



Association Highlights

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Submit performance data by Nov. 10

The deadline for submitting performance records to be included in the Spring 2007 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 10.

Keep in mind, as yearling data is reported, there is continued effort to collect temperament data on bulls and heifers at one year of age. As the database grows, research will be conducted to characterize temperament genetic parameters and differences among Angus cattle. For more information on submitting temperament data and the scoring system, see the March 2005 "By the Numbers" column, available through a back issue search at www.angusjournal.com, or at www.angus.org/performance/yr_meas_bythenumbers.pdf.

Direct any questions you have to Bill

Bowman or Brenda Schafer in the Performance Programs Department by calling (816) 383-5100.

Educational webcasts continue this month

Due to Angus events in Louisville, the next webcast educational program will be pushed back from the second Tuesday of the month to Tuesday, Nov. 21. The program, broadcast via the internet, will begin at 8 p.m. Central Time. Ty Groshans will explain the AngusSource® program and how Association members can help their commercial bull buyers benefit from the program.

The webcasts will last approximately an hour and will include time for questions. High-speed internet is needed to view the seminar.

Webcasts are archived online in the Angus

Education Center. Watch for more information at www.angus.org.

Outreach Seminars scheduled

The American Angus Association is continuing its series of Outreach Seminars this fall and winter as an effort to communicate with members at a state and regional level. Two seminars slated with state and local association events were scheduled at press time.

The first is set for Nov. 28 in Amarillo, Texas, in conjunction with the Great West Texas Angus Association Annual Meeting at the Amarillo Farm Show. Lunch is at 11 a.m., and the Outreach Seminar will follow.

An Outreach Seminar will be Dec. 8 in Kearney, Neb., prior to the Nebraska Angus Association Annual Meeting. The seminar begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Watch www.angus.org for more complete details for these and future Outreach Seminars.

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 | | |



Cattleman's Boot Camp scheduled

A Cattleman's Boot Camp is set for Dec. 18-19 in Stillwater, Okla. Hosted by the Angus Foundation, American Angus Association and Oklahoma State University, the Boot Camp is a two-day session geared toward producers looking to broaden their beef industry knowledge. This event is the fourth of its kind, with others previously hosted at Colorado State University, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and the University of Illinois.

All cattle producers are encouraged to attend to learn more about all segments of the industry. Complete details can be found at www.angus.org.

AngusSource announces Premium Value Challenge

The AngusSource program has launched a Premium Value Challenge as a way to recognize those producers who receive premiums for their AngusSource marketed

calves while collecting price information on the calves sold.

To be eligible, entered cattle must have sold for a \$5-per-hundredweight (cwt.) premium over the Cattle-Fax mid-range regional price for the week. The seller must send in selling information within 90 days of the date of sale and have sold a minimum of 40 head of enrolled AngusSource cattle that were entered as one lot.

Look for more details at www.angussource.com.

Angus events abound in Louisville this month

You still have time to plan your attendance to the Association's 123rd Annual Convention of Delegates, which is set for Monday, Nov. 13, in Louisville, Ky. The Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), which includes a super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show recognized as the National Angus Show this year. The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting, scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC). Elected delegates and other Association members will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2006.

The Association Board of Directors will present a breeders' educational program that will begin at 1 p.m. in the KFEC South Wing. Directors will give an overview of the organizational structure of the Association and each of its entities: Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Angus Productions Inc. (API) and the Angus Foundation. The candidate forum will follow the educational program.

The Annual Banquet will be Monday evening, Nov. 13, at the Executive West Hotel. Special honorees at the banquet will include the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award winner and inductees into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Tickets for the banquet are \$30 and will be available at the registration table in the Executive West Hotel lobby.

The Angus show schedule will be the same this year as it was last year. The junior show will be Sunday, Nov. 12; the ROV bulls and cow-calf pairs will show Monday, Nov. 13; and ROV females will show Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Angus Heritage Foundation to honor inductees

Individuals who have made significant contributions to the Angus breed have been

selected for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. They will be honored at the Angus Banquet during Angus activities in Louisville, Ky., in November.

The 2006 honorees include Jesse Bontecou, Millbrook, N.Y.; Dale Runnion, Longmont, Colo.; Eddie Sydenstricker, Mexico, Mo.; and Robert Weaver, Peoria, Ill. Collin Kennedy, formerly of Iowa, will be inducted posthumously.

Complete biographies of the inductees will be published in a future issue of the *Angus Journal*.

Holiday Room offers something for everyone

While in Louisville, be sure to stop by the Holiday Room at the Executive West Hotel. The American Angus Auxiliary and the Angus Foundation will offer a number of great holiday gifts for the Angus lover on your gift list. Look for signage indicating room name and hours of operation when you arrive in Louisville.

Foundation kicks off Annual Fund this month

Active members of the Association will once again want to participate in the Angus Foundation's 2007 Annual Fund "The Power of One" campaign. Information will be in mailboxes after the multiyear, multimillion-dollar campaign announcement at Louisville. While all gifts mailed or otherwise delivered by Dec. 31 qualify for 2006 tax deductions as allowed by law, gifts of cash or by check are the most popular giving methods. Cash gifts make it possible to eliminate or reduce income tax on up to 50% of your adjusted gross income.

For more information go to www.angusfoundation.org.

Make Denver plans now

Plan now to attend the 2007 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities start Tuesday, Jan. 9, with the junior heifer show in the Stadium Arena.

The super-point ROV female show will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Stadium Arena.

On Thursday, Jan. 12, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 9 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 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Transportation to

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the Denver Center for the Performing Arts will be provided from the Marriott City Center Hotel.

The super-point ROV bull show begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, in the Stadium Arena. On Saturday, Jan. 14, Angus activities move to the yards with the carload and pen shows at 8:30 a.m., which is 30 minutes earlier than in recent years.

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 \$90 plus tax has been negotiated for the Angus group. Reservations must be made by Dec. 27.



Riverbend Rita R125

Riverbend Ranch donates 2007 Foundation Heifer

Frank and Belinda VanderSloot, owners of Riverbend Ranch in Idaho Falls, Idaho, have donated the 2007 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell during the NWSS in Denver, Colo.

Riverbend Rita R125, a January 2005 daughter of Bon-View New Design 1407, will headline the package. She is bred to Mytty In Focus and is due to calve in March 2007.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer will receive 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co. of Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation of Dundee, Ill.; and a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics of Sioux Center, Iowa.

For more information, log on to www.angusfoundation.org.

Foundation will sponsor YCC representative

Every year, the Angus Foundation selects one participant to sponsor on the Young

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Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) tour. 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 to 50 and must also be a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). This will be the fifth year that the Angus Foundation has provided the opportunity



for an Association member to attend YCC.

YCC provides a venue to help develop future leaders in the beef industry. The conference aids in developing leadership skills in our young Angus breeders and allows them to participate in a program that will expose them to many aspects of the cattle industry.

Beginning Nov. 1, applications for the 2007 YCC will be available on the Angus Foundation web site. Applications are due at the Angus Foundation with a postmark dated before or on Friday, Jan. 5, 2007.

Angus ties available in time for the holidays

Angus print silk ties are now available from the Angus Foundation. Priced at \$35 plus shipping, these high-quality ties will make the perfect gift for the Angus

enthusiast on your shopping list. Choose from two prints, available for viewing and purchase at www.angusonline.com/store/. In addition to ties, the Angus Foundation offers a variety of items for sale. Proceeds will benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research activities.

NWSS junior deadlines

Nov. 1 is the ownership deadline (issue date) and Nov. 15 is the entry deadline for the junior Angus heifer show at the NWSS. There are no exceptions to these deadlines. If a junior member is having difficulty completing a transfer in time to meet show ownership deadlines, contact the Member Services Department. The Association will do what it can to expedite the process.

