



Association Highlights

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Submit AHIR data by Nov. 12

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

Informational forum slated for Louisville

American Angus Association staff will present an educational forum at 1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14, during Angus activities at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. The membership is encouraged to attend this session to learn about the newest Association programs. The session will be in the

Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) South Wing prior to the candidate forum.

No. 15,000,000 to sell

Angus enthusiasts will want to attend the second annual Angus Foundation Reception to have the chance to buy registration number 15,000,000. Anyone making a contribution of \$250 or more during the last three years or who has historically been a part of the Foundation Heifer Package or other special offerings to benefit the Angus Foundation will receive an invitation to the reception this year. Individuals can still secure an invitation by making a minimal gift of \$250 to the Angus Foundation prior to the reception.

The historic selling of the registration

number will take place during the reception, Saturday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Executive West in Louisville. Tommy Barnes, Gallion, Ala., will be the auctioneer. For more information about the reception, contact the Angus Foundation at (816) 383-5100.

Rigsby to headline Angus Awards Banquet

Rick Rigsby, College Station, Texas, will be the featured speaker at the 2004 Angus Awards Banquet, Monday, Nov. 15 at the Executive West in Louisville. Rigsby, recognized as one of the most dynamic speakers in America, inspires audiences worldwide by offering electrifying presentations that encourage and challenge audiences of all ages.

The award-winning professor has a faculty appointment in the Department of Speech Communication at Texas A&M University. Additionally, he is special assistant to head football coach R.C. Slocum, serving as the Aggies' life skills development coordinator. Rigsby also has appointments with the Center for Executive Development in the College of Business and the Program in Presidential Rhetoric, affiliated with the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M.

BLS offers marketing alternative

The Bull Listing Service (BLS) offers producers of all sizes one more marketing option by listing bulls for sale on the Association's Web site. 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 for producers who have a small number of bulls. Likewise, large-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

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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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.

Association offers advertising services to producers

Advertising tools are available to members who want to tie to the Association's "Power of One" national advertising campaign. Two 30-second radio spots are prerecorded and available for downloading at www.angus.org by clicking on the "Marketing Tools" link.

Producers can also request the "Power of One" print advertisements with space to list ranch information at various sizes by contacting Sara Moyer at (816) 383-5100 or smoyer@angus.org.

Angus Heritage Foundation to honor inductees

Three individuals who have made significant contributions to the Angus breed have been selected for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. They will be

honored at the Angus Awards Banquet during the Annual Meeting in Louisville.

The 2004 honorees include Thomas Burke, Smithville, Mo., and Richard Janssen, Ellsworth, Kan. Ralph Sydenstricker, Missouri, will be inducted posthumously.

Complete biographies of the inductees will be published in the December *Angus Journal*.

NWSS entries due Nov. 15

Exhibitors have until Nov. 15 to submit entries for the 2005 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Premium books can be obtained by calling the NWSS livestock office at (303) 297-1166 or by sending an e-mail to livestock@nationalwestern.com. You can access entry forms and show information at www.nationalwestern.com.

Make Denver plans now

The NWSS headquarters is the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel. A special Angus room rate of \$88, plus tax, has been negotiated. Call the hotel directly at (303) 297-1300 to make reservations. Request the

American Angus Association room block to get the special rate. All reservations must be made by Dec. 20.

Angus activities will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, with the junior heifer show at 2 p.m. The open female show is to start at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12. Angus sale cattle will be judged at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 13, with the sale following at 2 p.m.

The Angus reception is set for Thursday evening at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel. The open bull show will be Friday, Jan. 14, followed by the Foundation Female Sale, which is sponsored by the Colorado Angus Association. The carload and pen bull shows in the yards will complete the event on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Breeder's Reference announcement

Acting on a complaint made by the Association's Performance Programs Department, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors initiated an investigation to determine whether Section XI, Rule 2 of the Association's rules had been violated in connection with the submission

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of certain data to the AHIR program. That investigation led to the following agreement being reached between the Association and the involved member. This agreement concludes the investigation.

J. Rex Byergo, Membership Code A-79568, has been suspended from participating in the AHIR program for a period of one year. The Association will remove all data submitted by him and processed by the Association's AHIR program on Oct. 22, 2003, and May 13, 2004. This suspension will affect both Mr. Byergo and all current secondary codes related to his membership. At the conclusion of his suspension, Mr. Byergo will be placed on probationary status for an additional two years, during which time he will be required to transmit all submissions directly to the director of performance programs for review prior to processing by the AHIR program staff. During this probationary period, he will also be required to submit additional breeding and AHIR information to the Association on a regular basis.

Angus Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will sponsor one Angus breeder to participate in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) 2005 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC), which is an industry-wide program that develops young leaders for the beef business. This marks the third year the Foundation has sponsored a young Angus member for the event.

An appointed committee will choose the Angus representative for the program, and

selections will be made through an application process. All applicants must be between 25 and 45 years of age, active members of the NCBA and active members in good standing of the American Angus Association. The Angus Foundation will cover expenses, including travel to and from the event, and registration costs for the program. Applications are available from the American Angus Association and must be submitted by Jan. 2.

For more information contact Moyer at (816) 383-5100 or smoyer@angus.org.

Three Trees female to highlight Foundation package

Three Trees Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga., will donate Three Trees Blackbird 4485 to headline the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which sells at the 2005 NWSS in Denver. All proceeds go to the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research.

The sale of the package will precede the 2005 National Western Angus Bull Sale, set for 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena.

The package includes the January 2004 heifer sired by Summitcrest High Prime 0H29. Her dam is Davis YR Blackbird 558H, a daughter of GAR Precision 1680. The package will also include various services and products provided by the American Angus Association and other Foundation donors.

Look for a picture and complete information about this heifer and other items in the package at www.angusfoundation.org.

Start shopping for holiday gifts now

If you're looking for that perfect gift, check out the Association's "Shop Online" feature at www.angus.org.

Here you'll find a variety of Angus items to choose from, complete with descriptions, photos and prices. Items include clothing, history books, art books, prints, office supplies and much more. What's more, you can conveniently purchase everything online with a Visa or MasterCard. You're sure to find something that will make your holiday chores a cinch.

If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Association and someone will discuss available items with you.

Angus Christmas cards available online

Angus enthusiasts can purchase Angus Christmas cards online at www.angusjournal.com/christmascards. These unique cards feature familiar *Angus Journal* cover images and junior photo contest entries. Eight cards with six message choices or no message are available. Personalization with your name or ranch name can be added.

If you do not have Internet access, contact Lauralee West at Angus Productions Inc. (API) at (816) 383-5200 to place an order. Orders must be placed by Nov. 12, 2004, to guarantee availability and delivery by Thanksgiving. All online and phone orders will require credit card payment.

Prices are \$20 per 20 cards, with an additional \$10 for personalization. Shipping costs of \$7 will apply to all orders.

