

Way Out West

Juniors congregate in Denver, Colo., for the 2005 National Junior Angus Show.

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Members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) met in Denver, Colo., July 17-23 for the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), themed “Way Out West.” In addition to being the largest single-breed cattle show in the world, the event boasts a broad array of contests and educational venues. In the following pages, the *Angus Journal* gives you a glimpse of the week’s activities.



► **Above:** Pro Rodeo Announcer Hadley Barrett of Kersey, Colo., narrated the opening ceremonies Monday evening.



► Performers from the One-Arm Bandit & Co., Shidler, Okla., showed the crowd how to corral a set of longhorn steers atop a gooseneck trailer.



► Arkansas juniors prepare for the parade of states during opening ceremonies Monday evening.

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► Juniors bring their cattle into the barn, ready to begin a busy day.



Nicole Jorgensen, 16, Culver, Ore.
Number of times to NJAS: 1
2005 NJAS activities: Public speaking, team sales, Queens' Tea, showed heifer and cow-calf pair

What do you think of your first NJAS?

"I've been planning this for the past year and a half. Because of the distance to NJAS, we haven't gone in the past. It is even better than I thought it would be. It has been fun meeting lots of people. Being in the ring and showing my cattle was my favorite part."

Will you come to another NJAS?

"I would like to go again next year. My goal is to someday run for Miss American Angus and possibly the junior Angus board. I'm also involved in FFA and hope to run for state office. Being involved in NJAS activities is a great experience toward those goals."



► Bidding opened Tuesday for the Silent Auction. By the conclusion of the show, more than \$9,900 was raised for the Angus Foundation.



► Contests are the main venue Tuesday. Contestants answer judges' questions after giving prepared speeches. Other contests Tuesday included Cook-Off, poster, scrapbook and project of the year, as well as the written test for the quiz bowl competition.

Joe Skinner, 15, Kuna, Idaho
Number of times to NJAS: 2
2005 NJAS activities: Showed one steer and two heifers

What was your favorite part of the week?

"I like working with the cattle and fitting them for show. My favorite thing to do is being in the showing. This is a great opportunity to gain experience for other shows, and you meet a lot of new people."

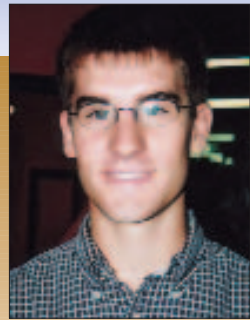


► During Tuesday afternoon's showmanship clinic, Chermie Viator of Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, provides tips ranging from what to wear in the showing to how to set your animal's feet and how to hold the show halter.



► **Above:** The top 15 showmen competed in the final round of the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest Saturday morning.

► **Right:** NJAA Board member Curtis Bryant (right) explains the procedure for the interview process after the Candidate-Delegate Dinner Wednesday evening. Delegates are given time to visit with each candidate vying for an NJAA Board position. Delegates elected six new Board members Friday afternoon (see page 191).



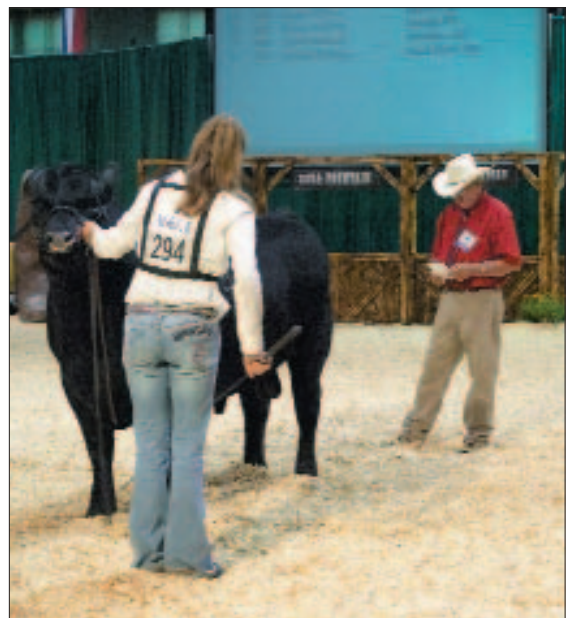
Will Earhart, 17, Verona, VA
Number of times to NJAS: 1
2005 NJAS activities: Team sales, Cook-Off, extemporaneous speaking, quiz bowl, showed one heifer

What do you think of your first NJAS?

“It’s a lot of fun. My favorite event was the Cook-Off. We had fun with our skit, which was based on the TV show *Fear Factor*. I’ve found you can always be doing something different here. You don’t even need to bring cattle to be involved, there are so many different contests. It’s all about meeting new people.”



► Exhibitors take time during the day to prepare tie-outs.



► Judge Vance Uden evaluates entry 294, shown by Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo., during Wednesday’s bred-and-owned bull show.

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► Wyatt Marshall, Burlington, Colo., watches the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Jordan Zachary, 15, Garland, TX
Number of times to NJAS: 1

How did you get involved with NJAA?

"I caught the last calf at the Fort Worth Stock Show calf scramble last year and won \$500 toward the purchase of a heifer. My ag teacher knew the manager at an Angus ranch in Idaho, so he helped me pick out my heifer. My family has commercial cattle, but this heifer is my start into purebred as part of my FFA project."

What do you think of your week in Denver?

"It's been exciting. My heifer was first in her class, which was great. I attended the showmanship and fitting clinic, which I really enjoyed and learned a lot at. For others who have never been to an NJAS event, I'd say, 'Load up and come on. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience.'"



► Photographers line the winners up for a photograph during Friday's awards ceremony.



► Parents and juniors alike showed up in full force Thursday afternoon for the clipping and fitting clinic presented by Kirk Stierwalt.



► John Tucker, representing Biozyme Inc., presents a check for \$7,000 to the Angus Foundation. Pictured are (from left) Tucker and American Angus Association representatives James Fisher and Milford Jenkins. Since 2002, Biozyme has donated a portion of its proceeds to the Angus Foundation to support youth in the junior program.

