



Association Highlights

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Register now for Cattlemen's Boot Camp

A Cattlemen's Boot Camp is set for Sept. 22-23 at East Lansing, Mich. Interested cattle



producers should register now to meet the Sept. 1 deadline and ensure their space at the 1½-day educational

event. Boot Camp is hosted by the American Angus Association and funded through the Angus Foundation. The Michigan event is coordinated in conjunction with Michigan State University.

Registration, which includes meals and materials, is \$75, and preregistration is required. For more information about Boot Camp, contact Monica Jordan at 816-383-

5100 or visit www.angus.org, where you can register online and view a complete schedule of events.

Fall sire summary now available

The fall 2009 *Sire Evaluation Report* and the updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) from the latest National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) were released July 13.

To view the latest *Sire Evaluation Report* online, go to www.angussiresearch.com. Limited printed copies are expected in the Association offices by mid-August. In addition to the online and printed versions, the report is available on CD for \$25.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 18

All ballots to nominate state delegates for

the 126th Annual Convention of Delegates must be received at the American Angus Association by Aug. 18 in order to be counted. Late ballots are never accepted. If you haven't mailed yours, please do so as soon as possible.

All ballots must be signed by an active member to be considered valid. Voters should make sure they don't exceed the allotted number of votes per state, which is listed at the top of the ballot. Ballots with more votes than allowed per state will be null and void.

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

Summer show photos available

Any youth who competed in a junior Angus show this summer where an Association representative took photographs will receive one complimentary color 5 × 7 photograph in the mail. Those photos are also e-mailed to each member's local media.

Anyone who would like to order additional photos from either a junior or open show can do so by contacting the Association's Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or by sending an e-mail to prphotos@angus.org.

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Those Association members who have expressed an interest in seeking a position on the Board of Directors should submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Associate Editor Crystal Albers by Aug. 15. All bios and photos submitted by the deadline will be published in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention of Delegates in November.

If you have any questions, call Albers at 816-383-5215.

AIMS celebrates 10th anniversary this month

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) available to members as a resource for keeping herd records and much more. What started as a herd management tool just a decade ago has evolved into a true customer service program, tracking

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. 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	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
+	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	Arthrogryposis 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		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

customers, using customized reports and much more.

For more information about AIMS, visit www.angus.org/aims.

Start planning for 2009 Annual Convention

The Association Annual Convention of Delegates will be conducted in conjunction with the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. Angus events in Louisville begin Sunday, Nov. 15, with the junior Angus show, educational programs for breeders and the open forum for candidates and delegates.

The open bull show and the Annual Convention will be Monday, Nov. 16. The Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show. All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Crowne Plaza.

Look for a more detailed schedule of events and additional information in the future.

Consign bulls to the NWSS Bull Sale

Act now to save \$50 on entry fees for the 2010 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Thursday, Jan. 14.

The fee for consignments received on or before Sept. 15 is \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$450 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information to be eligible.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2008, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for nonparent sires.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846. For entry forms contact Linda Campbell at 816-383-5143.

Junior ownership deadline changed at NAILE

- ▶ The ownership deadline for junior entries at the NAILE is now Sept. 1.

Junior deadlines for the fall

- ▶ Sept. 10 is the entry and ownership deadline for the American Royal junior Angus show.
- ▶ Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.
- ▶ Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

