



Association Highlights

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Fall NCE released this month

The release of the fall 2009 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is scheduled this month. Watch for new performance data to be posted online by July 13.

The fall 2009 NCE will include expected progeny differences (EPDs) for 14 traits measuring production, maternal and carcass performance as well as five dollar value indexes (\$Values).

If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

Order black books now

Now is the time to place your order for the 2010 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a 2010 calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The books make a great promotional tool or gift for your commercial bull buyers. You can custom-order your books for \$3 each, which includes your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover. Custom orders require a 100-book minimum order. If you would like to order smaller quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover, those are available for \$3 each.

BioZyme Inc., through the Angus Foundation, is a major partner in the production of these books, and a VitaFerm® ad will appear on the inside front cover, which reduces book costs to producers. Custom orders must be placed by July 15.

To place orders, contact Kristin Toll, the BRS/AngusSource black book representative, at 816-383-5100 or send e-mail to ktoll@angus.org.

Books will be shipped to you by Nov. 15 — just in time to distribute to your customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

NJAS this month

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is July 19-25 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Ga. The Georgia Angus and Junior Angus associations have been working hard to put the finishing touches on this year's event, "Sweet Southern Showdown."

If you can't make the trip to Georgia, you can still watch the show online at www.liveauctions.tv and view the results posted daily by Angus Productions Inc. (API) at www.njas.info.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 18

All forms to nominate state delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates have been returned to the Association, and ballots that will be used to vote for those nominees will be prepared and mailed to all active members this month. All ballots must be received at the Association by Aug. 18 to be counted.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 126th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 16 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Association members seeking a position on the Board of Directors are asked to submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Associate Editor Crystal Albers by Aug. 15. All biographies and photos submitted by the deadline will run in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention in November.

Register now for Cattlemen's Boot Camp

The Association will conduct its next Cattlemen's Boot Camp Sept. 22-23 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. The day-and-a-half events are open to all cattle producers and include information from management and breeding to marketing and evaluating the end product. Boot Camps are one of the educational efforts made available through the Angus Foundation.

ASSOCIATION FEES

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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. An "F" following the symbol for a genetic defect means the animal has tested free of the defect. A "C" following represents a carrier of the defect.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	OS	Osteopetrosis
^	Cell clone	RD	Red
%	Split-ET	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
@	Clone-ET	SN	Syndactyly
AM	Arthrogyrosis multiplex	WT	Wild type color gene
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DM	Double muscling	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism		
HG	Horn gene		

Registration is just \$75 and includes meals and materials. A complete schedule of events and registration forms are available online at www.angus.org. For more information or to register, contact Shelia Stannard or Monica Jordan at 816-383-5100.

Order summer show photos now

If you exhibited at a state preview show, regional junior show or the NJAS, you can order copies of pictures taken by Association staff. Contact the Communications Department for photos taken by your regional manager, a summer intern or office personnel. Photos are available for a reasonable fee.

Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at prphotos@angus.org or call her at 816-383-5100 to order your color prints today.

Juniors should note new ownership terminology

Juniors participating in shows and concerned with ownership deadlines should take note. Beginning July 1, registration certificates will have a new look and some new wording. Ownership is currently based on the issue date listed on the bottom of the paper; beginning July 1, ownership will be based on process date.

The Association has made every attempt to inform state fairs and shows of this change. Please contact the Association if you have questions.

Junior ownership deadline for the NAILE changes

The ownership deadline for the Angus junior show at the NAILE in Louisville, Ky., has changed and is now Sept. 1. The junior exhibitor must be the sole owner of the animal by Sept. 1, as listed on the certificate, and the process date on the certificate must reflect the Sept. 1 date.

Note junior deadlines for American Royal

The ownership (process) date and entry deadline for the American Royal junior Angus heifer show is Sept. 10. Please note that late entries are never accepted.

Tee up for 9th annual golf tournament

The ninth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 21, at Houston Lake Country Club, Perry, Ga., in conjunction with the NJAS. This event provides an opportunity for Angus enthusiasts of all ages to join together in a day of fun and recreation while raising money to support the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research programs.

Funds generated through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the

Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. Sponsorships and player spots are still available. Player registration fees have increased \$10 since the June 30 early deadline. For more information about signing up a team, or helping to sponsor the tournament, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Silent Auction will support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the 2009 NJAS in Perry, Ga. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus

Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

A featured item in this year's auction is a limited-edition 2008 "Vision of Value" Angus Bull Bronze specially commissioned for "That Old West Magic" Fundraising Gala and Auction. Donated by an anonymous patron, this is a unique second opportunity to own one of these gorgeous, highly sought after bronze bulls.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100. 