



# Association Highlights

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## Fall NCE released this month

The release of the fall 2005 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is scheduled for this month. Watch for new performance data to be posted online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) by July 11.

## Free electronic certificate conversion available

In 2004, an electronic method to submit applications for transfers of registration was implemented by the American Angus Association. Registration certificates that are electronically stored can be electronically transferred through AAA Login and Angus Information Management Software (AIMS).

Conversion of printed registration certificates to electronic storage generally costs \$2, but for a limited time the Association is offering a free conversion period. Members wishing to convert

registration papers to electronic storage should send the papers to the Association between June 1 and Sept. 1, 2005.

Although electronic storage can be an efficient way to manage cattle within your herd, anyone exhibiting cattle at an Association-sponsored show must still carry the original registration paper with them.

## Order Black Books now

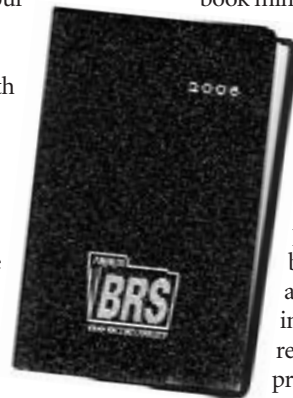
Now is the time to place your order for the 2006 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource<sup>SM</sup> Black Book. The pocket-sized book includes a 2006 calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The books make a great promotional tool or gift to commercial bull buyers. You can

custom-order your books for \$2.50 each, which includes your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped on the back cover. Custom orders require a 100-

book minimum order. Smaller

quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover are also available for \$2.50 each.



BioZyme is a major partner in the production of these books, and a VitaFerm® ad will appear on the inside front cover, which reduces costs to producers.

Custom orders must be placed by July 15. To place orders contact Brenda Schafer at [bschafer@angus.org](mailto:bschafer@angus.org) or contact the Commercial Programs Department at the Association. Books will be shipped to you by Nov. 15 — just in time to distribute to your customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

## Angus to be featured on RFD-TV

The Angus breed will be featured on "The Cattle Show" on RFD-TV, DirecTV channel 379 and Dish Network channel 9409, later this month. The 30-minute program will feature producers talking about the advantages of Angus genetics and Association programs.

Tentative air times and dates for the program are: 8 p.m. CST Tuesday, July 26; 4 a.m. and noon Wednesday, July 27; and 10 p.m. Sunday, July 31. For more information, see "Lights, Camera, Angus" on page 51.

## BIF coverage online

For those who couldn't attend the 2005 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) conference in Billings, Mont., you can view highlights at [www.bifconference.com](http://www.bifconference.com). Angus Productions Inc. (API) is providing online coverage of the July 6-9 event. Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., the site features synopses of general sessions and committee meetings along with audio, PowerPoint® presentations and proceedings

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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		

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if available; announcements of the 2005 award honorees; and coverage of the accompanying tour.

### Delegate ballots due Aug. 16

All forms to nominate state delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates have been returned to the Association, and ballots that will be used to vote for those nominees will be prepared and mailed to all active members this month. All ballots must be received at the Association before Aug. 16 in order to be counted.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the Annual Convention Nov. 14 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

### Association offers RFID tag option

The Association has introduced two radio frequency identification (RFID) tag options for cattle producers. Any producer wanting to take advantage of the efficiency available with RFID tags can use the Beef Improvement Records (BIR) tag, available in RFID matched-pair sets and RFID tag-only options.

All RFID tags available through the Association are high-quality Allflex half-duplex RFID tags. The number "burned" into the RFID is printed on the outside of the RFID tag. The BIR logo is printed on the RFID male piece.

Producers may order a matched pair, which includes the RFID tag and a visual tag. The BIR visual tag is yellow in color and comes stamped with the BIR logo, a 15-digit unique animal number that matches the RFID tag and customized management codes chosen by the producer.

The RFID tags are available for \$2.25 each, with a minimum order of 20. RFID-matched-pair sets are \$3.25 each, with a minimum order of 20.

Producers interested in ordering BIR tags can do so online at [www.angusonline.org/store](http://www.angusonline.org/store) or by contacting the Association.

### Field day kits available

Summer days are the perfect time for Angus breeders to gather at field days and tours. The Association communications

### Register for National Conference & Tour

The 2005 National Angus Conference & Tour is Sept. 27-29 in Kansas City, Mo. See the insert in this month's *Angus Journal* for specific details.

Registration is \$75 prior to Aug. 15 and includes the conference program, meals and bus transportation during the tour. Purina Mills LLC is the major sponsor of this year's event, which includes Web coverage at [www.angusjournal.com/nationalconference](http://www.angusjournal.com/nationalconference).



team offers free field day kits for individuals hosting these events.

The kits contain regular and junior membership applications, quantities of the Association's most popular brochures, and a variety of Angus promotional posters.

Kits can be requested at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) by clicking on "Angus Info," then "Literature," or by contacting Lea Ann Maudlin at [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org) or (816) 383-5100. Be sure to include your name, shipping address, phone number and member code when making your request, and allow two weeks for delivery.

### NJAS is happening this month

Angus youth across the country are gearing up for the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) scheduled for July 17-23 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Complex in Denver, Colo.

A schedule of events was published in the May *Angus Journal*. Events taking place during the week are also available online at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

If you can't attend this year's event, you can track daily activities at [www.angusjournal.com/njas](http://www.angusjournal.com/njas).

### Bid at the Angus Foundation Silent Auction

A silent auction, featuring a variety of Angus treasures, will be conducted during the NJAS in Denver. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation.

Many valuable items and collectibles will be up for grabs. All state junior associations are encouraged to donate items to the auction, and donations from individuals are also accepted. Donations will be accepted until Monday, July 18, at the NJAS.

The Angus Foundation is a not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association that supports programs involving

education, youth and research in the Angus breed and the ag industry. For more information on the silent auction or the Angus Foundation, visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) or contact Milford Jenkins, director of development for the Angus Foundation, at (816) 383-5100 or [mjenkins@angusfoundation.com](mailto:mjenkins@angusfoundation.com).

### Register now for LEAD

The Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference is next month in Boise, Idaho. Junior Angus members 14-21 years old are encouraged to attend this event, Aug. 4-7.

The early registration deadline has passed, but if space is available, you can still sign up. Registration fees are \$200, and space is limited, so act now. For more information or to register, contact the Junior Activities Department.

### Junior deadlines for American Royal, North American

The ownership deadline is Aug. 1 for the Angus junior shows at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., and at the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. The junior exhibitor must be the sole owner of the animal by Aug. 1, as listed on the certificate. To be eligible to show, issue dates on the certificates must be Aug. 1 or earlier.

The entry deadline for the American Royal has changed to Sept. 1. All cattle for both junior and open shows at the American Royal have to be in place at the same designated time. Junior cattle do not have a later arrival as in past years. Cattle entered in the junior show only will still be released at the conclusion of the junior show.

The NAILE entry deadline is Oct. 1. No late entries for either show will be accepted.

