



Association Highlights

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Angus events slated this month in Louisville

The American Angus Association will conduct a variety of events in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) this month in Louisville, Ky. The 124th Annual Convention of Delegates, Annual Banquet, educational forums and a super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show are just some of the events planned for Nov. 10-13. All events take place at the Executive West Hotel or the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center (KFEC).

An added feature to this year's events in Louisville, the Association and its entities will present educational programs in the KFEC South Wing C, upper level. Forty-five-minute sessions will cover a wide range of topics, including AAA Login and online tools; DNA parent verification; AngusSource®; commercial programs;

expected progeny differences (EPDs), including heifer pregnancy and docility; carcass and ultrasound data; the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and premises registration; and Angus Information Management Software (AIMS).

Attendees will also be able to hear from Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Angus Productions Inc. (API) and Angus Foundation staff. Watch www.angus.org for a complete schedule or look for a schedule in the Executive West lobby.

Angus Heritage Foundation to honor inductees

Individuals who have made significant contributions to the Angus breed have been selected for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. They will be honored at the Angus Banquet during Angus activities in Louisville, Ky.

The 2007 honorees include John Barton, Lake Ozark, Mo.; Bob Hartley, Vinita, Okla.; Blanford Pierce, Creston, Ill.; and T.D. Steele, Roanoke, Va. Fred Francis, formerly of Illinois, will be inducted posthumously.

Complete biographies of the inductees will be published in a future issue of the *Angus Journal*.

Holiday Room offers something for everyone

While in Louisville, be sure to stop by the Holiday Room at the Executive West. The American Angus Auxiliary and the Angus Foundation will offer a number of great holiday gifts for the Angus lover on your gift list. Look for signage indicating room name and hours of operation when you arrive in Louisville.

Submit performance data by Nov. 9

The deadline for submitting performance records for inclusion in the Spring 2008 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 9. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

Breeding records and yearling temperament scores submitted by the deadline will be used to generate research for heifer pregnancy (HP) and docility EPDs on sires that will be released with the Spring 2008 NCE data.

If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

Cattlemen's Boot Camps planned

The Association is planning educational programs for members and commercial producers during the next few months. Cattlemen's Boot Camps are set for Dec. 18-19 at Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames, and Jan. 3-4, at Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman.

Cattlemen's Boot Camps are sponsored by the Angus Foundation and co-hosted by universities across the country. These in-depth programs offer information about all segments of the industry. The registration fee for Boot Camps is just \$75 and covers meals and materials. The registration deadline for the ISU event is Nov. 26, and the deadline for WSU is Dec. 17.

Watch www.angus.org for more complete

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		

details for these and future Outreach Seminars.

Outreach Seminars coming to you

Another series of Outreach Seminars is planned to keep members current on Association programs. Outreach Seminars planned to date include:

- ▶ Dec. 7 — 2-4 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Kearney, Neb., in conjunction with the Nebraska Angus Association Annual Meeting
- ▶ Jan. 24 — 6 p.m., at the Fort Worth Stock Show fairgrounds, Fort Worth, Texas, in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Texas Angus Association Annual Meeting

Watch the Association web site for complete information on these and other events.

Make Denver plans now

It's time to start planning for the 2008 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. 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 ROV female show will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in the Stadium Arena. The ROV bull show begins at 8 a.m., Friday, Jan. 18.

On Thursday, Jan. 17, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 9 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The National Western Angus Bull Sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena with the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The day concludes with the Angus Reception.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, Angus activities move to the Yards with the carload and pen shows at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to the shows and socials, the Listening Post will once again be a gathering place in the Yards for members to visit with Association staff and directors.

Hotel reservations for the NWSS can be made by calling the Marriott City Center Hotel, which serves as Angus headquarters for the event, at 303-297-1300. A room rate of \$90 plus tax has been negotiated for the Angus group. Reservations must be made by Dec. 27.

NWSS announces changes for exhibitors

The National Western has announced several changes that exhibitors should note for its 2008 event, set for January.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 20, and all cattle must be registered at the time of entry. No pending registrations will be allowed in either the Hill or Yards shows.

All cattle entered must test negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI BVD).

All cattle sold, either privately or through auction, must test negative for brucellosis (Bang's disease) and tuberculosis (TB).

For a complete set of NWSS rules and guidelines, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Baldrige Bros. donate 2008 Foundation Heifer

Jeff and Jud Baldrige of Baldrige Bros., North Platte, Neb., are continuing the legacy started by their father in supporting the Angus Foundation by donating the 2008 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell during the NWSS in Denver, Colo.

Baldrige Blackcap S813 is an August 2006 daughter of Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616, a son of GAR Precision 2536. Her dam is VT 1407 New Design Z38.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer will receive 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co. of Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation of Dundee, Ill.; and a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from TransOva Genetics of Sioux Center, Iowa.

For more information log on to www.angusfoundation.org.



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Foundation kicks off Annual Fund this month

Active members of the American Angus Association will once again want to participate in the Angus Foundation's Annual Fund "The Power of One Vision" campaign. Information will be in mailboxes the first part of November. Your gift to the Angus Foundation will help to ensure we meet our Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus goal of \$11 million by Dec. 11, 2011. Gifts mailed, postmarked or otherwise delivered by Dec. 31 qualify for 2007 tax deductions as allowed by law.

Gifts of cash or by check are the most popular giving methods. Cash gifts make it possible to eliminate or reduce income tax on up to 50% of your adjusted gross income.

For more information go to www.angusfoundation.org.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

Every year, the Angus Foundation selects one participant to sponsor on the Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) tour. The tour and conference, which begins in Denver and proceeds across the country to Washington, D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year, and all participants must be nominated by one of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) affiliate organizations.

Sponsorship by the Foundation covers flight costs and registration fees. Incidental costs and meals are not covered by the Foundation sponsorship.

The applicant must be between the ages of 25 and 50 and must be an active member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the American Angus Association. This will be the sixth year that the Angus Foundation has provided this opportunity to an Association member.

Applications for the 2008 YCC are available on the Angus Foundation web site, www.angusfoundation.org, and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 4, 2008.

Angus Foundation announces graduate student scholarship program

The Angus Foundation announces a new graduate student scholarship program. To foster the advancement of education, youth and research, the Angus Foundation will

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

Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing

advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation graduate student scholarship application and guidelines will be made available Dec. 1, 2007, at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline will be May 1, 2008. For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

