



Association Highlights

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Sire Evaluation Report available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association's Spring 2005 *Sire Evaluation Report* are now available. To request a printed report for your personal use or a quantity to have available at your spring sale, call the Performance Programs Department or e-mail Brenda Schafer at bschafer@angus.org. If you prefer to search for Angus bulls online, the report can be accessed and searched 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.angussiresearch.com.

Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are already being made for the 2005 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Louisville, Ky. The first step of the democratic election process will take place this month with the mailing of nomination petitions to every Association

member. Members can use the petitions to nominate state delegates for the 2005 Annual Convention of Delegates.

Members may nominate any one member, including themselves, from their state. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the annual meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition this month, send it in right away.

Affiliates receive EPD updates

Several weeks ago, Angus affiliates —

individuals who are not members of the Association, but who have recently purchased and received the ownership transfer of a registered Angus bull — received updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) on all active bulls currently in their ownerships. This service is one of the benefits affiliates receive when their Angus seedstock suppliers transfer the ownership of bulls into their names.

More than 36,000 updates were sent to affiliates nationwide. This service is offered on an annual basis following the release of the National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) data in December. The update includes the bull's name, birth date and all EPDs available. In addition, a letter from the Association accompanies the update, thanking producers for their purchase of Angus bulls and outlining commercial services provided by the Association.

The mailing of EPD updates is designed to increase the service to commercial users of registered Angus genetics and to increase the value of these bulls' properly transferred registration certificates. Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., was a corporate partner on this project.

If you're not transferring the registration papers of Angus bulls to your commercial customers, they're missing out on this valuable benefit of using Angus genetics. For more information contact the Commercial Programs Department.

Report new association officers

All state, local and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officers to the Communications Department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are included on the Association Web site and in the *2005 Resource Edition* published in the *Angus Journal*. Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and association Web site, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

Officer updates can also be sent throughout the year and will be corrected on the Association's Web site listing state, local and regional Angus associations. This information can be accessed by thousands of visitors each month at www.angus.org.

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

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Angus Foundation Heifer Package raises \$97,500

LaGrand Angus and Hereford Ranch, Freeman, S.D., purchased the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package Jan. 13 during Angus activities at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Three Trees Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga., donated the female that headlined the package, which includes many goods and

services. The Angus Foundation supports education, youth and research.

For more information and a picture, see page 214 of this issue.

Plan now to attend events in Reno

The 2005 Western National Angus Futurity and 2005 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are approaching quickly. The events are set for April 22-25 in Reno, Nev. Activities are being planned for both juniors and adults, so make travel and hotel arrangements now.

The headquarters hotel for the event is John Ascuaga's Nugget. To make room

reservations call 1-800-648-1177. Identify yourself as part of the Western National Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates, which are \$80 for Hotel Tower and \$60 for Courtyard. All reservations must be made before April 1 to ensure availability.

Dates set for 2005 national conference and tour

The 2005 National Angus Conference and Tour is set for Sept. 27-30 at the Kansas City Airport Hilton, Kansas City, Mo.

The program will include an educational conference with featured beef industry speakers, followed by a tour of the

Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. The Missouri Angus Association is planning a tour of Angus herds within the state.

Look for more information in upcoming issues.

Junior deadlines for Atlantic National

The ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md., is April 15. Even though the event is a regional preview show for junior members, the Atlantic National show management handles the entry process. For information or to request entry forms,

contact Bobbi McMullen at (717) 548-3282 or bobbi@epix.net.

May 1 junior deadlines

Juniors should remember May 1 as the deadline for several application forms.

- ▶ Gold Award applications are due.
- ▶ Outstanding Leadership Award applications are due.
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline takes place for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Ellensburg, Wa.

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department or visit www.njas.info.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadlines for a specific show are fast approaching the Association can help. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

