



Association Highlights

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Outreach Seminars set

A series of Outreach Seminars continues this month and next month. On Feb. 9, a seminar will be at Rodeway Inn South at 4916 E. Broadway, formerly the Quality Inn South, in Madison, Wis. The seminar begins at 2 p.m., and will include presentations about AngusSourceSM and genetic selection tools, as well as other American Angus Association programs.

Plans are being finalized for two more seminars in March. A March 11 seminar is set for Indianapolis. It will be during the Indiana Angus Information Futurity at the Indiana Farm Bureau Building. Another will be March 23 at the Village Inn Golf and Conference Center in Clemmons, N.C. It will begin at 4 p.m. Watch www.angus.org for complete details.

Pathfinder deadline is this month

The deadline for submitting records to the

Association Performance Programs Department for inclusion in the 2006 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 10.

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.

Printed Sire Evaluation Report now available

The Spring 2006 Sire Evaluation Report has been online for more than a month, 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 2006 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 Schafer at bschafer@angus.org or (816) 383-5144.

Cattle show airs again this month

The Angus episode of "The Cattle Show" will air again later this month. The show, which originally aired on RFD-TV in July 2005, features the advantages of Angus genetics.

"The Cattle Show" will air Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 4 a.m. and noon; and Sunday, Feb. 26, at 10 p.m.

DVD copies of "The Cattle Show" are available from the Association for those who don't have access to RFD-TV.

Dates set for 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour

Plans are already under way for the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour. The annual event is set for Sept. 26-28 and will be headquartered in Boise, Idaho.

This year's conference will include presentations about Association programs, as well as a lineup of industry experts. A tour hosted by the Idaho and Oregon Angus associations is also planned.

Watch for more information in future issues of the *Angus Journal* or online.

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 2006 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.

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

Indianapolis is site for 2006 NJAS

It is never too early to make plans for the NJAS. This year's event is set for July 9-15 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. The Indiana Junior and Indiana Angus associations are inviting all to the event, "All Roads Lead to the '06 Show," in America's heartland. 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 packet, in future issues of the *Angus Journal*, or in the spring 2006 edition of the *Directions* newsletter. Online information is posted at www.njas.info.

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, 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.

Juniors should note Western Regional deadlines

Juniors planning to show cattle at the Western Regional Junior Angus Show need to act now to meet show deadlines. The ownership and entry deadline is March 1. Remember, these are the dates by which applications for transfer and entries must be postmarked. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted for any reason.

Entry forms for the Western Regional were included in the 2006 junior information packet. The Western Regional is set for April 22-25 in Reno, Nev., in conjunction with the Western National Angus Futurity.

Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients now

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 online at

www.njaa.info or by contacting the Junior Activities Department. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

Scholarships offered, earlier deadline announced

Now is the time for high school seniors who are college-bound or those who are already taking college classes to work on scholarship applications. The Angus Foundation will award a minimum of 20 scholarships to deserving junior Angus members who are working toward college degrees. Eighteen juniors will receive \$1,000 scholarships, and two will receive \$3,500 scholarships.

Applicants for Foundation scholarships must be junior, regular or life members of the American Angus Association and less than 25 years old. Selection is based on involvement in Angus activities, academics and involvement in the beef industry. Scholarship winners will be announced during the awards function at the 2006 NJAS, which is set for July 9-15 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The NJAA/Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) scholarship will also be awarded to one deserving Angus junior at the NJAS in July. Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must meet requirements mentioned above and be incoming sophomores, juniors or seniors in college. Applicants must be majoring in animal science, meat science, agricultural communications or other related fields.

All applications are due May 1, which is earlier than in the past. Contact the Angus Foundation or Junior Activities Department at the Association for application forms. You can also obtain an application online at www.angusfoundation.org.

Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary awards 10 scholarships annually to five boys and five girls who are graduating high school seniors. Recipients are chosen from application forms that can be obtained from state Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts (see the *Auxiliary Annual Report* in this issue) or by contacting Mary Greiman, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at (641) 923-2235 or tmkcg@ncn.net.

Application information and a list of scholarship chairwomen are online at www.angusauxiliary.com. The postmark deadline is May 10. Juniors must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

