

Tuesday



► Angus breeders and friends spend the day playing golf in support of the Angus Foundation. More than \$9,000 were raised to support youth, research and education.



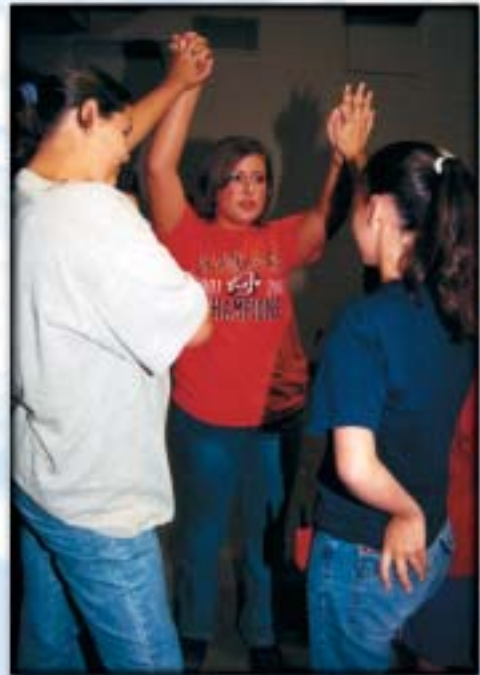
► A steer walks through the scales Tuesday morning to be weighed for the carcass contest. The steers averaged 1,191 pounds with a 63% dressing percentage.



► State queens gather in front of one of the winner's circles at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. The queen representatives were treated to a traditional Kentucky-style breakfast that included grits and fried ham.



► Junior members play many roles in their skits at the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. The Cook-Off premiered a new division, deli meats, as it celebrated its 20th anniversary in Louisville, Ky.



► Mentors and protégés hold hands in the air, a signal that they have been paired for the mentoring program, which kicked off its second year at the 2003 show. Mentors checked with their protégés throughout the week to help ensure these first-time exhibitors made the most of their experiences.



► Nebraska junior members drizzle chocolate and sprinkle nuts on ice cream sundaes after opening ceremonies. Eighty gallons of vanilla ice cream and 10 gallons of chocolate syrup were served.



► Carcass steers are loaded after opening ceremonies. Data from 37 carcasses were collected before the champion was named.

Thursday

► **Right:** Hoping to place well in the state group, bred-and-owned competition, members set up their cattle for the judge.



► **Above:** Steven Sullivan, Marietta, Ohio, seasons the steaks to perfection for the Grote Texas-style meal, which was served with beans and ice-cold watermelon. Certified Angus Beef LLC donated more than 1,000 pounds of meat for the barbeque.



► **Left:** Younger juniors and their mentors find American Angus Association employees and others to sign autograph books. If they obtained signatures from everyone in the book, they were awarded T-shirts.

► **Right:** Junior members anxiously listen as they are instructed on the rules of the showmanship contest. Fifty-seven showmen, representing 31 states, drew their exhibitor numbers in preparation for the following day's competition.

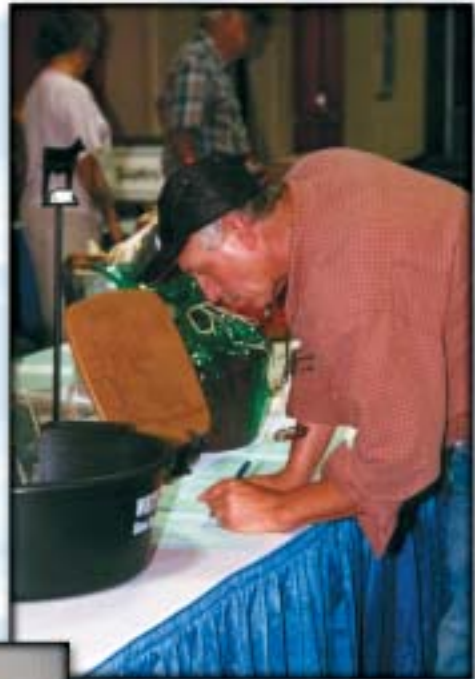




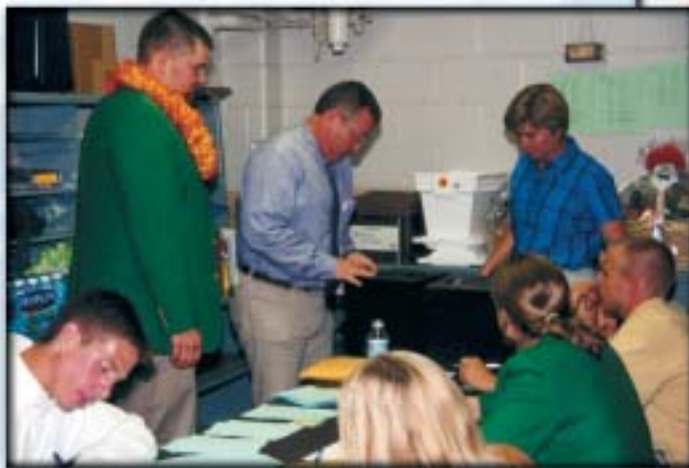
► Members and their families circle the showing to watch a fitting demonstration sponsored by Oster® Professional Products. Oster T-shirts and other souvenirs were thrown to the attentive audience during breaks in the demonstration.



► The buzzer rounds of the quiz bowl reveal the champions in the junior, intermediate and senior divisions. Eight teams in each age division advanced to the buzzer round after taking a written test to qualify.



► An Angus enthusiast signs a bid sheet at the Angus Foundation Silent Auction. The 2003 event yielded the highest amount of donations ever raised by the silent auction to support Angus youth, education and research.



► **Right:** The junior Board works late after the day's events to prepare for the following day. The Board attends meetings while at the show to conduct the business of the National Junior Angus Association.

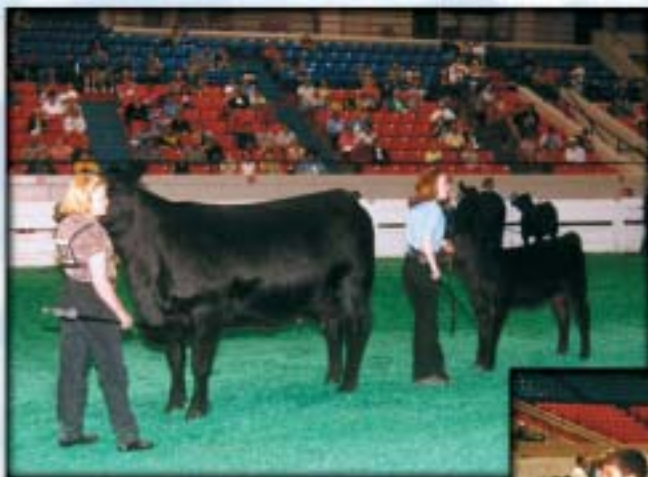
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► The Illinois Junior Angus Association provides doughnuts and cereal to exhibitors. Other groups that sponsored breakfasts throughout the week include the Tennessee Junior Angus Association, the Ohio Angus Association and the Ohio Junior Angus Association, and Sunset Valley Angus.

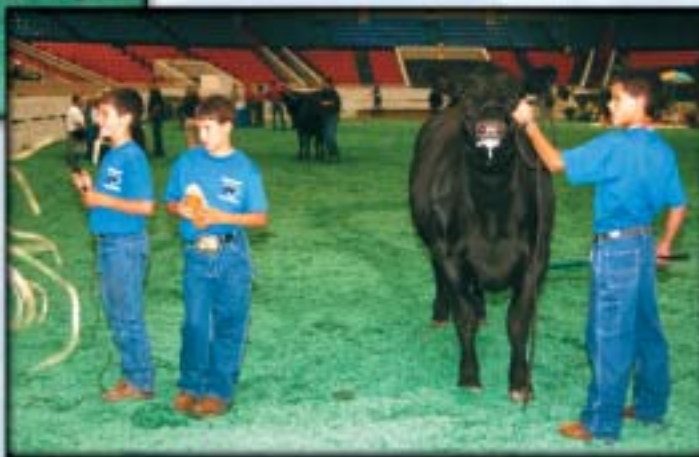


► Junior members prepare their bred-and-owned cow-calf pairs for the show. Juniors exhibited 63 steers, 66 bred-and-owned and owned cow-calf pairs, and 59 bred-and-owned bulls.



► Cow-calf pairs show on the first day of "Kentucky ... Kool As Can Be in 2003." The showing was kept chilly throughout the week, while temperatures outside crept above 90°F.

► **Right:** North Carolina juniors test their salesmanship abilities on a panel of judges. The judges scored team sales contestants on their knowledge of the Angus breed and of the qualities of their animal, as well as their persuasiveness.



Day In, Day Out



► Cattle wait at tie-outs for first light, when their owners will take them back to the barn to be prepped and primped for the ring.



► Photographs by junior members from across the country are displayed at the National Junior Angus Show. More than 350 photos were entered and evaluated by a panel of three judges prior to the event.

► **Right:** Washing heifers is a common sight at the NJAS. Washing makes the heifer's hair easy to work with and helps keep the animal comfortable.



► **Below:** Keeping stalls clean through the week-long show means sweeping a lot of wood chips. State associations were awarded herdsmanship awards at the awards ceremony based in part on their ability to keep stalls clean and neat.



► Junior members and their parents head to tie-outs to bring their cattle into the barns to wash and fit for the show. Trailers were used for the majority of the tie-out areas this year.



► The term “organized chaos” can be used to describe the scene in the fitting area before the show. Chutes, clippers and spray cans line the walls as heifers and steers are prepared to take to the showing.



► Juniors play a game of slapjack to pass the time during a downtime in the show. The barn area stays busy with members preparing for classes or just unwinding.



► Above: Once the heifer is washed, out come the blowers. This process helps train the hair and gets the heifer ready for the show.



► Left: Regional managers Chuck Grove (right) and John Dickinson pull a Gator into the ring to watch the awards ceremony. Several regional managers were on hand throughout the week to keep the show running smoothly.

Saturday




► **Above:** Contestants wait with their owned heifers as the judge makes his decision. Nearly 700 heifers entered the showing, but senior Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan., walked away with the purple banner.



► **Left:** One of three showmanship judges, Jeff Dameron, Brownsburg, Ind., congratulates the top 15 showmen who competed in the showmanship contest. Seth Buckley, White Post, Va., took top showman honors.



► 2002-2003 National Junior Angus Association chairman Mercedes Danekas, Wilton, Calif., picks the lucky winners of a Champion Hill heifer and a Gallagher scale. Tickets were sold throughout the show. 

► After a long week of wins and losses, members and their families pack their tack, pick up their contest entries, load their animals and get set for the drive home.



Opening Ceremonies



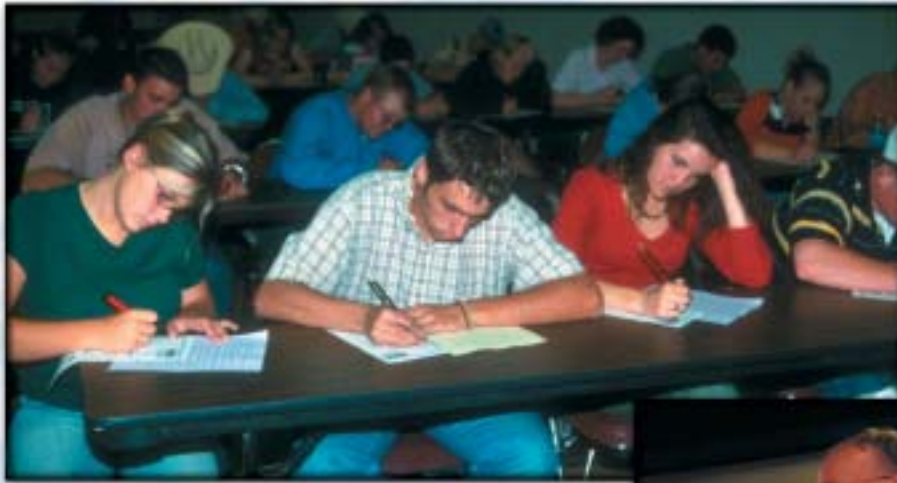
► **Above:** This Tennessee Walker, representing a horse breed common to the region, stands ready to carry the American flag through the ring for the national anthem.



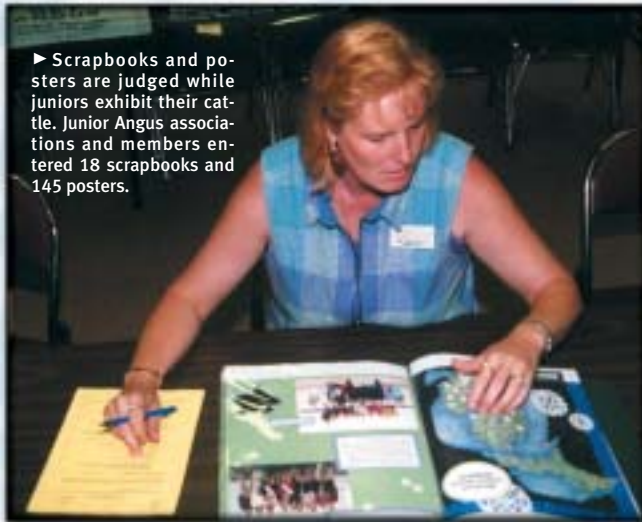
► Junior Angus members have fun while waiting for opening ceremonies to kick off the 2003 National Junior Angus Show in Louisville, Ky. Thirty-five states were represented in the parade of states.

► **Right:** Kentucky juniors toss balls and Frisbees into the crowd during opening ceremonies. The theme for the event was a beach party. Beach chairs and accessories decorated the showing.

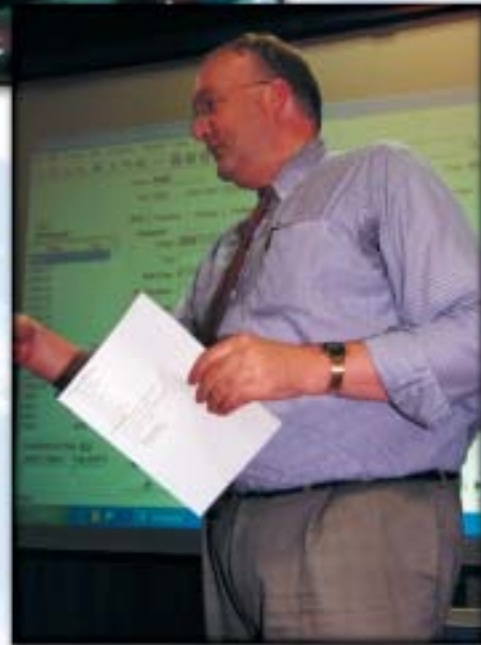




► Juniors remember facts about Angus cattle and the beef industry while taking the quiz to qualify for the quiz bowl competition. Only eight teams in each division — junior, intermediate and senior — qualified for the buzzer round.



► Scrapbooks and posters are judged while juniors exhibit their cattle. Junior Angus associations and members entered 18 scrapbooks and 145 posters.



► Above: Angus Information Management Software Director Scott Johnson provides a 'How To' session for members interested in understanding the recently released version of AIMS software. Johnson was also in charge of putting together a much-acclaimed slide show, which debuted during the awards ceremony Friday evening.



► Left: Iowa junior members talk near their state's display in the barn. Juniors spend a lot of time in the barn resting, fitting cattle and catching up with friends.

Friday



► State junior advisors Frank and Julie Feeser, Taneytown, Md., accept their award for Advisors of the Year from National Junior Angus Association Board member Amy Wolfrey and Junior Activities Director James Fisher. The Feesers were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Maryland Junior Angus Association.



► **Above:** Andy (left) and Mary McCurry (center), Burrton, Kan., are inducted into the Angus Foundation Hall of Fame. Lacey Robinson, 2002-2003 NJAA leadership director, presents the award.



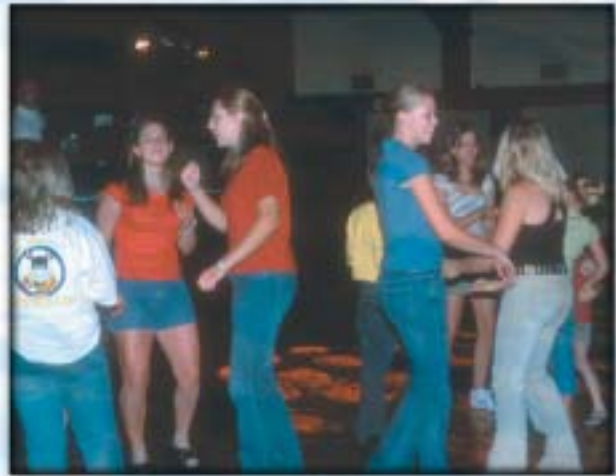
► Phil Trowbridge explains to the crowd his placing of an owned heifer class as it exits the ring. Trowbridge judged the first half of the 697 entries Friday and returned to evaluate the remainder Saturday.

► **Right:** Juniors and their parents enjoy snack food at the socials on Friday evening. A band played for the adults as they talked with Angus friends from across the country.





► **Above:** Juniors bring their cattle in from tie-outs. A long train of Angus cattle could be found making its way to the barns each morning.



► Juniors celebrate and make friends at the social held after the awards ceremony. A disc jockey kept the members on their feet until late in the evening.



► **Right:** Top Angus showmen from across the nation compete in the first round of the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



► Voting delegates cast their votes for new directors to the NJAA Board. Delegates met the candidates running for the Board during the week before making their decisions.

Awards Ceremony



► Eager juniors surround the big screen in anticipation of the annual slide show. Scott Johnson, American Angus Association director of Angus Information Management Software, and Monica Jordan, junior activities assistant, put together the slide show that captured events throughout the week and summarized awards and placings.



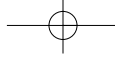
► **Above:** Billy Ray Smith, Kentucky commissioner of agriculture, presents a junior co-chairman of the 2003 National Junior Angus Show a check for \$10,000 in support for the event.



► Sheri Spader presents the Richard L. Spader memorial buckle to Landi McFarland, senior-division extemporaneous speaking winner, during the awards ceremony. Awards were given to members who placed in the numerous character-building competitions held throughout the week.



► **Right:** After a long week, junior members wait for the awards ceremony to begin by catching a little shut-eye.

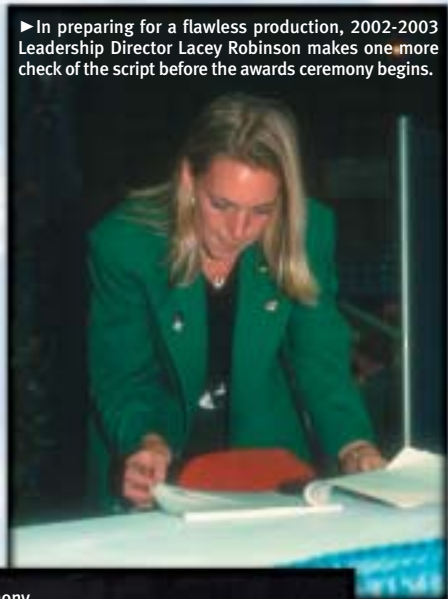


► Junior members are recognized for individual achievement and for being members of a state team that placed. Members of the National Junior Angus Association Board handed out the awards.

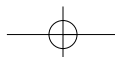


► Travel bags are handed out to the top three winners of each contest at the awards ceremony Friday evening.

► In preparing for a flawless production, 2002-2003 Leadership Director Lacey Robinson makes one more check of the script before the awards ceremony begins.



► Regional managers take down the big screen after the awards ceremony.





► Kentucky Junior Angus members have their hands full making sure all members are "Kool As Can Be" by giving them leis during the parade of states.



► Will Grote, Mason, Texas, thanks everyone for dedicating the 2003 NJAS to his mother, the late Pat Grote. She was recognized for the enthusiasm she shared while dedicating her life to junior Angus members.



► Sheri Spader, master of ceremonies, announces the next state group. After the states paraded through the showing, backdrop photos were taken to commemorate the event.



► Above: 2003 NJAS Co-chairmen Bud and Pam Smith and Charlie and Paula Boyd present Chuck Grove with a commemorative clay plate to thank him for his efforts in helping put together the 2003 NJAS. Grove is the regional manager for Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.



► Right: Dennis Delaney, national accounts manager for the beef division of Biozyme Inc., presents the Angus Foundation with a check for \$5,000. This donation was made as part of the company's continued support of Angus juniors.