



Association Highlights

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AHIR deadline is May 28

May 28 is the deadline for submitting records for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates data for the fall 2004 *Sire Evaluation Report*. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department.

Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state at the 2004 American Angus Association Annual Meeting, set for Monday, Nov. 15, in Louisville, Ky.

Each active Association member should have received a nomination petition in the

mail and may nominate one member. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members later this summer for the final selection of delegates. Nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30 to be included on the final ballot.

It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. In some cases, that person could be you, so don't hesitate to nominate yourself.

If you're a new member, make plans to attend the Annual Meeting to learn more about the business of your Association. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock

Exposition (NAILE), which is the site of one of the five Angus Roll of Victory (ROV) Super-Point shows.

Missouri to host NJAS

Summer is just a few short weeks away, and that means that Angus youth and their parents will soon be on their way to the 2004

National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This year's event is set for July 12-17 at the American Royal Exposition Center, Kansas City, Mo.



For more information, refer to page 70 in this issue or contact the Junior Activities Department. Complete rules for all of the contests are available online at www.njas.info.

ASSOCIATION FEES

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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		

Tee off at fourth annual golf tournament

If you're planning to attend the NJAS, don't forget to bring your golf clubs. Whether you're an amateur or an avid golfer, you'll want to participate in the fourth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. The event will take place Tuesday, July 13, at the Shiloh Springs Golf Club in Platte City, Mo.

The event will begin at 6:30 a.m. and includes 18 holes of golf for all players. A lunch will be served afterward, and awards will be given. The entry fee is \$100 for adults and \$75 for National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members. Teams will consist of four players, and awards will be given for the longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin and others.

Tournament sponsors and award donors are needed for this event. Hole sponsorships are \$250, and other sponsorships are available as well. All proceeds from the event benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

For more information about playing, signing up a team or becoming a sponsor, contact the Junior Activities Department.

LEAD Conference planned for Pennsylvania

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being an NJAA member. One event that allows members to do just that is the annual NJAA

Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, set for July 29-Aug. 1 in Hershey, Pa.

All juniors age 14 and older are eligible to participate. This year's theme is "Achieving Sweet Success." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and explore the historic area.

Registration materials can be found in the entry booklet that was distributed to all active juniors earlier in the year. Request materials by contacting the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njaa.info. Registration is \$175 for juniors and advisors until June 15, the early registration deadline. After that date, registration will be \$200.

Juniors can submit show entries online

Junior members can save their parents a stamp this spring by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to www.njaa.info and provide the necessary information, as well as a Visa or MasterCard number to cover entry and bedding fees.

Online entries are available for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Raleigh, N.C.; the North Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in West Fargo, N.D.; the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in Prineville, Ore.; the Southwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in Tyler, Texas; and the NJAS in Kansas City, Mo.

Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via the mail, so don't let time slip up on you. As always, no late entries are accepted for any reason.

Need help with junior transfers?

Juniors who have not received the transfer

paper on a purchased heifer should contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the ownership deadline of a particular show. The staff will make every attempt to get the animal transferred on time. Keep in mind that late transfers for shows are never accepted. Please contact the Association before it's too late.

National Angus Conference coming in fall

In just a few short months breeders will be making their way to the 2004 National Angus Conference and Tour, which is set for Sept. 14-17 in Roanoke, Va. A program of top beef industry speakers will highlight the one-day conference, and the Virginia Angus Association will host a two-day tour that will feature Angus herds from across the state.

Look for more information to be posted soon at www.angus.org.

Silent auction will support youth

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Kansas City. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

Many valuable items and collectibles will be up for grabs. Semen packages, pieces of fine art and Angus crafts are just a few of the unique items shoppers will find.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate two items to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. As an incentive, a donation of \$100 will be made to the state association that donates the highest-selling item to the auction. To donate an item, contact the Junior Activities Department.



Make note of junior deadlines

A summer full of junior Angus activities is first preceded by many deadlines for entries, contests and awards. Make note of these deadlines, as no late entries are accepted for any reason. If you have questions, contact the Junior Activities Department.

- ▶ Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA scholarship applications due
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- ▶ NJAS ownership deadline
- ▶ All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Regional Preview ownership deadline
- ▶ Entry deadline for the Eastern Regional and the Northwest, North Central and Southwest regional previews

- ▶ NJAS entry deadline
- ▶ Entry deadline for NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests
- ▶ Entry and recipe deadline for All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off
- ▶ Outstanding Leadership Award applications due

- ▶ Deadline for submitting names of candidates and delegates for NJAA elections
- ▶ LEAD Conference early registration deadline
- ▶ Deadline for submitting contestants for National Angus Showmanship Contest