



Association Highlights

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Webcasts continue

The American Angus Association will conduct a webcast this month, beginning at 8 p.m. Central time Tuesday, Feb. 13. Free of charge, the webcast features the latest information from the Association. Viewers must register online at www.liveauctions.tv to get a user name and password. High-speed internet is required to view the presentation. Previous webcasts are archived on the Angus Education Center at www.angus.org.

Pathfinder deadline is this month

The deadline for submitting records to the Association Performance Programs Department for inclusion in the 2007 PathfinderSM Report is Feb. 9.

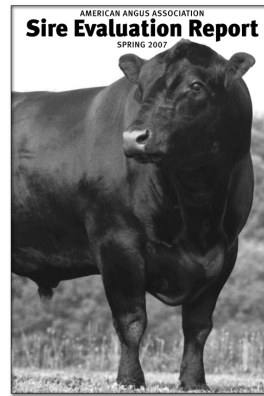
The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIRSM) data into the office in a timely manner. If you have questions about submitting data on forms, via AAA Login or by using the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program, call the Association for assistance at (816) 383-5100.

Printed Sire Evaluation Report now available

The Spring 2007 Sire Evaluation Report has been online for more than a month, and the printed version of the report is also now available.

Active members who returned their blue



request cards to receive a printed copy of the spring 2007 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 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 bschafer@angus.org or (816) 383-5144.

AngusSource transfer inserts available

Members who market their registered Angus bulls to commercial producers can include an AngusSource[®] insert when mailing transferred registration papers to their commercial bull customers. The insert explains the benefits of AngusSource, and the enrollment process. Copies of the insert can be requested by contacting AngusSource or they can be downloaded from the marketing tools link on www.angus.org.

Outreach Seminars

A series of Outreach Seminars continues, with one set for March 16 in Clemson, S.C. The seminar begins at 3 p.m., and precedes the South Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Watch for more details about this and other Outreach Seminars at www.angus.org.

Dates set for 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour

Plans are under way for the 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour. The annual event is a month earlier than usual, set for Aug. 28-30, and will be headquartered in Peoria, Ill.

This year's conference will include presentations about Association programs, as well as a lineup of industry experts. A tour hosted by the Illinois Angus Association is also planned. Watch for more information in future issues of the *Angus Journal* and online.

Junior entry booklets mailed

Every active junior member of the

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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		

Association should have recently received a booklet of information regarding shows and events, entries, and deadlines for all 2007 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.



Tulsa to host 2007 NJAS

It is time to make plans for the 2007 NJAS. This year's event is set for July 1-7 at the Expo Square in Tulsa, Okla. The Oklahoma and Arkansas Angus associations are inviting all to the event, "The American Dream." 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 2007 edition of the *Directions* newsletter. Online information is posted at www.njas.info.

Note earlier NJAS deadline

With this summer's NJAS earlier, the ownership and entry deadline has been moved up to May 15. Members should have transfers completed and their entries submitted prior to the deadline, as late entries are not accepted. If submitting entries online, make sure you receive confirmation; and if mailing entries, be sure to allow ample time or send your entries via certified mail.

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 and you haven't received the transferred registration, 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.

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 2007 junior information packet. The Western Regional is set for April 27-30 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 or by contacting the Junior Activities Department. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

Scholarships offered, May 1 deadline

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 once again award \$100,000 in scholarships to those who are eligible. Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded.

Applicants for Foundation scholarships must be junior, regular or life members of the American Angus Association, and be less than 25 years old. Selection is based on involvement in Angus activities, academics and involvement in the beef industry. Scholarship winners will be announced during the awards function at the 2007 NJAS, which is set for July 1-7 in Tulsa, Okla.

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. Applicants must be majoring in animal science, meat science, agricultural communications or other related fields.

All applications are due May 1. Contact the Angus Foundation or Junior Activities Department at the Association for application forms. You can also obtain an application online at www.angusfoundation.org.

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 contacts or by contacting Nancy Thelen, Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at (734) 944-6262 or hillsideacres01@aol.com.

Application information and a list of scholarship chairwomen are online at www.angusauxiliary.com. State scholarship contacts are also provided in the Auxiliary annual report published as an insert in this issue. The postmark deadline is May 10. Juniors must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

