



Association Highlights

► by *Shelia Stannard*, director of communications and events

Pathfinder® deadline is this month

The deadline for submitting records to the American Angus Association® Performance Programs Department for inclusion in the 2009 *Pathfinder® Report* is Feb. 13.

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, via AAA Login or by using the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program, call the Association for assistance at 816-383-5100.

Keep current on genetic defects

The Association Board and staff have worked diligently to keep members informed of the latest information on arthrogyposis

multiplex (AM), commonly referred to as curly calf syndrome.

Licensed labs are now testing animals for AM. For complete information on AM and the labs that are conducting the tests, please visit www.angus.org.

Printed Sire Evaluation Report now available

The *Spring 2009 Sire Evaluation Report* has been online since mid-December, and the printed version of the report is also now available. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the spring 2009 report will receive it automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via e-mail or by calling the Association. Breeders who would

like a quantity of printed reports to have on hand for their sales or events are welcome to do so. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Gabriel at bgabriel@angus.org or 816-383-5144.

Beef Leaders Institute applications accepted until March 1

The Association will conduct its second Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) May 31-June 3, and is now accepting applications for the event. BLI is designed for Association members 25-45 years old 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 during the BLI, as well as lodging, meals and materials. Attendees will be responsible for their own round-trip transportation to Kansas City, Mo., if flying, or Saint Joseph, Mo., if driving.

The BLI will be 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 sstannard@angus.org or Ty Groshans at tgroshans@angus.org or by calling the Association.

W designated letter for permanent ID in 2009

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, W001 and W002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2009. For complete information about permanent ID and naming animals, refer to the www.angus.org/AngusEducation.html.

Association offers marketing tools for sale books

If you are planning your sale and looking for information to educate your customers, the Association provides informational inserts to put into your sale book. A variety of information from selection tools to AngusSource® is featured in these inserts that are available in ¼-, ½- and full-page sizes. Simply go to the Association's home page

► 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 | | |

and click on the "Marketing Tools" link on the left to download.

Make plans for World Angus Forum

Make plans now to attend the 2009 World Angus Forum, hosted by the Canadian Angus Association. The event is slated for July 13-16, 2009, in Calgary. Pre- and post-forum tours are also available. See a full schedule and registration information online at www.worldangusforum.com.

Junior entry booklets mailed

Every active junior member of the Association should have recently received a booklet of information regarding shows and events, entries, and deadlines for all 2009 junior activities. This booklet contains the rules, entry forms and information Angus youth need to participate in regional preview shows, regional shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference this year.

If you are a junior member who's planning to participate in these events and you haven't received a packet, contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.

Georgia will host 2009 NJAS

It's never too early to begin planning for the 2009 NJAS, "Sweet Southern Showdown," slated for July 19-25 in Perry, Ga., at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter. The Georgia Angus and junior Angus associations are inviting all to the event. The event will feature the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world and a host of educational and leadership activities for youth 9 to 21 years old.

Look for the show schedule and hotel information in the junior information booklet, in future issues of the *Angus Journal*® or in the spring 2009 edition of the *Directions* newsletter. Online information is posted at www.njas.info.

Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 25-26 in Reno, Nev.
- ▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.
- ▶ April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show.
- ▶ June 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NJAS.

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.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer that he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines. If a deadline is fast approaching and you haven't received the transferred registration, the Association can help. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the NJAS and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Junior Activities Department. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

Foundation scholarship applications available

To foster the advancement of education, youth and research, 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 at the 2009 NJAS.

The eligibility requirements for these general undergraduate 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 five graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing an advanced degree in higher education.

The graduate student scholarship can only be applied to advanced degree studies. Applicants must have at one time been an 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 is May 1. For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary awards 10 scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 10.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Recipients are chosen from application forms that can be obtained from the American Angus Auxiliary web site at www.angusauxiliary.com. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are also listed online. For more information, contact Kathi Creamer, Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at 970-240-2798.

