



# Association Highlights

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## Boot Camp approaching quickly

Two Cattlemen's Boot Camps are scheduled for fall and winter 2008. The Boot Camps, hosted by the American Angus Association and funded through the Angus Foundation, are two-day educational sessions conducted in coordination with major universities across the country.

Texas A&M University (TAMU) is hosting a Boot Camp Aug. 22-23 at the TAMU Beef Center in College Station. The registration deadline is Aug. 8.

The Kansas State University Boot Camp, originally set for mid-October, will be postponed until December due to tornado



damage to Weber Hall and the meats lab. Registration, covering meals and materials, is \$75 for either camp. Preregistration is required. For more information about these and future Boot Camps, contact Monica Jordan at 816-383-5100.

## Register now for the 2008 NAC&T

Don't miss the early registration deadline for the 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T), set for Oct. 7-9 in Oklahoma City. Register by Sept. 1 to receive the preregistration rate of just \$75.

"An Angus Gathering" will be hosted by the Oklahoma Angus Association and will include a daylong conference and two days of tours. Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health are the major partners for the three-day event.

If you miss the early registration deadline, you can still register until Sept. 15 or on site at the rate of \$125 per person. For more information about the tour stops or speakers, visit [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com).

## Fall sire summary available online

The fall 2008 *Sire Evaluation Report* and the updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) from the latest National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) were released July 13.

To view the latest *Sire Evaluation Report* online, go to [www.angussiresearch.com](http://www.angussiresearch.com). Printed copies are expected in the Association offices by mid-August. In addition to the online and printed versions, the report is available on CD for \$25.

## Delegate ballots due Aug. 19

All ballots to nominate state delegates for the 125th Annual Convention of Delegates must be received at the American Angus Association by Aug. 19 in order to be counted. No late ballots will be accepted. If you haven't mailed yours, please do so as soon as possible.

All ballots must be signed by an active member to be considered valid. Voters should make sure they don't exceed the allotted number of votes per state, which is listed at the top of the ballot. Ballots with more votes than allowed per state will be null and void.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the Annual Convention Nov. 17 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

## Summer show photos available

Any youth who competed in a junior Angus show this summer where an Association representative took photographs will receive one complimentary color 5x7 photograph in the mail. Those photos are also e-mailed to each member's local media.

Anyone who would like to order additional photos, from either a junior or open show, can do so by contacting the Association's Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or by sending an e-mail to [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org).

## 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		

## American Royal announces Angus changes

Angus exhibitors will want to note changes to the American Royal schedule later this fall. The junior heifer and the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus shows will both take place Friday, Oct. 31, rather than on two separate days as in the past. The junior show will begin at 8 a.m., with the Super-Point ROV Show to follow.

Also, the entry deadline for both open and junior cattle has moved to Sept. 10. Watch [www.americanroyal.com](http://www.americanroyal.com) for more information.

## Start planning for 2008 Annual Convention

The Association Annual Convention of Delegates will be conducted in conjunction with the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. Angus events in Louisville begin Sunday, Nov. 16, with the junior Angus show, educational programs for breeders and the open forum for candidates and delegates. A special celebration to commemorate the Association's 125th Anniversary will also take place.

The open bull show and the Annual Convention will be Monday, Nov. 17. The Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show. All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Executive West Hotel.

Look for a more detailed schedule of events and additional information in the future.

## Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Those Association members who have expressed an interest in seeking a position on the Board of Directors should submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Associate Editor Crystal Albers at [calbers@angusjournal.com](mailto:calbers@angusjournal.com) by Aug. 15. All bios and photos submitted by the deadline will be published in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention of Delegates in November.

If you have any questions, call Albers at 816-383-5215.

## Consign bulls to the NWSS Bull Sale

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2009 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Thursday, Jan. 15.

The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15 is \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$450 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information to be eligible.

## ► BREEDER'S REFERENCE

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association, a "Breeder's Reference" is published periodically in the *Angus Journal* to inform breeders of cattle determined free of genetic defects, those determined carriers of genetic defects or genetic factors, and those determined carriers of nontraditional blood. The following is a list of animals reported to the Association May 20, 2008, through June 16, 2008.

### CLASS II DEFECTS

*Cows identified as carriers of the red color gene (R):*

- **JMN Barbara 720** (15826095), born Feb. 9, 2007
- **JMN Etta Gold 727** (15828335), born Feb. 11, 2007
- **JMN Sabel 759** (15826117), born Feb. 16, 2007

*Bulls tested free of PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism (FD2) by DNA test:*

- **Moderator PC 4034** (12532972), born March 2, 1994
- **TQ Masterpiece G54M** (14213888), born April 3, 2002
- **CM Morgan 687M** (14317631), born March 12, 2002
- **RF Shock N Awe GT102 404** (14701699), born March 3, 2004

*Bulls tested free of the red color gene (FR):*

- **TC Dividend 963** (11300151), born Feb. 18, 1989
- **BT Dividend 627J** (13555742), born Sept. 5, 1999
- **Diamond Max 568T** (15768841), born Jan. 25, 2007

*Cows tested free of the red color gene (FR):*

- **JMN Brandy 776** (15826132), born Feb. 19, 2007
- **JMN Sabel 793** (15826146), born March 6, 2007

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2007, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for nonparent sires.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846 or [dgazda@angus.org](mailto:dgazda@angus.org). For entry forms contact Linda Campbell at 816-383-5143 or [lcampbell@angus.org](mailto:lcampbell@angus.org).

## Junior show changes at NWSS

Junior Angus exhibitors will want to note that the ownership and entry deadline to the junior Angus heifer show at the NWSS is Nov. 20. No late entries are accepted.

Also, a senior yearling division has been added to the junior show. For more information about the NWSS, visit [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).

## Junior deadlines for the fall

- Sept. 1 is the entry deadline for the American Royal junior Angus show.
- Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.
- Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

## Old West Magic set for this month

Aug. 30 marks the evening of "That Old West Magic — A Saturday Night at Prosperity Junction." Hosted by Bob Funk

of Express Ranches, the Angus Foundation's exciting gala and auction is set to take place at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla. Breathtaking art exhibits and authentic Western entertainment await you!

Invitations were mailed mid-July, and the Angus Foundation asks for your reply by Aug. 8. Seating is limited, so the favor of a prompt reply is necessary. For more information about this exciting event, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100 or visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

## API providing online coverage of BIF meeting

Visit [www.bifconference.com](http://www.bifconference.com) for Angus Productions Inc.'s (API's) online coverage of the 40th annual Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) meeting and research symposium. This year's conference, "Beef Beyond Borders," was in Calgary, Alta., Canada, June 30-July 3.

Attracting the leading minds in beef cattle production, academia and industry, BIF participants gathered to share the latest research and innovations contributing to ongoing advancements in beef production and honor leaders in beef cattle improvement.

This is the seventh year API has provided online coverage of the event. This year's coverage was made possible through the generous support and sponsorship of BioZyme Inc. and its long-standing commitment to Angus producers and the Angus Foundation

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### Auxiliary information requested

State auxiliaries and members from throughout the country are encouraged to send any auxiliary-related photos, news articles, newsletters, programs, etc., to American Angus Auxiliary Historian Lois Foster. Each year an outstanding scrapbook is compiled that features Auxiliary news and activities from across the nation. Please submit information by Oct. 1 to Foster at 11893 M-140, Niles, MI 49120.

### American Angus Auxiliary membership

There is still time to renew your annual membership or to become a new member of the American Angus Auxiliary. Annual membership costs \$10, and life memberships are \$100.

The Auxiliary offers individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities. If you are interested in helping support Angus youth and their activities, promoting the Angus breed, meeting new people, and having fun, the Auxiliary wants you to join their team.

Membership forms are available at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com), from any of the national officers, or from Membership Chairwoman Pam Patterson at 123 Patterson Ranch Rd., Columbus, MT 59019. A membership form is also available in the 2008 *Resource Edition* accompanying this August *Angus Journal*.

### The gift of the horse

The American Angus Auxiliary is honored to have "Blue," a May 2006 gelding, donated to them by Sheri Spader of Spader Farms in recognition of her late husband Richard "Dick" Spader's love for Angus youth, Angus cattle and good horses.

Blue is sired by Blue Max Hancock and will be auctioned off in the Trowbridge Family and Friends Sale at the Brown Palace in January during the 2009 NWSS in Denver, Colo. The proceeds will be used for college scholarships and awards for Angus youth. Blue is currently in training with Rich Masoner, API Web Services manager.

More information is available on the Auxiliary web site at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).



# Your Input Needed

Dear *Angus Journal* Subscriber:

In your September issue of the *Angus Journal*, you will receive a request to complete a brief questionnaire for a research project being conducted by the University of Arkansas under the direction of Angus Productions Inc. (API).

The intent of the study is to better understand the needs and expectations of *Angus Journal* subscribers in an effort to redesign and refocus the *Angus Journal*. Results from the four-part questionnaire will be used to determine reader habits and expectations, and to identify potential improvements and future direction for the magazine. By more fully understanding these issues, we will be able to identify improvements needed in the publication.

Please take time to complete the questionnaire when you receive it.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important research. It is through people like you that API will continue to provide a successful product to meet your needs and expectations.

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