



Association Highlights

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Fall Sire Summary available online

Updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) and \$Value indexes from the latest National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) were released July 11. To view the latest Sire Evaluation Report online, go to www.angussiresearch.com.

Members should have received a blue postcard in the delegate ballot mailing in July. Return this postcard to the American Angus Association to request the fall 2005 and spring 2006 reports in print. You can also request a printed version by contacting Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.

Free electronic certificate conversion available

In 2004, an electronic method to submit applications for transfers of registration was

implemented by the 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 costs just \$2, but for a limited time, the Association is offering a free conversion period.

Members need to send all their registration papers to the Association and indicate they would like to store the papers electronically. From June 1 to Sept. 30, this service is available at no cost.

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



National Angus Conference & Tour Sept. 27-29

Start finalizing your plans to attend the 2005 National Angus Conference & Tour, Sept. 27-29 in Kansas City, Mo. Early registration is due Aug. 15 to attend the event, themed "Show Me the Future."

The event features some of the industry's top speakers, as well as overviews of Association programs. The tour will stop at three Missouri operations and the headquarters of the American Angus Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API). In addition, the Missouri Angus Association is inviting all Missouri breeders to display cattle at one unique stop.

A special insert featuring a registration form and conference schedule, as well as information on speakers and tour stops, was included in the July *Angus Journal*. You can also register online at www.angus.org. Register before the Aug. 15 early registration deadline for a rate of \$75; registration will be \$100 thereafter.

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Members who want to announce their candidacies for the American Angus Association Board of Directors in the October *Angus Journal* must submit their biographical information and photographs to Editor Shauna Rose Hermel, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506, by Aug. 15. For more information contact Hermel at (816) 383-5270 or shermel@angusjournal.com.

Cattlemen's Boot Camp scheduled

The American Angus Association is partnering with Colorado State University

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		

(CSU) to conduct the first-ever Angus Foundation-sponsored Cattlemen's Boot Camp. The event is set for Oct. 20-21 at the CSU Agricultural Research, Development and Education Center (ARDEC).

The Boot Camp is designed for newer producers, and space is limited to the first 150 producers. Interactive learning sessions and industry experts will provide information about marketing, breeding and selection.



Registrations, which cost just \$75 per person, are due to the Association by Oct. 7. For more information see page 212 and log on to www.angus.org.

BLS offers marketing opportunity

The Bull Listing Service (BLS) is one option for those producers who are looking for an economical way to promote their bulls for sale. BLS is available to all producers who have registered Angus bulls for sale, but it was designed with small- and mid-size producers in mind.

BLS is accessible online at www.angus.org/bls and lists bulls, along with their pedigrees and performance information, for a 90-day period. A minimal fee is charged for the service: \$7 per head for 1-10 bulls; \$5 per head for 11-99 bulls and just \$4 per head for more than 100 bulls. The service offers breeders with a few head of bulls an inexpensive marketing tool. BLS also offers those breeders with upcoming production sales another way to promote their offerings.

Summer show photos available

Any youth who competed this summer in a junior Angus show where an Association representative took photographs will receive one complimentary color 5x7-inch photo in the mail. Those photos are also e-mailed to members' local hometown newspapers.

Anyone who would like to order additional photos can do so by contacting the Association's communications department at (816) 383-5100 or prphotos@angus.org.

Angus Education Center available

The Angus Education Center is your online resource for educational materials. These interactive modules, brochures and handouts offer information on programs and services offered by the Association.

Visit www.angus.org/AngusEducation.html to learn more about registering cattle, the AIMS program and permanent identification (ID). And, check back often for other enhancements and additions to the site.

Start planning for 2005 Annual Convention

The Association Annual Convention of Delegates will be conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Events begin Sunday, Nov. 13, with the Angus junior show, an educational program for breeders and the open forum for candidates and delegates. The open bull show and the Annual Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 14, and the Annual Banquet will take place 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 upcoming issues of the *Angus Journal*.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 16

All ballots to nominate state delegates for the 2005 Convention of Delegates must be received at the American Angus Association by Aug. 16 in order to be counted. No late ballots will be accepted. If you haven't mailed yours, please do so as soon as possible.

Sale deadlines for NWSS

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2006 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15 is \$300 per

head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$350 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) performance information to be eligible.

For more information contact the sale managers, John Dickinson at jdickinson@angus.org or David Gazda at dgazda@angus.org, or contact Linda Campbell at the Association at (816) 383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

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. 1 is the ownership deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

Angus Foundation honored

The Angus Foundation was recognized with two first-place honors at the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) 2005 conference this June in Des Moines, Iowa. The Foundation won first place in the 2005 Publications and Projects competition with its spring 2005 *Foundations for the Future* newsletter in the Alumni and Donor Publications

Category (Department or Unit Newsletter). It also won first place with its "That Old Black Magic" Gala and Auction invitation in the Development Projects Category (Donor Event Materials-Single Piece).

The competition included colleges of agriculture development, alumni, student affairs and volunteer programs from throughout the United States. Shelia Stannard, Callie Meinhardt and Julie McMahon French assisted the Angus Foundation in developing these respective communication pieces.

