



Association Highlights

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Register now for Cattlemen's Boot Camps

Dec. 5 is the registration deadline for the Cattlemen's Boot Camp set for later this month at Kansas State University (K-State) in Manhattan, Kan. The Boot Camp will be Dec. 16-17 at Weber Hall. Boot Camp is sponsored by the American Angus Association® and Angus Foundation and hosted by K-State.

Leading animal and meat scientists will address the various topics of reproduction, nutrition, carcass quality and adding value to the herd.

Enrollment is limited to allow for small-group interaction, so register today by contacting the Association at 816-383-5100. Registration is just \$75, which includes meals and materials. For hotel information and complete schedules, visit www.angus.org.

Spring Sire Evaluation online this month

The spring 2009 Sire Evaluation Report will be online later this month at www.angussiresearch.com.

The report will be online by Monday, Dec. 15. Accessing the report online is the fastest and easiest way to get the latest performance information on sires in the Angus breed. It allows you to specify ranges of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges. This evaluation also includes the dollar value indexes (\$Values), expressed in dollars per head, to assist commercial beef producers in selection decisions.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2008 report will receive the spring 2009 report automatically. All other members and

commercial producers who want a printed report must request it by contacting Brenda Gabriel at 816-383-5144 or bgabriel@angus.org.

Make plans for National Western

It's time to finalize your plans for the 103rd National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities take place Jan. 13-17 with hundreds of entries expected for the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the Hill, and the carload and pen shows in the Yards. See a full schedule of Angus activities online at www.angus.org.

Visit with Association staff in Denver

All Angus producers attending the NWSS are encouraged to stop by the Association's Listening Post in the Yards. This year, the Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff will be in one larger tent across the aisle from where they have traditionally been located.

Staff will be on hand daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, to visit with producers about Association programs and to hear what industry issues producers are thinking about. Be sure to stop by to chat and have a cup of coffee.

In addition to the Listening Post, Association staff will be available to visit with producers at the Association booth on the Hill. Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), will be in the booth Wednesday through Friday to answer any questions about AIMS.

Georgia juniors to auction items in Denver

The Georgia Junior Angus Association will auction several items during the NWSS to raise funds to host the 2009 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Angus enthusiasts won't want to miss the opportunities to support the breed's youth at the "Sweet Southern Showdown" while in Denver.

During the Angus reception Thursday, Jan. 15, the Georgia juniors will sell premium pages in the show program, including the inside covers and back cover along with other highly sought pages. In addition, the juniors are still confirming pregnancies and other items that might be sold during the NWSS.

For more information about the 2009

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	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	HG	Horn gene
^	Cell clone	R	Red
%	Split-ET	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
@	Clone-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
S	Syndactyly	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
H	Double muscling	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
D	Dwarfism		
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test		
M	Osteopetrosis		

■ BREEDER'S REFERENCE

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association,® a "Breeder's Reference" is published periodically in the *Angus Journal*® to inform breeders of cattle determined free of genetic defects, those determined carriers of genetic defects or genetic factors, and those determined carriers of nontraditional blood. The following is a list of animals reported to the Association from Sept. 20, 2008, through Oct. 26, 2008.

CLASS II DEFECTS

Bulls tested free of the red color gene (FR):

- ▶ **Dunlouse Cortachy Boy D137** (14898814), born Sept. 8, 2004
- ▶ **Dunlouse Jipsej Earl E161** (15726438), born July 26, 2005

Bulls tested free of the PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism (FD2):

- ▶ **Rito 4112 of 7R11 6807** (14790897), born Sept. 7, 2004

NJAS or to see ways you can help, log on to www.njas.info.

Foundation Heifer Package to sell in Denver

Chris McCutchen, owner of Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla., will donate the 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell Jan. 15, 2009, at the NWSS.

Limestone Rita T754 is chosen to represent the Limestone program. She is a daughter of the featured Limestone LLC and Express Ranches sire Raven, the breed's eighth-ranked young sire for ribeye area (REA).

The dam of Rita T754 is a direct daughter of the \$450,000-valued and former breed leader for intramuscular fat (IMF), Prime Time 2409, sired by the \$75,000 Rito 1I2. Rita R379, the dam of this special donor prospect, was the \$220,000 one-time, world-record-selling open heifer selected by Monarch Farms and Collins Angus through the 2006 Limestone LLC Sale, where her maternal sister Rita R391 was the \$440,000 top-selling female.

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.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives:

- ▶ 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.;
- ▶ free transportation to the buyer's ranch

provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and
▶ an Advanced Reproductive Technology Package from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.

For more information about the heifer package or ways you can contribute to the Angus Foundation, log on to www.angusfoundation.org, contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100, or visit with any regional manager.

Apply now for Beef Leaders' Institute

The American Angus Association will conduct its second Beef Leaders' Institute (BLI) for members who are 25-45 years old. The BLI is tentatively set for May 31-June 3, 2009. The BLI will serve as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry, by participating in tours of feedyards, packing facilities, restaurants, retail outlets and the Association.

Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association will provide transportation during the BLI, as well as lodging, meals and materials. The attendees will be responsible for their transportation from their home to the starting and ending points of the BLI tour.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online and are due to the Association by March 1. For more information or an application, go to www.angus.org or contact Shelia Stannard at 816-383-5100.

Summer internships available

The Association will offer summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships will last approximately 10-12 weeks. Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2009.

Two internships are available at the

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Limestone Rita T754

Association. The communications internship provides real-world experience in working with media, writing and photography and is open to ag communications and ag journalism majors. The junior activities internship is open to any ag student who has completed their sophomore year in college. The internship provides experiences in working with youth, shows and events.

More information about these internships is available on the Association's web site at www.angus.org.

Important junior information

Although summer shows are months away, they will be here before you know it. A comprehensive mailing that includes show schedules, rules and entry forms will be mailed to junior members in January. This booklet will include all regional preview shows, regional shows, NJAS and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference information. This information will also be posted online at www.njaa.info.

Colvin Scholarship applications due this month

The Colvin Scholarship Foundation and

CAB are seeking applicants for its 2009 scholarships. Applications are due Dec. 15, 2008. All qualified college juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply.

The scholarships will be awarded in January 2009 to a junior or senior college-level student demonstrating a commitment to the beef industry through the pursuit of a meat science, food science, animal science, marketing, business, communications, journalism or other degree related to the beef industry through activities and curriculum.

Applications are available at www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/csff/index.php.

For more information, please contact June Studer at 1-800-225-2333, ext. 211.

Developed in 1999 as Louis M. "Mick" Colvin retired as executive director, the scholarship recognizes his role in making dreams a reality and inspiring others to be their best. Colvin was the first executive director of CAB in 1978, leading it to provide the world's leading brand of fresh beef. This scholarship benefits tomorrow's leaders who are involved in their communities and the beef industry.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

Every year, the Angus Foundation selects one participant to sponsor on the Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) tour. The tour and conference that begins in Denver and proceeds across the country to Washington, D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year, and all participants must be nominated by one of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) affiliate organizations.

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 and 50 and must be an active member of the NCBA and the American Angus Association. This will be the seventh year that the Angus Foundation has provided this opportunity to an Association member.

Applications for the 2009 YCC are located on the Angus Foundation web site, at www.angusfoundation.org, and should be

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returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 5, 2009.

Angus gifts still available for the holidays

Still looking for the perfect holiday gift for the Angus enthusiast on your list? Shop online at www.angusonline.org/store for a variety of Angus items.

You will find a variety of practical and pleasant items available — complete with photos, descriptions and prices — that you can purchase online with a Visa or MasterCard.

If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Association at 816-383-5100 to discuss the items with someone. Don't delay!

Still time for 'end-of-the-year' charitable gifts

Charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation in support of its education, youth and research programs are appreciated regardless of the time of year the gift is made by the donor. Oftentimes, however, charitable giving decisions are made at the end of the year, once an individual or couple knows their income tax situation for that respective calendar (tax) year.

As a reminder, one should pay special attention to timing when it comes to year-end gifts. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, 501(c)(3) charities such as the Angus Foundation will recognize the U.S. Postal Service's postmark denoted on the outside of the carrier envelope used by the donor in transmitting the gift to the charity.

In order to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash gifts, this means your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the Angus Foundation in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Gifts can be made online at www.angusfoundation.org. Donors will be recognized for their support to the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus, which aims to raise \$11 million by Dec. 31, 2011.

Plan now for the World Angus Forum

Apply for your passport and start making plans to attend the World Angus Forum July 13-16 in Calgary, Alta., Canada. A schedule and registration information are available online at www.worldangusforum.com. In addition to the forum, you can also participate in pre-and post-forum tours and events, all coordinated by the Canadian Angus Association. Watch for more information about the forum online in the months ahead.

Dig deeper online ...

API offers several opportunities for expanded coverage online this month:

- ▶ Visit www.nationalangusconference.com for complete coverage of the 2008 National Angus Conference & Tour. Online coverage features conference presentations and photo galleries of each tour stop.
- ▶ Visit www.angusjournal.com/Louisville for online coverage of the junior and super-point ROV Angus shows at the North American International Livestock

Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

- ▶ Visit www.appliedreprostrategies.com for coverage of the Robert Taylor Memorial Symposium: Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle. The symposium will be Dec. 2-3 at the Hilton in Fort Collins, Colo. Speakers and trade show participants will focus on new methods and technologies to control and improve reproductive success in beef cattle.

