

Angus Stakes

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It's a virtual world

As our list of topic sites continues to grow, along with the number of meetings for which we provide event coverage, we wanted to make it easier for you to find these information portals. And what better place to store them than in a library — a virtual library, that is. Available online, www.api-virtuallibrary.com provides direct access to our repertoire of informational sites.

Information central

Intended to provide a one-stop resource for cattlemen or other industry representatives wanting more information about a particular topic, our current menu of topic sites includes drought, beef cow efficiency, body condition scoring, aiming for the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) target, international issues, country-of-origin labeling (COOL), and feeding and feedstuffs.

Our menu of meeting coverage includes the National Angus Conference, the Cattle Industry Annual Convention and NCBA Trade Show, the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) annual symposium, the Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) symposium, and the Range Beef Cow Symposium. Coverage includes summaries of the presentations, PowerPoints provided by speakers, proceedings and audio.

In addition to these core sites, we've added some additional features, such as the back issue searches for the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin*. Use this option under the "Angus Resources" pull-down menu to

locate a story by month or by keyword.

Use the "Contacts" pull-down menu to locate the person you want to talk to at Angus Productions Inc., the American Angus Association or one of the Association's other subsidiaries.

Check out the daily news link under the "Angus Online" pull-down menu to access daily news from the Association, API and Certified Angus Beef. You'll see a host of other options there.

We're currently building the Industry page under "Angus Resources" to provide easy access to university, government and company resources available online.

As always, give us your feedback. How can we make this a better resource for you?

Who will represent you?

Who will be making decisions for you in

Louisville this year? Don't forget to turn in your ballot to vote for the delegates you want to represent your state at the Annual Meeting. Ballots must be received at the Association by Aug. 18 to be counted.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 126th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 16 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Each year, several states are missing delegates and, therefore, don't have full voice at the meeting.

We traditionally publish the bios for the Board candidates and

the list of state delegates and alternates in the October issue of the *Angus Journal*. Encourage your delegates to attend and take advantage of their opportunity to shape the future of the American Angus Association.



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