



Association Highlights

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2009 Annual Report available on request

The 2009 American Angus Association® Annual Report is now available. The report features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2009, which ended Sept. 30, 2009. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available on request by contacting 816-383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

Association provides weekly carcass evaluation

To provide Angus cattlemen with timely, cutting-edge selection tools, the American Angus Association each week releases genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (EPDs) for multiple carcass traits.

Available online at www.angus.org through AAA Login or the EPD/Pedigree lookup, the National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) carcass trait EPDs incorporate updated carcass and ultrasound data, as well as the available breed-specific DNA profile results from the Igenity® Profile for Angus.

For more information call the Association at 816-383-5100 or e-mail ahir@angus.org.

Spring Sire Evaluation online this month

The spring 2010 Sire Evaluation Report will be online this month at www.angus.org/nce, beginning Monday, Dec. 14. 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 EPDs and to sort bulls that qualify within those ranges. The 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 2009 report will receive the spring 2010 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 send e-mail to bgabriel@angus.org.

Make plans for National Western

It's time to finalize your plans for the 104th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities take place Jan. 12-16, 2010, 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.

The 2010 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) committee will be selling items at the Angus Reception at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Marriott City Center.

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.

Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be available daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, to visit with producers about Association programs and the cattle industry. 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.

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 at 4 p.m. Jan. 14 at the NWSS in Denver, Colo.

► 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. 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		



► Sinclair K Bty 8R102 E118 (+16027239)

Sinclair K Bty 8R102 E118 (Reg.: +16027239) is the special heifer chosen to represent the Sinclair program. A January 2008 daughter of RR Rito 707, this outstanding female descends from the legendary N-Bar herd on her maternal side.

An annual fundraising tradition initiated in 1980, unrestricted funds from the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package support the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research activities.

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 onto www.angusfoundation.org; contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100; or visit with any regional manager.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

Every year, the Angus Foundation selects and sponsors a representative to participate in the Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). The tour and conference, which begins in Denver, Colo., 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 a National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) affiliate organization.

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 eighth year that the Angus Foundation has provided this opportunity to an Association member.

Applications for the 2010 YCC are available on the Angus Foundation web site,

at www.angusfoundation.org, and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 4, 2010.

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 year-end 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 also 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.

Angus gifts available for the holidays

Still looking for the perfect holiday gift for the Angus enthusiast on your list? Shopping online at www.angusonline.org/store offers many options.

A variety of items — complete with photos, descriptions and prices — are available on the site and may be purchased online with a Visa or MasterCard.

If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Association at 816-383-5100.

Angus videos available to post

The American Angus Association launched a new advertising campaign this fall, emphasizing the economic advantages of Angus cattle and Association services.

The multimedia campaign utilizes Internet and television opportunities in addition to the traditional print platform and includes several Angus video commercials.

In fact, anyone who has a stake in the Angus business can post the Angus videos to their web site. Contact Rich Masoner, manager of Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Services, for assistance.

Important junior information

A comprehensive mailing will be mailed to Angus juniors next month, including show schedules, rules and entry forms. This booklet will include all regional preview shows, regional shows, and NJAS and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference information.

The information will also be available online at www.njaa.info.

Angus Internship, Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

The American Angus Association, Angus Foundation and CAB are offering several opportunities this fall for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association and branded beef program.

Available internships offer goal-oriented students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing knowledge of agriculture and the beef industry. Deadlines, requirements and application details for the paid internships are available online at www.angus.org, in addition to scholarship opportunities also being offered.

