



# Association Highlights

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## Association plans 125th Anniversary activities in Louisville

The American Angus Association will conduct a variety of events in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) this month in Louisville, Ky., including its 125th Anniversary celebration. The Annual Convention of Delegates, Annual Banquet, educational forums and a super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show are just some of the events planned for Nov. 15-18. All events take place at the Executive West Hotel or the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC).

The Association will celebrate its 125th Anniversary following the candidate-delegate forum Sunday, Nov. 16. Educational sessions will be conducted as they were in 2007 in the KFEC South Wing C, upper level. Sessions

will last about 45 minutes and will cover a wide range of topics, including an update on feed efficiency research, two question-and-answer sessions on curly calf syndrome and a session on *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®).

Attendees will also be able to interact with Association staff and the staffs of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Angus Productions Inc. (API), Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and the Angus Foundation. Look for a schedule online and in the Executive West lobby.

## Angus Heritage Foundation inductees will be honored

Individuals who have made significant contributions to the Angus breed have been selected for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. They will be honored at the Angus Banquet during Angus activities in Louisville, Ky.

The 2008 honorees include Minnie Lou Bradley, Memphis, Texas; Joe Schaff, Bismarck, N.D.; Robert (Bob) Schlutz, Columbus Junction, Iowa; and Richard Wilson, Saint Joseph, Mo. Roy Wallace, formerly of Plain City, Ohio, will be inducted posthumously.

Complete biographies of the inductees will be published in a future issue of the *Angus Journal*®.

## Holiday shopping available in Louisville

While in Louisville, be sure to shop the items offered by the American Angus Auxiliary and Angus Foundation at the Executive West. Both organizations will offer a number of great holiday gifts for the Angus lover on your gift list. Look for signage indicating room name and hours of operation when you arrive in Louisville.

## Submit performance data by Nov. 7

The deadline for submitting performance records for inclusion in the Spring 2009 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 7. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

Be sure to include breeding records and temperament scores in addition to the typical growth and carcass information. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

## Cattlemen's Boot Camps planned

A Cattlemen's Boot Camp is set for Dec. 16-17 at Kansas State University (K-State) in Manhattan, Kan. Cattlemen's Boot Camp is sponsored by the Angus Foundation and co-hosted by universities across the country. These in-depth programs offer information about all segments of the industry. The registration deadline is Dec. 1, and the registration fee is just \$75 and includes meals and materials.

Watch the *Angus Journal* and [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more information about this and future Boot Camps.

## Make Denver plans now

It's time to start planning for the 2009 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Angus activities start

### 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		

Tuesday, Jan. 13, with the junior heifer show, which begins at 1 p.m., in the Stadium Arena.

The super-point ROV female show will begin at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Stadium Arena. The ROV bull show begins at 8 a.m., Friday, Jan. 16.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, sale bulls take the stage, with judging in the Stadium Arena at 8:30 a.m., followed by a viewing of all sale consignments. The National Western Angus Bull Sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena with the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The day concludes with the Angus Reception at the Marriott City Center.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, Angus activities move to the Yards with the carload and pen shows at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to the shows and socials, the Listening Post will once again be a gathering place in the Yards for members to visit with Association staff and directors.

Hotel reservations for the NWSS can be made by calling the Marriott City Center Hotel, which serves as Angus headquarters for the event, at 303-297-1300. A room rate of \$95 plus tax has been negotiated for the Angus group. Reservations must be made by Dec. 18.

### National Western show changes noted

Cattle exhibitors on the hill at the 2009 NWSS will want to note one very significant change. All cattle are required to be in place by 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8.

Junior Angus exhibitors will want to note that the ownership and entry deadline to the junior Angus heifer show at the National Western is Nov. 20. No late entries will be accepted.

Also, a senior yearling division has been added to the junior show. For more information about the National Western, visit [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).

### Foundation kicks off Annual Fund this month

Active members of the American Angus Association will once again have opportunity to participate in the Angus Foundation's Annual Fund campaign. Information will be in mailboxes in early November. Your gift to the Angus Foundation will help to ensure we meet our Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus goal of \$11 million by Dec. 11, 2011.

Gifts mailed, postmarked or otherwise delivered by Dec. 31 qualify for 2008 tax deductions as allowed by law. Gifts of cash or by check are the most popular giving methods. Cash gifts make it possible to eliminate or reduce income tax on up to 50%

### 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 July 22, 2008, through Sept. 19, 2008.

#### CLASS II DEFECTS

*Bulls identified as carriers of the red color gene (R):*

▶ **EXAR 263C 7473** (15767088), born Aug. 8, 2007

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

▶ **EXAR 263 7466** (15767081), born Aug. 7, 2007

of your adjusted gross income. For more information go to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

### 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, 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 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 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](http://www.angusfoundation.org), and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 5, 2009.

### Limestone LLC to Donate 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer

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 and is a daughter of the featured Limestone LLC and Express Ranches sire Raven, the breed's No. 8 young sire for REA.

The dam of Rita T754 is a direct daughter of the \$450,000-valued and former breed

leader for intramuscular fat (IMF) EPD, Prime Time 2409, sired by the \$75,000 Rito 112. 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.



Limestone Rita T754

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 onto [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org), contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100, or visit with any regional manager.

