



Association Highlights

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Activities planned at National Western

Five days of Angus events are slated during the 103rd National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., including the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Show, a junior heifer show, pen and carload shows, and the National Western Angus Bull Sale.

Angus activities start Tuesday, Jan. 13, with the junior heifer show. The super-point ROV Show begins with the female show Wednesday and continues Friday with the ROV bull show.

Sale bulls take the stage Thursday, with judging in the Stadium Arena, followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. A sale book can be viewed online at www.angusjournal.com or requested by calling the American Angus Association.® The sale of the 2009 Angus Foundation

Heifer Package will precede the bull sale.

Thursday evening, Angus enthusiasts will gather for the Angus Reception at the Denver Marriott City Center — Downtown.

Angus activities conclude Saturday, Jan. 17, with the pen and carload shows in the Yards.

A schedule of events follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 13

1 p.m. Junior Angus heifer show, Stadium Arena

Wednesday, Jan. 14

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

Thursday, Jan. 15

8:30 a.m. Judging Angus sale cattle, Stadium Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

2 p.m. National Western Angus Bull Sale, preceded by the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, Beef Palace Auction Arena

6:30-8:30 p.m. Angus Reception, Denver Marriott City Center

Friday, Jan. 16

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

Saturday, Jan. 17

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. New in 2009, both the Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff will be under one tent. The new larger tent will be across the aisle from where the Angus tent has been in past years.

Be sure to stop for a cup of coffee at the Angus tent in the herd bull display aisle. Association members and commercial cattle producers are encouraged to stop by the Listening Post Wednesday through Saturday to talk about current beef industry issues, visit with Association personnel and other breeders, 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 to visit there.

NWSS coverage on the web

Not making the trip to Denver? You can keep up with what's going on via the Internet. Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide online coverage of Angus events at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. Log on to www.angusjournal.com/denver to see results and photos.

Foundation Heifer Package sells at NWSS

Chris McCutchen, owner of Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla., will donate the 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer, which sells Jan. 15 at the NWSS.

Limestone Rita T754 has been chosen to represent the Limestone LLC program and

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	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	HG	Horn gene
^	Cell clone	R	Red
%	Split-ET	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
@	Clone-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
S	Syndactyly	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
H	Double muscling	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
D	Dwarfism		
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test		
M	Osteopetrosis		

is a daughter of the featured Limestone LLC and Express Ranches sire Raven. Her dam, Rita R379, is a direct daughter of Prime Time 2409 and was the \$220,000 heifer selected by Monarch Farms and Collins Angus through the 2006 Limestone LLC Sale.

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, contact Milford Jenkins, president, at 816-383-5100, or visit with any regional manager.

Spring Sire Evaluation Report available

The spring 2009 *Sire Evaluation Report* is available online at 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 2008 report will receive the Spring 2009 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.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The second-ever Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) will be May 31-June 3. 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 Communications Department. March 1 is the application deadline. Further questions can be directed to Shelia Stannard at ssannard@angus.org,

Ty Groshans at tgroshans@angus.org or by calling the Association at 816-383-5100.

Pathfinder® deadline is Feb. 6

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2009 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 6.

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 Association offers summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships last approximately 10-12 weeks. Application deadline is Feb. 1.

The Association's Communications Department offers an internship to junior- or senior-level students majoring in ag journalism or communications who have an interest in the livestock industry. Students interested in the communications internship should have completed course work in news and feature writing, as well as editing and photography. Send a cover letter, résumé and writing samples to Shelia Stannard, director of communications and events.

The Junior Activities Department employs a college student to assist with the planning and execution of junior Angus shows and leadership events. The student should be a self-starter who is detail-oriented and can work with a variety of people. Applicants for the junior activities internship should have an agriculture-related major. Any student interested should apply to Robin Ruff, director of junior activities.

Request your sale day kits now

When planning your spring bull sale, be sure to contact the Communications Department to request your sale day kit. The updated 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 graduate, undergraduate scholarship applications available

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 in July at the 2009 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Perry, Ga.

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

The Angus 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 in higher education.

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. The application deadline will be May 1, 2009. 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 13-15 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 24-25 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.

