



# Association Highlights

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## Start the New Year with Angus TV

RFD-TV will be airing an *I Am Angus* program Jan. 4 at 9 p.m., Eastern time. The American Angus Association-produced program will feature both archived and present-day video and provide a look back at where the breed has been, how far we've come and where we're headed. RFD-TV is distributed by more than 625 cable operators, and can be found on DirecTV channel 345 and Dish Network channel 231. Check local listings for more information.

## 2010 National Western features new schedule

The 104th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) will begin a new year with a new schedule. While the order of events differs

from previous years, five days of Angus shows, sales and activities are slated for Tuesday, Jan. 12, through Saturday, Jan. 16, in Denver, Colo.

Angus activities begin Tuesday with check-in. The NWSS Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, which is also the 2010 National Angus Show, will kick off Wednesday, Jan. 13, with the bull show.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, events will include the judging of sale bulls, the junior heifer show, the sale of the 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, the annual Angus Bull Sale, and the Angus Reception.

The Angus ROV show resumes Friday with the female show, and Angus activities conclude Saturday with the pen and carload

shows in the Yards.

A schedule of events follows:

### Tuesday, Jan. 12

(Mountain Time)

8 a.m. Check in, Hill  
1 p.m. Check in, Yards

### Wednesday, Jan. 13

Noon Super-point ROV Angus bull show, Stadium Arena  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

### Thursday, Jan. 14

8 a.m. Judging Angus sale bulls, Stadium Arena  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards  
11 a.m. Junior Angus heifer show, Stadium Arena  
4 p.m. National Western Angus Bull Sale, preceded by the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, Beef Palace Auction Arena  
7 p.m. Angus Reception, Denver Marriott City Center, Downtown

### Friday, Jan. 15

8 a.m. Super-point ROV Angus female show, Stadium Arena  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards  
1 p.m. Foundation Female (approximate) Sale, Livestock Center Auction Arena

### Saturday, Jan. 16

8:30 a.m. Angus Carload & Pen shows, Livestock Center Auction Arena  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

## Stop by the Angus Listening Post

An Angus Listening Post will again be located in the Yards, Wednesday, Jan. 13, through Saturday, Jan. 16, during Angus events in Denver, Colo. Stop by the tent for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to visit with both the Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff. Association members and commercial cattle producers are encouraged to stop by the Angus tent in the Yards to talk

## 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. An online version is available through the "Rules and Forms" link at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal. An "F" following the symbol for a genetic defect means the animal has tested free of the defect. A "C" following represents a carrier of the defect.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
+	Embryo transfer calf	OS	Osteopetrosis
^	Cell clone	RD	Red
%	Split-ET	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
@	Clone-ET	SN	Syndactyly
AM	Arthrogryposis multiplex	WT	Wild type color gene
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DM	Double muscling	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism		
HG	Horn gene		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

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about current beef industry issues, visit with staff, ask questions and exchange ideas.

In addition, the Angus booth on the Hill will have the latest Association publications, and Association staff will be available.

### **NWSS coverage on the web**

Not making the trip to Denver? View show results and photos at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### **Foundation Heifer Package to sell at NWSS**

Jeff Ward and Duncan Smith, owners of Sinclair Cattle Co., Warfordsburg, Pa., will donate the 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell at 4 p.m., Jan. 14, at NWSS.

Sinclair K Bty 8R102 E118 has been chosen to represent the Sinclair program. She is a Jan. 2008 daughter of RR Rito 707 and descends from the legendary N-Bar herd on her maternal side.

The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, an annual fundraising tradition initiated in 1980, supports the Angus Foundation.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives:

- ▶ 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.;
- ▶ free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and
- ▶ an Advanced Reproductive Technology Package from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.

For more information about the heifer package or ways you can contribute to the Angus Foundation, log onto [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org), contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100, or visit with any regional manager.

### **Spring Sire Evaluation Report available**

The spring 2009 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available online at [www.angussiresearch.com](http://www.angussiresearch.com). Accessing the report online is the fastest and easiest way to get the latest performance information on sires in the Angus breed. It allows you to specify ranges of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges.

Printed copies of the *Sire Evaluation Report* will be available at the NWSS, both on the Hill and in the Listening Post. In addition, active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the Fall 2009 report will receive the Spring 2010 report automatically. All other members and

all commercial producers who want a printed report can request one by contacting Brenda Gabriel at 816-383-5144 or [bgabriel@angus.org](mailto:bgabriel@angus.org).

### **Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute**

The third annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) will be June 2-4. Applications are now being accepted. BLI is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online or by contacting the Activities Department. March 1 is the application deadline. Further questions can be directed to Shelia Stannard at [sstannard@angus.org](mailto:sstannard@angus.org) or by calling the Association at 816-383-5100.

### **Pathfinder® deadline is Feb. 12**

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2010 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 12.

The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data into the office in a timely manner. If you have questions about submitting data on forms, using the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program or with AAA Login, call the Association for assistance.

### **Summer internship deadline Feb. 1**

The American Angus Association offers internship opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association.

The American Angus Association Junior Activities Department is offering college sophomores, juniors or seniors the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of junior shows and leadership events, and gain experience in association work. Applicants must be enrolled in an agriculture-related major. The internship spans approximately late-May to mid-August, with specific starting and ending dates depending on the applicant's availability.

Applicants may send a cover letter, résumé and references to Robin Ruff, director of junior activities, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

For more information contact Ruff at 816-383-5100 or [rruff@angus.org](mailto:rruff@angus.org).

The Association's Public Relations and Communications Department is now accepting applications from college juniors or seniors studying communications or agriculture communications. Applicants with strong writing and editing backgrounds who have completed coursework in news and feature writing, as well as editing and photography are encouraged to apply. The internship spans approximately late-May to mid-August, with specific starting and ending dates depending on the applicant's availability.

To apply, send a cover letter, résumé, references and writing samples to Crystal Albers, assistant director of communications/web editor, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information contact Albers at 816-383-5100 or [calbers@angus.org](mailto:calbers@angus.org).

Applications for both internships are due Feb. 1, 2010.

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### Two Boot Camps slated

The American Angus Association has scheduled two upcoming Boot Camps, with sponsorship provided by the Angus Foundation.

In conjunction with North Carolina State University and Virginia Tech, respectively, the Association will host two 1½-day intensive training sessions. All producers are invited to attend the Boot Camps, which include sessions on marketing, herd health, animal welfare and other topics, as well as a variety of demonstrations. Registration is \$75 and includes meals and materials. Angus Boot Camps are scheduled for:

- May 21-22, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va. Registration is due April 30.
- Aug. 10-11, North Carolina State University, Raleigh. Registration is due July 20.

Watch [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for further registration and hotel information, as well as complete schedules.

### Request your sale day kits now

When planning your spring bull sale, be sure to contact the Public Relations and Communications Department to request your sale day kit. The kit contains literature for you to distribute to your bull buyers as well as posters to decorate your salering. Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 to request your kit today.



### Foundation scholarship applications available

To foster the advancement of education, youth and research, the Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be given in memory of former American Angus Association executive vice president Richard "Dick" Spader.

In addition, \$3,000 scholarships and \$1,000 scholarships will be available. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2010 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will also make available five graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing an advanced degree.

The graduate student scholarship can only be applied to advanced degree studies. Applicants must have at one time been a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate

and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). The application deadline will be May 1, 2010. For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

### Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 9 years old and older should receive the green entry booklet in the mail this month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional preview shows and the NJAS. It also contains information about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

### Note these junior deadlines

- Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 12-14 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 23-24 in Reno, Nev.
- March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.

Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines. Please contact the Association if you need assistance meeting the deadlines.

