



# Association Highlights

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## Plan to attend Angus Outreach Seminars

Only two Angus Outreach Seminars are left on the schedule, including March 8 in Cullman, Ala., and May 3 in Winchester, Va. The seminars feature informational sessions about two of the Association's newest features, AngusSource and \$Value Indexes (\$F, \$G, \$B). All members are encouraged to attend and talk with Association staff about American Angus Association programs and ways the Association can best serve members now and in the future.

For specific times and meeting locations, go to [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or contact Matt Perrier, director of commercial programs, at (816) 383-5118 or [mperrier@angus.org](mailto:mperrier@angus.org).

## Members can request electronic registrations

Any Association member can now request that all new registration certificates processed

for his or her member code be stored electronically by the Association. This option is available via AAA Login, the Association's online system for providing member services.

Once this option is set for a member, future registration certificates for the specified member code will be automatically stored electronically. However, each registration application will provide an option to override the customer default to have that individual certificate printed, if necessary. Once the certificate is printed, the electronically stored data will be flagged and cannot be electronically transferred. Regular registration fees will apply to both printed and electronically stored registrations.

If a member decides later that one or more electronically stored registration certificates need to be printed, he or she can request the certificates using AAA Login. Papers will be printed and mailed at no charge. The original

registration file must be paid in full before this service will be provided.

When transfers of paper or electronic certificates are processed, any buyer that has indicated they prefer certificates be stored electronically will not receive a printed paper. Only registrations that are stored electronically can be transferred electronically.

If you have questions about this new service, contact the Member Services Department at (816) 383-5100 or see "Expanding Angus Online" on pages 157-159 of the February 2004 *Angus Journal*.

## Plan to attend events in Reno

The 2004 Western National Angus Futurity and 2004 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are approaching quickly. The events are set for April 23-25 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 reservations call 1-800-648-1177. Identify yourself as part of the Western National Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates, which are \$78 for Hotel Tower, \$58 for Courtyard and \$29 for Roof Gardens. All reservations must be made before April 5 to ensure availability.

## Affiliates receive EPD updates

Several weeks ago, Angus affiliates, or individuals who are not members of the Association but 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 ownerships. This service is one of the benefits affiliates receive when their Angus seedstock suppliers transfer the ownership of bulls into their names.

Approximately 35,000 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 American Angus Association accompanies the update, thanking producers for their purchases of Angus bulls and outlining commercial services provided by the Association.

The mailing of EPD updates is designed to increase the service to commercial users of registered Angus genetics and to increase the

## 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		

value of these bulls' properly transferred registration certificates. Special thanks go to Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., our corporate partner on the 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.

### **Angus Foundation Heifer Package raises \$55,000**

Mountain Meadow Cattle Co., Walden, Colo., and Sterling Hunter, Bath, Mich., purchased the 2004 Angus Foundation Heifer Package that sold Jan. 15 during Angus activities at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont., donated BT Everelda Entense 51N, a January 2003 daughter by BT Everelda Entense 65J and sired by Twin Valley Precision E161, to headline the package.

For more information, see page 138 in the NWSS coverage in this issue.

### **Sire Evaluation Report available**

Printed copies of the American Angus Association's Spring 2004 *Sire Evaluation Report* are still available. To request a printed report, or a quantity to have available at your spring sale, call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at [bschafer@angus.org](mailto: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).

### **Look for delegate petitions in the mail soon**

Preparations are already being made for the 2004 Annual Meeting this November in Louisville, Ky. The first step of the democratic election process will take place this month with the mailing of nomination petitions to every Association member. Members can use the petitions to nominate state delegates for the 2004 Annual Meeting.

As a member, you can nominate any one member from your respective state, including yourself. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the Annual 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, don't set it aside — send it in right away. June 30 isn't far away.

### **Report new association officers**

All state, local and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officers to the Communications and Public Relations Department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are included on the Association Web site and in the July *Angus Journal 2004 Resource Edition*. Listings will include association name, current officers, addresses, phone numbers and Web sites, 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 state, local and regional Angus associations. This information can be accessed by thousands of visitors each month at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### **Association videos now available on DVD**

Two of the educational videos offered by the Association are now available on DVD. Selections include "You be the Judge" and "Fit to Show," which are targeted to youth audiences. Additional selections will be offered at a later date.

To request a video on VHS or DVD, contact the Association's Communications and Public Relations Department.

### **Dates set for 2004 National Angus Conference**

Now is the time to include the 2004 National Angus Conference and Tour on your fall schedule. The event will take place Sept 14-17 in Roanoke, Va.

The historic Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center will serve as headquarters for the event. The program will include an educational conference with featured beef industry speakers, followed by a tour of Angus herds hosted by the Virginia Angus Association.

A committee of breeders from the Virginia Angus Association will be planning and hosting the tour, which will showcase purebred herds, commercial operations and historic sites.

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. Although 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) 548-3282 or [bobbi@epix.net](mailto:bobbi@epix.net).

### **Association can help with junior transfers**

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadline for a specific show is 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.

