



Association Highlights

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2011 National Western nears

It's time to finalize your plans for the 105th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities take place Jan. 12-15, 2011, with hundreds of entries expected for the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the Hill, and the Pen and Carload Show in the Yards.

This year a panel of three judges will evaluate ROV entries. Judges evaluating the ROV show entries include Bill Wilson, Cloverdale, Ind.; Eldon Krebs, Gordon, Neb.; and Dick Hubman, Medford, Ore.

David Brown, Idaho Falls, Idaho, will judge the junior show, while the following

three-judge panel will evaluate the Pen and Carload Show: John McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and Montie Soules, Skiatook, Okla.

The 2011 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) committee will be selling items at the Angus Reception at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Marriott City Center.

See a full schedule of Angus activities online at www.angus.org.

For immediate show results, visit www.angus.org/showresults, which may also be accessed through mobile phones, depending on phone capabilities.

After the show, visit www.angus.org or

www.angusjournal.com/denver for complete coverage following the NWSS.

Visit with Association staff in Denver

All Angus producers attending the NWSS are encouraged to stop by the Association's Listening Post in the Yards.

Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be available Wednesday through Saturday to visit with Angus ranchers about Association programs and the cattle industry. Be sure to stop by to chat and have a cup of coffee.

2011 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell

Camron "Cam" Cooper of the Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont., is donating TR Barbara Perfection 9711 (registration no.: 16389288) as the 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell at the NWSS in Denver, Colo.

Born Feb. 8, 2009, this outstanding Angus female is sired by Sitz Upward 307R. Confirmed safe in heifer calf to Connealy Thunder, TR Barbara Perfection 9711 is expected to calve in late January.

Visit www.angus.org for more information about the 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org to learn more about the Angus Foundation and how you can support the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus.

NWSS Angus Bull Sale on Wednesday

The National Western Angus Bull Sale will take place a day earlier this year, beginning at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the Stock Show Complex in Denver, Colo.

The annual event is the only sale managed by the American Angus Association and will again follow the sale of the 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Prospective buyers will have the opportunity to preview the bulls during the bull sale show beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the Stadium Arena. A panel of five judges will evaluate the bulls using a composite system to help establish sale order. Judges include Paul Bennett, Red House, Va.; Brian McCulloh, Viroqua, Wis.; Greg Schreiner, Sedalia, Colo.; Darrell Stevenson,

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	\$80
Regular annual membership with <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription	\$130
Lifetime membership (optional to pay in three \$500/year installments)	\$1,500
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.

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	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
^	Cell clone	OS	Osteopetrosis
%	Split-ET	RD	Red
@	Clone-ET	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
AM	Arthrogyposis multiplex	SN	Syndactyly
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly	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		

Hobson, Mont.; and Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

Prospective buyers will be invited into the showing to inspect bulls after the grand and reserve grand champions have been selected.

Jerry Lehmann, Lake Ozark, Mo., will serve as auctioneer during the sale.

For more information about the sale, contact David Gazda at 706-296-7846 or any Association regional manager.

Pathfinder® deadline next month

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the *2011 Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 11.

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.

Association provides weekly genetic evaluation results

The American Angus Association now provides weekly updates on all National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) expected progeny

differences (EPDs). The weekly capability is an industry first and considerably more frequent than NCE updates previously released twice yearly.

A printed spring 2011 *Sire Evaluation Report* will still be available. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2010 report will receive the spring 2011 report automatically. All other members and commercial producers who want a printed report must request it by contacting Brenda Gabriel at 816-383-5144 or send e-mail to bgabriel@angus.org.

For more information about weekly EPD releases, visit www.angus.org.

2010 Annual Report available on request

The 2010 American Angus Association Annual Report is available. The report features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2010, which ended Sept. 30, 2010. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available on request by contacting 816-383-5100 or prphotos@angus.org.

YCC applications due Jan. 8

The Angus Foundation will again sponsor an Association member to attend the 2011

Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry and tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

The tour and conference, which begins in Denver, Colo., and proceeds across the country to Washington, D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year, and all participants must be nominated by an NCBA affiliate organization.

The applicant must be between the ages of 25 and 50 and must be an active member of the NCBA and the American Angus Association. This will be the ninth year that the Angus Foundation has provided this opportunity to an Association member.

Applications for the conference are available at www.angusfoundation.org, and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 8. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

Post Angus videos on your website

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released its latest national advertisements focusing on the economic advantages of the Angus cow. Short video segments are available to post to state association or individual websites, free of charge. Watch the videos at www.angus.org or on YouTube by searching for “The Angus Cow: She Has No Equal.” Contact the Public Relations and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

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. 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.

The Association’s Public Relations (PR) and Communications Department is now accepting applications from college juniors or seniors studying communications or agriculture communications. Applicants with strong writing, as well as editing and design backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Photography experience and an understanding of video and social media would be an asset in this fast-paced internship. Travel is likely.

Both the junior activities and PR internships span approximately late-May to mid-August, with specific starting and ending dates depending on the applicant’s availability.

To apply for the PR internship, send a cover letter, résumé, references and samples to: Crystal Albers or Crystal Young, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information contact Albers or Young at 816-383-5100; calbers@angus.org; or cyoung@angus.org.

Applications for both internships are due Feb. 1.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2011 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Harrisburg, Pa.

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 graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

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

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applications and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The fourth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for June. 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 and the Angus Foundation 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. Call 816-383-5100 for more information.

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 11-13 in Harrisonburg, Va.

►Feb. 25 is the registration deadline for the Raising the Bar Conference, scheduled for March 25-27 at Oklahoma State University.

►March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 26-30 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.

Watch 'The Angus Report' each week

The Angus Report delivers weekly Association and industry news online at www.angus.org, offering busy cattlemen and women the opportunity to quickly catch up on important industry issues.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for fresh website content are encouraged to post the free program on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at www.angus.org and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Lifetime membership options

The American Angus Association offers producers a lifetime membership option. The \$1,500 membership lasts throughout the life of the sole person named on the membership. Payments may be broken into three nonrefundable yearly installments.

Lifetime memberships can be issued to one person only, and are not meant for partnerships. The membership option may be used for a farm name, provided only one person is included on the membership.

