



# 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.

## Delegate nominations due this month

You have just a few weeks to nominate delegates to represent your state at the 2006 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, set for Nov. 13 in Louisville, Ky.

Each Association member may nominate one member. All eligible nominations will be

included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members for the final selection of delegates. Nominations must be received in the Association office by June 30. Nomination forms received after that date are not eligible to be placed on the ballots.

Only active members can nominate or be nominated. If your membership is due to expire, please be sure that it is paid before June 30. Nominations of expired memberships cannot be placed on the ballots.

Ballots will be mailed by July 16 and must be received in the Association office no later than Aug. 15.

## Order Black Books now

Even though 2007 is still six months away, it is time to place your order for the 2007 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® Black Books. The pocket-sized books include

a 2007 calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The books make a great promotional tool or gift to your commercial bull buyers. You can custom-order your books for \$2.50 each, which includes your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover. Custom orders require a 100-book minimum order. If you would like to order smaller quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover, those are available for \$2.50 each.

BioZyme is a major partner in the production of these books, and a VitaFerm® ad will appear on the inside front cover, which reduces book costs to producers.

Custom orders must be placed by July 15. To place orders, contact the Association and ask for the BRS/AngusSource Black Book representative. Books will be shipped to you by Nov. 15 — just in time to distribute to your customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

## Cattlemen's Boot Camp set in Illinois

The Association, in partnership with the Angus Foundation and University of Illinois, is conducting its third Cattlemen's Boot Camp Aug. 29-30 in Champaign-Urbana,



Ill. The event is open to all cattle producers and offers

perspective on all industry segments, including production practices, marketing and end product merit.

Registration for Boot Camp is just \$75, which includes meals and materials. Space is limited, so register today by contacting the Association. To learn more about Boot Camp, go to [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or contact Shelia Stannard, event coordinator, at (816) 383-5152 or [sstannard@angus.org](mailto:ssannard@angus.org).

## Association celebrates 50th year in Saint Joseph

This summer marks the golden anniversary for the permanent home of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. On June 29, 1956, 3201 Frederick Boulevard (now Avenue) became the permanent home to the Association after moving from the Chicago Stockyards.

## ► 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		

A small, community celebration is planned to mark the occasion. Association members are always encouraged to visit the Association when in the area.



### Request registration materials for National Conference

Plans are being finalized for the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour, which is set for Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho. Beef industry speakers will headline the event, followed by a tour of various Angus operations and other agricultural entities in Idaho and Oregon.

The theme for the event is "The Great Northwest Gathering," and the Idaho and Oregon Angus associations will serve as hosts for the tour portion. Both purebred and commercial producers are invited to attend. A preliminary schedule, hotel information and registration are available at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). Participants can register online with a Visa or MasterCard, or they can request registration materials be sent to them by contacting Linda Campbell at (816) 383-5143 or [lcampbell@angus.org](mailto:lcampbell@angus.org).

For a schedule of events and a registration form, go to page 53.

### National Junior Angus Show approaching fast

Make your plans now to attend the 2006 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 9-15 in Indianapolis, Ind. This event showcases the youth of our breed and all activities of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). It is the largest event the Association coordinates during the year.

The Indiana Angus associations — adult, junior and auxiliary — will host the event, "All Roads lead to the '06 Show," at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Juniors will exhibit females, bulls, cow-calf pairs and steers. There is a carcass contest with special emphasis on meeting *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) product specifications.

Angus youth will participate in public speaking, poster design, creative writing, graphic design, photography and state junior association scrapbook contests. Rules for all of the contests are available online at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

State showmanship winners will compete for the national honor of "top showman" at the 40th National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Another highlight for the week is the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off.

Delegates from state junior associations will elect six new directors to the NJAA Board of Directors.

For a complete schedule of events and hotel information, call the Junior Activities Department or go to [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

### Sign up now for Foundation Golf Tournament

Players are needed for the sixth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. The event includes 18 holes of golf on Tuesday, July 11, at the Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel, Ind.

The event begins at 6:30 a.m. A lunch will be served afterward, and awards will be given. The entry fee is \$100 for adults and \$75 for 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 or visit [www.angusfoundation.org/golf\\_tournament.html](http://www.angusfoundation.org/golf_tournament.html).

### Get ready to bid at the Angus Foundation Silent Auction

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the 2006 NJAS in Indianapolis. 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, but 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 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.

### Father's Day gift ideas

Don't forget dear ol' dad this year on Father's Day, June 18. Make shopping easy on yourself and fun for him by purchasing a gift from the Angus Foundation. A wide variety of items are available, including shirts, jackets and caps. For a detailed listing and photo of each item, go to the online store at [www.angusonline.org](http://www.angusonline.org).

If he doesn't have a copy of *A Historic Angus Journey — The American Angus Association, 1883-2000*, now is the time to get it for him. The book was written by Keith Evans and includes more than 350 pages of history and photographs. It is available in a black leather-bound edition for \$50 and a beige cloth-bound edition for \$25. A \$5 shipping and handling charge will apply for each book ordered.

The Angus Foundation also has sets of the "Profitmaker Prints" available. The set of four black-and-white pencil sketches is the work of Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy and is yours when you donate \$100 to the Angus Foundation.

To order any of the items listed above, call the Angus Foundation or shop the online store at [www.angusonline.org](http://www.angusonline.org).

### New ROV show season starts soon

The 2006-2007 Roll of Victory (ROV) show season is about to begin. At these events, which are hosted in conjunction with fairs and livestock expositions across the country, exhibitors receive points for the placing of their animals in both individual and group classes. At the end of the year, points are totaled and winners are recognized in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Final points for the 2005-2006 show season will be posted online by June 15.

If you have questions about the ROV point system, contact the Activities Department at (816) 383-5100 or [lcampbell@angus.org](mailto:lcampbell@angus.org). Following is a list of events that have been approved by the

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ROV shows:

- ▶ The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity, Louisville, Ky.
- ▶ West Virginia State Fair, Lewisburg, W.Va.
- ▶ Western Idaho Fair, Boise, Idaho
- ▶ Oregon State Fair, Salem, Ore.
- ▶ Mid-South Fair, Memphis, Tenn.
- ▶ World Beef Expo, Milwaukee, Wis.
- ▶ Northern International Livestock Exposition, Billings, Mont.
- ▶ American Royal\*, Kansas City, Mo.
- ▶ North American International Livestock Exposition\*, Louisville, Ky.
- ▶ Arizona National Livestock Show, Phoenix, Ariz.
- ▶ National Western Stock Show\*, Denver, Colo.
- ▶ Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Fort Worth, Texas
- ▶ Dixie National, Jackson, Miss.
- ▶ Western National Angus Futurity\*, Reno, Nev.
- ▶ Atlantic National\*, Timonium, Md.

\*denotes super-point show

