



# Association Highlights

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## Sire Evaluation Report available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association's Spring 2006 *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](http://www.angussiresearch.com).



the 2006 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Louisville, Ky. The annual business meeting will take place in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

The first step of the delegate election process will take place this month with the mailing of nomination petitions to every active Association member. Members can use the petitions to nominate state delegates for the 2006 Annual Convention.

Active members may nominate one member, including themselves, from their state. 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 this month, send it in right away.

## Cattlemen's Boot Camps set

The Association and the Angus Foundation are pleased to announce they will be conducting boot camps in conjunction with two universities. The first camp is set for April 28-29 at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The second camp is set for Aug. 29-30 at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

In an effort to further educate producers about the beef industry, these sessions are designed for smaller groups to see and hear about production, management and marketing.

An Angus Skills Lab, open to a limited number of newer Angus producers, will take place as well. The lab offers producers hands-on training for artificial insemination (AI), freeze-branding, tattooing and other management practices.

Watch [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more details about the Cattlemen's Boot Camp and Angus Skills Lab.

## Affiliates receive EPD updates

Several weeks ago, Angus affiliates — individuals who are not members of the Association, but who have recently purchased and received the ownership transfer of a registered Angus bull — received updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) on all active bulls currently in their ownership. This service is one of the benefits affiliates receive when their Angus seedstock supplier transfers the ownership of a bull into their name.

More than 36,000 updates were sent to affiliates nationwide. This service is offered on an annual basis following the release of National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) data in December. The update includes the bull's name, birth date and all EPDs available. In addition, a letter from the Association

## Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are already being made for

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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

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		

accompanies the update, thanking producers for their purchase of Angus bulls and outlining commercial services provided by the Association.

Mailing EPD updates increases the service to commercial users of registered Angus genetics and increases the value of these bulls' properly transferred registration certificates. Special thanks to Intervet, the corporate partner for this project.

If you're not transferring the registration papers of Angus bulls to your commercial customers, they're missing out on this valuable benefit of using Angus genetics. For more information contact the Commercial Programs Department.

### **Regional leadership conference planned**

The North Dakota Junior Angus Association (NDJAA) is planning a regional Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference for March 31-April 2 in Fargo, N.D. The event is designed for junior Angus members who want to enhance their leadership skills and beef industry knowledge.

For more information about the regional LEAD conference, contact NDJAA advisors Kathy and Richard Tokach at (701) 445-7390.

### **Report new association 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 that correct listings are included on the Association Web site and in the *2006 Resource Edition*, published as an insert in the August 2006 *Angus Journal*. Listings should 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 Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org).

Officer updates can also 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](http://www.angus.org).

### **Plan now to attend events in Reno**

The 2006 Western National Angus Futurity and 2006 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are approaching quickly. The events are set for April 22-24 in Reno, Nev. Activities are being planned for both juniors and adults, so make travel and hotel arrangements now.

The headquarters hotel for the event is John Ascuaga's Nugget. To make room reservations, call 1-800-648-1177. Identify

yourself as part of the Western National Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates. All reservations must be made before April 1 to ensure availability.

### **Dates set for 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour**

The 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour are set for Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho. The program will include an educational conference with featured beef industry speakers. The Idaho and Oregon Angus associations are planning a tour of Angus herds in the Northwest.

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 handles the entry process. For information or to request entry forms, contact Bobbi McMullen at (717) 786-8060 or [bobbie@epix.net](mailto:bobbie@epix.net).

### **May 1 junior deadlines**

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

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department or go to [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.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 American Angus 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.

### **Foundation Heifer Package sells for record amount**

Canyon Creek Angus LLC set an all-time record as owners Ronald and Myki Simek of Genoa, Nev., and Ben and Lindsey Simek and their family of Cody, Wyo., purchased the package for \$250,000 at the 2006 National Western Angus Bull Sale, Jan. 12, in Denver, Colo. Rishel Angus Ranch, North Platte, Neb., donated B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214 to headline the package.

For more information and a picture, see page 224 of this issue.

