



Association Highlights

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National Western to host Angus activities this month

Five days of Angus events, including a 2005 super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show, junior heifer show, pen and carload shows, and the National Western Angus Bull Sale are planned during the 2005 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

The activities begin with the junior heifer show at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Stadium Arena. Jason Elmore, Waukomis, Okla., will evaluate the entries.

The female portion of the super-point ROV Angus show will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the Stadium Arena. The ROV show will resume with bulls on Friday, Jan. 14, at 8 a.m. Charles Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky., will evaluate the cattle.

The National Western Angus Bull Sale

highlights events on Thursday, Jan. 13. The bull sale show begins at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. Five judges will evaluate the 54 bulls and select division and grand champions. Judges include Dan Byrd, Red Bluff, Calif.; Kevin Gallagher, Union, Ky.; Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo.; Joel Judge, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Donnie Robertson, Yukon, Okla. The sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. The sale of the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will precede the sale.

An Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) workshop will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center, located at 1701 California, downtown. The Angus reception will complete Thursday's activities at 6:30 p.m. at the hotel.

Angus activities conclude Saturday, Jan. 15,

with the pen and carload shows in the yards. The event begins at 9 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Sam Hands, Garden City, Kan.; Alan Miller, Le Roy, Ill.; and Kelly Schaff, Saint Anthony, N.D., will officiate the group competitions.

An Angus Listening Post is available for the second year for visitors and will be open Wednesday through Saturday. Association members and commercial cattle producers are encouraged to stop by the tent located in the yards to talk about current beef industry issues, visit with Association staff, ask questions and exchange ideas.

A schedule of Angus events follows.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

2 p.m. Junior Angus heifer show, Stadium Arena (*new time*)

Wednesday, Jan. 12

8 a.m. Super-point ROV Angus female show, Stadium Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

Thursday, Jan. 13

8 a.m. Judging Angus sale cattle, Stadium Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards
2 p.m. National Western Angus Bull Sale and sale of Angus Foundation Heifer Package, Beef Palace Auction Arena
4:30 p.m. AIMS workshop, Denver Marriott City Center
6:30-8:30 p.m. Angus Reception, Denver Marriott City Center

Friday, Jan. 14

8 a.m. Super-point ROV Angus bull show, Stadium Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards
3 p.m. Angus Foundation Female Sale, Livestock Center Auction Arena

Saturday, Jan. 15

9 a.m. Angus carload and pen shows, Livestock Center Auction Arena
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

For more information about events at the NWSS, go to www.nationalwestern.com.

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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		

NWSS coverage on the Web

Not going to Denver? You can still keep up with what's going on via the Internet. Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide real-time coverage of Angus events. Log on at www.angusjournal.com/denver to see results and photos.

Foundation heifer package sells at NWSS

Three Trees Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga., will donate Three Trees Blackbird 4485 to headline the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The package will sell at the 2005 NWSS, and all proceeds from the sale go directly to the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research.

The sale of the package will precede the 2005 National Western Angus Bull Sale, set for 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena.

For more information about the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, contact Milford Jenkins at (816) 383-5100, visit with any regional manager, or see page 50 of this issue.

Stop by the Angus Listening Post

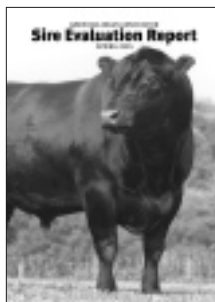
While attending events at the NWSS, be sure to stop by the Angus tent in the herd

bull display area in the yards. For the second year, the Angus Listening Post will provide members the opportunity to exchange ideas and take part in discussions with Association and API personnel and other producers. All members and commercial producers are welcome to stop by the Angus Listening Post for a cup of coffee and a good discussion about the Angus business and what's going on in today's beef industry.

Spring Sire Evaluation available online

The spring 2005 Sire Evaluation Report is now available on the Internet at www.angus.org. 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 expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges. This evaluation also includes the \$Value Indexes, including



\$W (weaning), as well as other new predictive values, such as calving ease direct (CED) and calving ease maternal (CEM) EPDs and \$EN (cow energy) for the first time (see articles in this issue).

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2004 report will receive the spring 2005 report automatically. All other members and commercial producers who want a printed report must request it by contacting Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.

Online coverage of 2005 Cattle Industry Convention

The 2005 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show is set for Feb. 2-5 in San Antonio, Texas. People from all aspects of the beef industry will take part in the event, which is organized by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion & Research Board, Cattle-Fax, and the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW). The theme for the convention is "Riding Point for the Industry."

API will provide real-time coverage of the convention and trade show at www.4cattlemen.com, including speaker presentations and detailed meeting coverage. The coverage is sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. Go to the site now to view a schedule and to access links to online registration.

Association to host producer meeting at Cattle Industry Convention

The Association will host a producer meeting during the 2005 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show, Feb. 2-5 in San Antonio. "Tools for Success" is an extension of the Outreach Seminars and will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in the Alamo Ballroom, Salon C, at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel. The meeting will feature information on \$Value Indexes and AngusSource.

The Association, along with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and API, will also have a presence in the trade show. Be sure to stop by the booths while in San Antonio.

Pathfinder deadline is Feb. 11

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2005 Pathfinder Report is Feb. 11.

The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting

The letter 'R' represents 2005-born calves in international year-letter designations

Many years ago, livestock producers adopted an international year-letter designation system for animal identification (ID). This system correlates a year with a particular letter of the alphabet so that all animals born in that calendar year have one consistent element in their individual identifications.

Angus breeders most commonly use this system when tattooing their newborn calves, using a combination of the letter for that particular year and a number for ID within the herd. As the American Angus Association *Breeder's Reference Guide* explains, any capital letters or Arabic numbers or a combination of both can be used when permanently identifying a calf, as long as the ID does not exceed five characters. (The *Breeder's Reference Guide* is published each year as an insert in the March *Angus Journal*.)

The American Angus Association Board of Directors approved freeze-branding and hot-branding as forms of permanent ID in November 2003. This change allows breeders multiple options in permanent ID for registration purposes. See Rule 105: Permanent Identification Marks, for more information. (The Association Board of Directors recently adopted an updated version of the rules. The new rules, including Rule 105, were to be posted online and will be published in the *Breeder's Reference Guide* in the March *Angus Journal*.)

The international year-letter designations for animal ID, as reported by the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), are as follows:

2004 — P	2007 — T
2005 — R	2008 — U
2006 — S	2009 — W

The letters I, O, Q and V are not used in this system.

For more information contact the Member Services Department at (816) 383-5100.

— by **Corinne Patterson**

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data into the office in a timely manner. If you have questions about submitting data on forms, by using the AIMS program or with AAA Login, call the Association for assistance.

BLS offers marketing alternative

The Association's Bull Listing Service (BLS) offers producers a simple and economical alternative marketing method. The BLS lists bulls online for a 90-day period. Each listing includes individual genetic and performance information.

The list can be sorted by sire group, EPDs and location, and is accessible at www.angus.org/bls.

Designed with small- and mid-sized producers in mind, but available to anyone selling registered Angus bulls, BLS is an inexpensive marketing outlet to producers who have a small number of bulls. Likewise, larger-scale producers can use the service to promote



offerings in upcoming sales.

Angus producers can submit listings online. An enrollment form, which can be submitted by mail or fax, is also available online at the Web site or through the Commercial Programs Department. A minimal fee is charged for the 90-day listing: \$7 per head for 1-10 bulls, \$5 per head for 11-99 bulls and \$4 per head for 100 or more bulls.

Summer internship deadline Feb. 1

The Association and API will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association and publication work. The paid internships begin approximately June 1 and conclude in mid-August.

The application deadline is Feb. 1. More details on each internship are provided in "Next Generation," which begins on page 48.

Junior entry packets mailed

All active junior members who are 9 years old or older should receive a green entry

booklet in the mail this month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional and regional preview shows and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). It also contains information about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

Note these junior deadlines

Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show, set for March 12-13 in Harrisonburg, Va.

March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 23-25 in Reno, Nev.

