

# More Than a

## Angus families gather in Missouri to take part in "Angus and All That Jazz."


The 2004 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Kansas City, Mo., made its mark in Angus history as the second-largest NJAS to date. Just more than 1,200 head exhibited by 681 junior members from 37 states and Canada made the cattle show a highlight of the event.

But the show wasn't just about cattle. James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the American Angus Association, reports that overall participation in the educational contests was the highest ever recorded.

The public speaking contests are fast becoming favorites to enter, with 71 participants in the prepared speaking contest and 65 in the extemporaneous speaking contest. In the "visual" competitions, 159 posters were presented by 104 juniors, 441 photographs were entered

by 178 juniors, 27 entries were judged in the graphic design contest, 18 states brought scrapbooks and six states entered projects completed throughout the year.

Forty-four teams shared their recipes and knowledge of the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand at the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off. Team sales was a popular contest with 32 teams competing for the top title. Just more than 50 juniors shared their stories in the creative writing contest, and 84 contestants participated in the quiz bowl.

The next several pages document the excitement and fun that the world's largest single-breed beef show provides. 

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► **Above:** The showing was decorated with a park-like setting along a street filled with jazz clubs. The Missouri juniors tied the theme "Angus and All That Jazz" with the rich history and culture for which Kansas City, Mo., is famous.

► **Right:** Dennis Delaney, national accounts manager for the beef division of Biozyme Inc., presents the Angus Foundation with a check for \$6,000. The Biozyme and Angus Foundation partnership, established in 2002, recognizes Angus breeders who purchase Biozyme products, with a portion of Biozyme's proceeds going to the Angus Foundation. This year's donation is \$1,000 more than what has been given in the past.



► Quiz bowl participants check the list posting teams that qualified for the final round. The week was packed full of educational contests in which a record number of junior members took part.

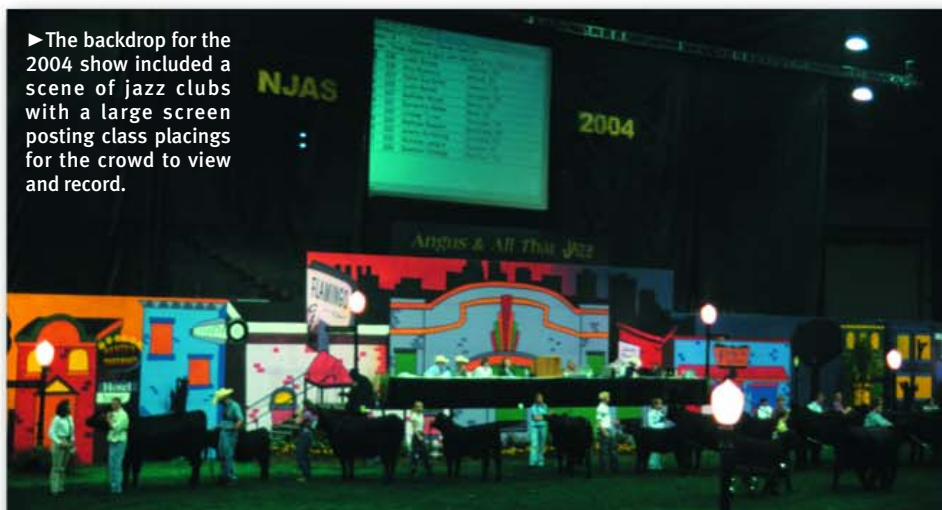


► Junior members traveled from all regions of the United States and Canada to participate in the 2004 event. It was "Kansas City or Bust" for juniors and their family and friends.

# Cattle Show



► Miss American Angus Wravenna Phipps was on hand throughout the week to pass out ribbons. As a leader and role model for the Angus industry, she tries to inspire youth.



► The backdrop for the 2004 show included a scene of jazz clubs with a large screen posting class placings for the crowd to view and record.



► Above: It doesn't take long for juniors to find something to do while waiting to show or participate in contests. Playing cards or sleeping are two popular selections.

► Left: The American Royal grounds received several inches of rain early Friday morning. The tieout area and drainage areas around the buildings couldn't handle the downpour, causing several pools and small streams to become obstacles for exhibitors.



► NJAS attendees were provided many meals throughout the week. The Grote Texas-style meal provides all the fixings, including Texas-style beans served from a deep pot.

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