



Association Highlights

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National Western Bull Sale consignments due Oct. 1

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 are required to be enrolled in AHIR[®] with official weights processed prior to the cataloging deadline.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2009, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and a semen evaluation, within 30 days of the sale.

The yearling weight expected progeny differences (EPDs) must meet the breed's average for non-parent sires, according to the most recent *Sire Evaluation Report*.

For more information, contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846. For entry forms, contact the Association at 816-383-5100.

Start planning for 126th Annual Convention

Now is the time to make plans to attend the American Angus Association's 126th Annual Convention of Delegates, set for Monday, Nov. 16, 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. The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting. Elected delegates and other attendees will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2009.

The Annual Banquet will be Monday evening at the Crowne Plaza (formerly the Executive West). Special honorees at the banquet will include the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award winner and inductees into the Angus Heritage Foundation. This year, significant ROV winners, including owners of the ROV Breeder of the Year and owners of the ROV Show Heifer and Show Bull of the Year will also be honored.

The Angus show schedule will follow the same schedule as in the past. The junior show will be Sunday, Nov. 15; the ROV bulls and cow-calf pairs will show Monday, Nov. 16; and ROV females will show Tuesday, Nov. 17.

NAILE entries due Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2009 NAILE this November, make sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium sale books and entry forms for exhibitors are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the web site, www.livestockexpo.org. Visa[®] and MasterCard[®] are accepted.

Hotel options in Louisville

The Crowne Plaza will serve as Angus headquarters for the Annual Meeting and all related events, but rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates, and Association officers and directors. Anyone who doesn't fall into one of those categories may want to make reservations at one of these nearby hotels, located within walking distance of the Crowne Plaza and the KFEC:

- Comfort Inn & Suites, 502-375-2233
- Courtyard by Marriott, 502-368-5678
- Residence Inn by Marriott, 502-363-8800
- Howard Johnson's Express Inn, 502-363-9952
- Hampton Inn, 502-366-8100

Order summer show photos now

Summer is over, and it's time to gather photos from all those shows and events for

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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. An online version is available through the "Rules and Forms" link at www.angus.org.

► 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		

scrapbooks, sale books, and fall and spring advertising. Photos of winning animals and other special awards from all summer shows that were attended by an Association representative are available from the Association.

Photos are available from the Communications Department from all shows attended by a regional manager (RM) or another Association staff member. These photos were likely used for publicity in your local paper and state Angus publication. Photos are available in sizes ranging from 4×6-inch (in.) to enlargements of most sizes and are priced affordably.

Photo CDs are still available for those who had their photos taken at one of the backdrops at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). To order call Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 or send e-mail to prphotos@angus.org.

Request sale day kits

When planning your fall production sales, don't forget to request your sale day kit from the Association's Communications Department. The kits contain posters for decorating your sale facilities as well as a sample of Association literature for you to distribute to your customers. Contact the Communications Department for your kit or order it online. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

Don't forget these fall junior deadlines

Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.

Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior show.

September concludes Angus Foundation's fiscal year

Sept. 30 is the end of the Angus Foundation's fiscal year. Contributors of \$250 or more (between Oct. 1, 2008, and Sept. 30, 2009) will be invited to the Angus Foundation's Supporter Recognition Event Nov. 14 in Louisville. To make a donation to the Angus Foundation and ensure your invitation to the event in Louisville, contact Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

All financial contributions also count toward the \$11 million goal for Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus.

Sinclair Cattle Co. Donates 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer

Jeff Ward and Duncan Smith, owners of Sinclair Cattle Co., Warfordsburg, Pa., will donate the 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell in January 2010 at the NWSS.

Sinclair K Beauty 8R102 E118 is the heifer

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chosen to represent the Sinclair program. A January 2008 daughter of the great RR Rito 707, this female descends from the legendary N-Bar herd on her maternal side.

The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, an annual fundraising tradition initiated in 1980, supports the Angus Foundation, the not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association that funds and supports programs involving education, youth and research in the Angus breed and agricultural industry.

For more information on the Angus Foundation Heifer Package or to support the Angus Foundation, contact President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100, or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

Increase efficiencies with electronic storage

Association members can conduct business more efficiently and decrease the added stress that the traditional paper trail often causes by storing their registration certificates electronically. And, storing papers electronically doesn't cost the member anything extra.

"With more and more of our members turning to AAA Login and AIMS to submit their work, it makes perfect sense to store registration certificates electronically," says Don Laughlin, Association director of member services. "There is no waiting time to receive that paper in the mail or fear of losing it and having to pay and request a duplicate."

Another advantage to electronically stored registrations is that they can be electronically transferred, expediting the process, which is oftentimes important, especially for juniors who must meet an ownership deadline.

As more members turn to technology to conduct business, electronic storage makes sense. In FY 2008, nearly 69% of registrations were submitted electronically, a trend that continues to increase as more and more producers turn to the Internet and AAA Login.

Although members that show still are required to have an original registration certificate, there is no fee to request to take a particular certificate out of electronic storage. Just allow plenty of time prior to the show.

