



Association Highlights

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2004 Annual Meeting planned

Details are being finalized for the 121st Annual Meeting of the American Angus Association, which is set for Monday, Nov. 15, of the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Angus events at the NAILE, including the 2005 National Angus Show, will take place Nov. 13-16.

For a list of hotels, complete schedule of events and other information, go to page 138 of this issue.

Board candidate profiles in this issue

Profiles of members who have proclaimed their candidacy for election to the Association's Board of Directors can be found beginning on page 146 of this issue.

Delegates to the Association's Annual Meeting will elect five individuals to each serve a three-year term.

Submit performance records by Nov. 12

The deadline for submitting weight records to be included in the Spring 2005 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 12. Please direct questions to Bill Bowman or Brenda Schafer in the Performance Programs Department by calling (816) 383-5100.

Make plans for the NWSS

It's not too soon to start making plans to attend the 2005 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities start Tuesday, Jan. 11, with the

junior heifer show in the Stadium Arena.

The super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) female show will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the Stadium Arena.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 8 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The National Western Angus Bull Sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena with the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The day concludes with the Angus Reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel.

The super-point ROV bull show begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, in the Stadium Arena.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, Angus activities move to the yards with the carload and pen shows at 9 a.m.

Hotel reservations for the NWSS can be made by calling the Marriott City Center Hotel, which serves as Angus headquarters for the event, at (303) 297-1300. A room rate of \$88 plus tax has been negotiated for the Angus group. Reservations must be made by Dec. 20.

NWSS junior deadlines

Nov. 1 is the ownership deadline (issue date) and Nov. 15 is the entry deadline for the junior Angus heifer show at the NWSS. There are no exceptions to these deadlines. If a junior member is having difficulty completing a transfer in time to meet show ownership deadlines, contact the Member Services Department. The Association will do what it can to expedite the process.

Three Trees to donate Foundation Heifer

Three Trees Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga., will donate an outstanding heifer from its 2004 calf crop to highlight the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which will sell Thursday, Jan. 13, before the National Western Bull Sale in Denver, Colo.

All proceeds from the sale of the package benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research. Look for more information online at www.angusfoundation.org.

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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 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		

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BRS offers free 2005 Black Books

The Beef Record Service (BRS) 2005 Black Book is an easy and convenient way to capture valuable herd performance and management data, and they're free to all producers, including your commercial customers. The pocket-sized book combines all of a cattleman's necessary resources into one easy-to-use tool, including a 2005 weekly calendar, calf information records, breeding records, gestation table, herd health and

feeding records, plus much more.

BRS, an Association program for commercial producers, provides a system to keep management and performance records on commercial cattle. These records can be used to enhance profitability.

For more information visit www.beefrecords.com or contact the Association at (816) 383-5100. To receive your free 2005 BRS Black Book, call the American Angus Association's Commercial

Programs Department at (816) 383-5100 or e-mail Mary Pepple at mpepple@angus.org.

Radio spots available

Radio spots and advertisements that tie to the "Power of One" national ad campaign are now available on the Association Web site for members to use for their own local advertising needs. Radio spots are 30 seconds in length with 10 seconds blank for a customized message.

You can access the radio spots at www.angus.org/pubs/mkt_tools.html. Angus clip art, screen savers, sale book inserts and links for ordering other promotional materials are also available on the page.

Celebrate the Angus Foundation

Fred and Betty Johnson will host "That Old Black Magic" Angus Foundation Gala and Auction Oct. 31, 2004, at Summitcrest Farms in Summitville, Ohio. The gala will feature cowboy humorist Baxter Black, magician Kevin Dawson, vocals by Good Vibrations and gourmet treats by Chef Mark Zimmerman of the Spread Eagle Tavern.

Auction items are being secured for the fund-raising event and will be available for viewing on the Angus Foundation Web site, www.angusfoundation.org. Funds raised will help support the Association's education, youth and research efforts.

Tickets to the event may be purchased for \$100 per person by returning the invitation form mailed to *Angus Journal* subscribers in the September issue (insert between pages 264 and 265). For more information about the event, visit the Web site or contact Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation director of development, at (816) 383-5100 or mjenkins@angusfoundation.org.

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.

