows for plenty of interaction between the Association staff and those in attendance.

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

Pathfinder® deadline is Feb. 8

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2008 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 8.

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, using the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program or with AAA Login, call the Association for assistance.

Summer internship deadline Feb. 1

The Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) offer summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association and publication work. The paid internships last approximately 10-12 weeks. Application deadline is Feb. 1.

The Association's Communications Department offers an internship to junior- or senior-level students majoring in agricultural journalism or communications who have an interest in the livestock industry.

Students interested in the communications internship should have completed course work in news and feature writing, as well as editing and photography. The candidate should have experience with livestock shows. Send a résumé and writing samples to Shelia Stannard, director of communications and events.

The Junior Activities Department employs a college student to assist with the planning and execution of junior Angus shows and leadership events.

Applicants for the junior activities internship should have an agriculture-related major. Those who can begin the internship around May 20 will be given preference. Any student interested should apply to James Fisher, director of junior activities.

API offers an editorial internship with

the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin* to a college junior or senior pursuing a degree in agricultural journalism or agricultural communications.

Applicants should have experience with livestock and should have completed the following courses: Reporting I and II, editing, magazine writing or creative writing, and photography or photojournalism. Interested students should send a résumé and writing samples to Shauna Hermel, editor of the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*.

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 to request your kit today.

Foundation graduate and undergraduate scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation is pleased to announce the inception of its new graduate student scholarship program. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has supported the members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) by providing more than \$400,000 in scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate studies.

To foster the advancement of education, youth and research the foundation will make available \$25,000 in graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing an advanced degree in higher education. These one-year awards will consist of five \$5,000 graduate student scholarships.

The graduate student scholarship can be applied only to advanced degree studies. Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation will award more than \$100,000 in undergraduate scholarships this year as well. Two \$5,000-scholarships will be given in memory of former American Angus Association executive vice president Richard L. "Dick" Spader. In addition, 20 \$3,000 scholarships and 30 \$1,000 scholarships will be available. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2008

National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in July at Des Moines, Iowa.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline is May 1.

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 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 7-9 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry

deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 25-26 in Reno, Nev.

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



Association celebrates 125th anniversary

The Association turns 125 this fall, and recognition of this milestone will occur at various Angus events during the year. The celebration will begin at the National Western, and more recognition and history will be provided throughout the year. Be sure to pick up a show program to read a historical overview, and stop by the Angus reception on Thursday night to toast the occasion. Watch for more about the 125th celebration online and in the *Angus Journal* during the year.

