

2017 Angus Convention:

# Two Incredible Grand Prizes

The grand prizes are a must-see at the American Angus Association Annual Convention Nov. 4-6 in Fort Worth, Texas.

by Sarah Hill, special projects editor

Attendees at the 2017 Angus Convention will have the chance to win one of two outstanding grand prizes: a complete cattle-handling system from Priefert and Tru-Test, and a customized Angus Cat 289 compact track loader from Caterpillar.

“These grand prizes would be a terrific addition to any Angus breeder’s operation,” says Becky Weishaar, director of Creative Media with Angus Media. “This year’s grand prize sponsors — Priefert, Tru-Test and Caterpillar — have all outdone themselves, and we are so thankful for their generosity.”

Priefert and Tru-Test have generously donated a complete cattle-handling system designed for 35 head of cattle. The corral features a solid sweep with a straight working alley that’s adjustable to one of four widths, leading to a Priefert Model S04 squeeze chute. To complete the system, Tru-Test has added the Tru-Test XR5000 Indicator, HD1010 load bars, scale mounting brackets and XRS2 eID stick reader. In addition, Tru-Test has provided a brand new WaterWell automatic waterer that

can accommodate up to 100 head.

Caterpillar has donated a custom Cat 289D compact track loader tailored with black paint and Angus detailing.

The Cat 289D will allow the winner the versatility to multitask with ease, including moving bales, cleaning pens, mixing feed and more. The multi-function machine will help maximize productivity with outstanding power from a comfortable cab.

The grand prize drawing will occur Sunday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Attendees must be present to win the grand prizes.

Registration is open for the 2017 Angus Convention, which will take place Nov. 4-6 in Fort Worth, Texas. Visit the convention website, [www.angusconvention.com](http://www.angusconvention.com), to register and make hotel reservations for the three-day event.

Highlights of the week’s events include

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the International Genomics Symposium sponsored by Neogen GeneSeek Operations, where keynote speaker and futurist Lowell Catlett will discuss technology and its implication on how we live and work; Innovation Workshops, sponsored by Zoetis, discussing genomic selection tools

and genomic data interpretation; and Angus University, sponsored by Merck Animal Health, featuring guest speakers Edd Hendee and Randy

Blach and workshops on expected progeny differences (EPDs), bull selection, breeding systems and more. Country group Asleep at the Wheel will entertain the crowd Sunday, Nov. 5.

The Texas Angus Association is also hosting the National Angus Tour Friday, Nov. 3. The tour will make two stops: Hoofstock Genetics, Ranger, Texas; and Wilks Ranch, Eastland, Texas. An additional \$75 registration fee applies for the tour, and attendees can reserve their spot when registering for the Angus Convention.

Go online to [www.angusconvention.com](http://www.angusconvention.com) to access a convention schedule, trade show map and more information on travel arrangements to Fort Worth.

Delegates elected to represent their state during the Association’s Annual Convention may attend the Association business meetings for free; however, participation in convention education, meals, entertainment and trade show requires a full convention registration.

For more information, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and [www.angusconvention.com](http://www.angusconvention.com).



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