



Association Highlights

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National Angus Conference this month

The 2004 National Angus Conference and Tour, "Continuing the Angus Advance," will take place Sept. 14-17 in Roanoke, Va. Those interested in attending may register at the door for \$100.

Information about the conference speakers and the tour is online at www.nationalangusconference.com, the real-time site sponsored by AgriLabs and Titanium® vaccines. Producers can log on to the site to download audio archives, synopses and photos from the event.

In addition to the great lineup of speakers on the conference program, the event will include Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) and Web marketing workshops, followed by a two-day tour hosted by the Virginia Angus Association. Conference events will take place at the Hotel Roanoke. Make hotel reservations by calling 1-866-594-4722.

National Western bull consignments due Oct. 1

Consignors have until Sept. 15 to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2005 National Western Angus 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 final entry deadline of Oct. 1, the fee is \$350 per head. Remember that all consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) performance information to be eligible.

For more information call sale managers John Dickinson at (916) 806-1919 or David Gazda at (706) 227-9098, or contact Linda Campbell at the Association at (816) 383-5143 or lcampbell@angus.org.

Make plans to attend 2004 Annual Meeting

Now is the time to make plans to attend

the Association's Annual Meeting, which is set for Monday, Nov. 15, in Louisville, Ky. The Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), which includes a Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show.

The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting, which is set for 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC). Elected delegates and other attendees will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2004.

The Annual Banquet will be Monday evening at the Executive West Hotel. Special honorees at the banquet will include inductees into the Angus Heritage Foundation and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award winner.

The Angus show schedule will be the same this year as it was last year. The junior show will be Sunday, Nov. 14; the ROV bulls and cow-calf pairs will show Monday, Nov. 15; and ROV females will show Tuesday, Nov. 16.

NAILE exhibitors must enter by Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2004 National Angus Show in conjunction with the NAILE this November, you will want to ensure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium catalogs and entry forms for exhibitors are available by contacting the NAILE office at (502) 595-6367, or by visiting www.livestockexpo.org. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at (502) 367-5299 or entered on the Web site. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Hotel options in Louisville

The Executive West will serve as Angus headquarters for the Annual Meeting and all related events, but rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates, and Association officers and directors. Anyone who doesn't fall into those categories is encouraged to make reservations at these nearby hotels, which are within walking distance of the Executive West.

- Executive Inn — 1-800-626-2706
- Best Western Ashton Inn Suites — (502) 375-2233
- Courtyard by Marriott — (502) 368-5678

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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 delay.

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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- ▶ Residence Inn by Marriott — (502) 363-8800
- ▶ Howard Johnson's Express Inn — (502) 363-9952
- ▶ Hampton Inn — (502) 366-8100
- ▶ Comfort Inn — (502) 361-5008

Bull Listing Service offers marketing alternative

The Association's Bull Listing Service (BLS) offers producers a simple and economical alternative marketing method.

The BLS lists bulls online for a 90-day period. Each listing includes individual genetic and performance information.

The list can be sorted by sire group, expected progeny differences (EPDs) and location, and is accessible at www.angus.org/bls. Designed with small- and mid-sized producers in mind, but available to anyone selling registered Angus bulls, BLS is an inexpensive marketing outlet to producers who have a small number of bulls. Likewise, larger-scale producers can use the service to promote offerings in upcoming sales.

Angus producers can submit listings online. An enrollment form, which can be

submitted by mail or fax, is also available online or through the Commercial Programs Department. A minimal fee is charged for the 90-day listing: \$7 per head for 1-10 bulls, \$5 per head for 11-99 bulls; and \$4 per head for 100 or more bulls.

Don't forget these fall junior deadlines

- ▶ Sept. 20 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.

Order summer show photos now

Summer is over, and it's time to gather photos from all those shows and events for scrapbooks, sale books, and fall and spring advertising. Photos of winning animals and other special awards from all summer shows that were attended by an Association representative are available from the Association or Angus Productions Inc. (API).

Photos are available from the Communications Department from all shows attended by a regional manager or another Association staff member. These photos were likely used for publicity in your local paper and state Angus publication.

Photos are available in sizes ranging from 5×7-inch (in.) to 11×14-in. and are priced affordably. To order, call Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100.

Photos from the Atlantic National, Eastern Regional and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) are available from API. All photos can be viewed and ordered by going to www.angusphotos.com. Photos are available in sizes ranging from 4×6-in. to 12×16-in. To order by phone call Tanya Peebles at (816) 383-5200.

9th World Forum set in March

Angus enthusiasts will want to mark their

calendars for March 16-20, 2005, for the 9th World Forum set in Cape Town, South Africa. The event will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre and includes a conference featuring international speakers, meals, a welcome reception and an "Out of Africa" gala dinner.

A variety of tours will be hosted following the conference, including stops to view Angus farms and native wild game.

Prices shown on the Web site, www.africa-at-leisure.com/angus, are in African Rand (their currency). There is a currency converter link on www.angus.org that can be used to convert to the current U.S. dollar rate. 