



# Association Highlights

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## AHIR deadline is June 9

June 9 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR<sup>SM</sup>) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates data for the fall 2006 *Sire Evaluation Report*.

It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at (816) 383-5100.

## National Angus Conference & Tour set

The 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour is set for Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho.

The three-day event will include educational programs and tours of Angus herds in Idaho and Oregon. Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of "The Great Northwest Gathering."

Watch for more information and registration materials online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and in future issues of the *Angus Journal*.



## Plan for summer field days

Now is the time to plan for those summer field days that you may be hosting at your farm or ranch. The American Angus Association's communications team offers a field day planner, complete with a timeline and checklist of preparatory activities to make your event a success.

In addition, the Association will help you publicize your event if hosted on behalf of a local, state or regional Angus association. A packet of information and posters to display and distribute at your event are also available. Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 for more details.

## Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state at the 2006 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, set for Monday, Nov. 13, in Louisville, Ky.

Each active Association member should have received a nomination petition in the mail and may nominate one member. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members later this summer for the final selection of delegates. Nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30 to be included on the final ballot.

It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

## Juniors can submit show entries online

Junior members can save time this spring by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) and provide the necessary information, including a Visa or MasterCard number, to cover entry and bedding fees.

Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail, so don't let time slip up on you. As always, no late entries will be accepted for any reason.

## Make note of junior deadlines

A summer full of junior Angus activities is first preceded by many deadlines for entries,

## 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		

contests and awards. Make note of the deadlines, as no late entries will be accepted for any reason. If you have questions, contact the Junior Activities Department.

### **Need help with junior transfers?**

Juniors who have not received the transfer paper on a purchased heifer should contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the ownership deadline of a particular show. The staff will make every attempt to get the animal transferred on time. Keep in mind that late transfers for shows are never accepted. Please contact the Association before it's too late.

### **Tee up at sixth annual golf tournament**

If you're planning to attend the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), don't forget to bring your golf clubs. Whether you're an amateur or an avid golfer, you'll want to participate in the sixth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. The event will take place Tuesday, July 11, at the Prairie View Golf Club at Carmel, Ind.

The event begins at 6:30 a.m. and includes 18 holes of golf for all players. A lunch will be served afterward, and awards will be given. The entry fee is \$100 for adults and \$75 for

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members. All players must register by June 15, or a \$10 late fee will apply. Teams will consist of four players, and various awards will be given.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research. For more information about signing up a team, contact the Angus Foundation.

### **Silent Auction will support Foundation**

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the 2006 NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be up for grabs.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction. Donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation.

### **LEAD Conference planned for Oklahoma**

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being an NJAA member. One event that allows

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members to do just that is the annual Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, set for Aug. 3-6 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

All juniors ages 14 and older are eligible to participate. This year's theme is "Wranglin' Up Your Future." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and tour agricultural sites in Oklahoma.

Registration materials can be found in the entry booklet that was distributed to all active juniors earlier in the year. Request materials by contacting the Junior Activities Department.

Registration is \$175 for juniors and advisors alike until June 15, the early registration deadline. After that date, registration will be \$200.

