



Association Highlights

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Association to conduct Boot Camp at K-State

A Cattlemen's Boot Camp is set for Dec. 16-17 at Kansas State University (K-State) in Manhattan, Kan. The registration deadline is Dec. 1.

Cattlemen's Boot Camps are sponsored by the Angus Foundation and co-hosted by universities

across the country. These in-depth programs offer information about all segments of the industry.

Watch the *Angus Journal* and www.angus.org for more information about this and future Boot Camps.



Submit performance records by Nov. 7

The deadline for submitting performance data for inclusion in the Spring 2009

National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 7. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

Be sure to include breeding records and temperament scores in addition to the typical growth and carcass information. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

National Conference & Tour online coverage

If you can't attend the National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) this month, you can still read about the event and listen

to the presentations via Angus Productions Inc.'s (API's) online coverage at www.nationalangusconference.com.

125th Annual Convention planned

The Association's 125th Annual Convention of Delegates will be conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Events begin Sunday, Nov. 16, with the Angus junior heifer show, the open forum for candidates and delegates, and a celebration commemorating the Association's 125th year.

The open bull show and the Annual Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 17. The Annual Banquet, featuring *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) product, will take place that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show. The NAILE will serve as the 2008-2009 National Angus Show.

All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Executive West Hotel. Please check the event schedule for definite locations. Events at the KFEC once again will be conducted in the South C Wing, upper level, as they were in 2007. In addition to the usual forums and meetings, educational workshops from the Association and its entities will take place. Watch for more information and a complete schedule of events online at www.angus.org.

Angus Foundation supporter recognition event scheduled

Join the Angus Foundation Nov. 15 in Louisville, Ky., for its 6th Annual Supporter Recognition Event. The Angus Foundation will recognize supporters for fiscal year (FY) 2008 to the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus. This ambitious \$11 million fundraising campaign is working to enhance the Foundation's education, youth and research activities.

While attending this event, supporters will have the opportunity to bid at public auction on the Curtis Fort bronze titled, "Looking to the Future." Specially commissioned by the American Angus Association, this bronze of an Angus bull, cow and calf is the No. 1 bronze in a limited edition of 1-25.

The campaign's Leadership Cabinet and Angus Foundation staff will update attendees

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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		

on the progress of this exciting fundraising initiative benefiting and advancing the Angus breed.

All Angus supporters who contributed \$250 or more to the Angus Foundation before Sept. 30, 2008, will be invited to attend this special donor celebration in Louisville. Mail your \$250 contribution to the Angus Foundation to be included in next year's event, or go to www.angusfoundation.org to make a donation online.

Shop the Holiday Room for gift ideas

The Angus Foundation and the American Angus Auxiliary will once again open the Holiday Room to all Angus enthusiasts searching for holiday gifts or something special for their own home or office. The Foundation and Auxiliary offer a variety of gift ideas, from clothing and jewelry to artwork and dinnerware.

The Holiday Room is located in the Executive West Hotel and is open daily beginning Saturday, Nov. 15, through Monday, Nov. 17. All Foundation sales benefit education, youth and research. The Auxiliary supports numerous programs,

including beef promotion and youth education.

Make plans for the National Western

Make plans now to attend the 2009 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities start Tuesday, Jan. 13, with the junior heifer show, which begins at 1 p.m. in the Stadium Arena.

The super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) female show will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Stadium Arena.

Thursday, Jan. 15, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 8:30 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The National Western Angus Bull Sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena with the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The day concludes with the Angus Reception.

The super-point ROV bull show begins at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, in the Stadium Arena. On Saturday, Jan. 17, Angus activities move to the Yards with the carload and pen shows at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to the shows and socials, the Listening Post will once again be a gathering place in the Yards for members to visit with Association staff and directors.

Hotel reservations for the NWSS can be made by calling the Marriott City Center Hotel, which serves as Angus headquarters for the event, at 303-297-1300. A room rate of \$95 plus tax has been negotiated for the Angus group. Make reservations now as the block usually fills up.

Junior show changes at National Western

Junior Angus exhibitors will want to note that the ownership and entry deadline for the junior Angus heifer show at the National Western is Nov. 20. No late entries are accepted.

Also, a senior yearling division has been added to the junior show. For more information about the National Western, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Limestone LLC to donate 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer

Chris McCutchen, owner of Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla., will donate the 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell Jan. 15 at the NWSS in Denver, Colo.

Limestone Rita T754 is an August 2008 daughter of BC 7022 Raven 7965, a son of BC Marathon 7022. Her dam is Limestone Rita R379.

The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, an annual fundraising tradition initiated in 1980, supports the Angus Foundation, the not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association that funds and supports programs involving education, youth and research in the Angus breed and agricultural industry.

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 on to www.angusfoundation.org; contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100; or visit with any regional manager.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

Every year, the Angus Foundation selects one participant to sponsor on the Young Cattleman's Conference (YCC) tour. The tour and conference that begins in Denver 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 one of the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA) affiliate organizations.

Sponsorship by the Foundation covers flight costs and registration fees. Incidental costs and meals are not covered by the Foundation sponsorship.

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 seventh year that the Angus Foundation has provided this opportunity to an Association member.

Applications for the 2009 YCC will be available Oct. 1, on the Angus Foundation web site, at www.angusfoundation.org, and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 5, 2009.