



# Association Highlights

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## Fall NCE released this month

The release of the fall 2006 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is scheduled for this month. Watch for new performance data to be posted online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) by July 17.

## Order Black Books now

Now is the time to place your order for the 2007 BRS/AngusSource® Black Book from the American Angus Association. The pocket-sized book includes a 2007 calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The Black Books make a great 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 also 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. This partnership greatly reduces book costs to producers.

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

## Delegate ballots due by Aug. 15

All forms to nominate state delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates have been returned to the Association, and ballots that will be used to vote for those nominees will be prepared and mailed to all active members this month. All ballots must be received at the Association by Aug. 15 to be counted.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the Annual Convention Nov. 14 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

## Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Those Association members who have

expressed an interest in seeking a position on the Board of Directors should submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Assistant Editor Micky Wilson by Aug. 15. All bios and photos submitted by the deadline will run in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention in November.

## Field day kits available from communications department

Summer days are the perfect time for Angus breeders to gather at field days and tours. The Association Communications Department offers free field day kits for individuals hosting these events.

The kits contain regular and junior membership applications, quantities of the Association's most popular brochures, and a variety of Angus promotional posters.

Kits can be requested at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) under Angus Info — literature, or by contacting Lea Ann Maudlin at [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org) or (816) 383-5100. Be sure to include your name, shipping address, phone number and member code when making your request. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

## Register now for Boot Camp

A Cattlemen's Boot Camp is set for Aug. 29-30 at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Registration is open until Aug. 14, but sign up today as space is limited.

Sponsored by the American Angus Association, Angus Foundation and University of Illinois, the Boot Camp is open to all cattle producers and offers a look into all segments of the industry, as well as evolving technologies. Cost to attend is only \$75 and includes meals and materials. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn. Please call (217) 328-7900 and ask for the American Angus Association rate, to reserve your room today.

For more information about the Boot Camp, go to [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), or call Kris Sticken with the Angus Foundation at (816) 383-5100.



## Register for National Angus Conference & Tour

The 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour is Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho. See the insert in this month's *Angus Journal* for specific details.

Registration is just \$75 prior to Aug. 25 and includes the conference program, meals and bus transportation during the tour. Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of this year's event, which includes Web coverage at [www.angusjournal.com/nationalconference](http://www.angusjournal.com/nationalconference).

## Assist your commercial bull buyers

Registered Angus breeders can help commercial bull customers realize the full value of their purchase of Angus genetics by encouraging them to enroll their feeder calves and replacement heifers in the AngusSource® marketing program. AngusSource is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) process verified program (PVP) that verifies age, source and genetics on commercial producers' cattle for sale. By assisting your customers, you not only help them receive true value for their cattle but also build a stronger relationship. For more information about AngusSource, contact the Association.

## NJAS is happening this month

Angus youth across the country are gearing up for the 2006 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) scheduled for July 9-15 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

The event will kick off Tuesday morning, July 11, with the Angus Foundation golf tournament. The American Angus Auxiliary All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off will be that afternoon.

The show begins Wednesday with steers, cow-calf pairs and bred-and-owned bulls.

Exhibitors will show bred-and-owned females Thursday. The first divisions of owned heifers will show Friday, with the remaining owned heifer divisions concluding the show on Saturday.

The National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest is a highlight of the event. Juniors also will participate in educational competitions throughout the week. An awards program Friday evening will recognize contest winners and six new National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) directors.

If you can't attend this year's event, you can track the event daily at [www.angusjournal.com/njas](http://www.angusjournal.com/njas).

### Bid at the Angus Foundation Silent Auction

A silent auction, featuring a variety of Angus treasures, will be conducted during the 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 items to the auction, and donations from individuals are also accepted. Donations will be accepted Monday, July 10, at the NJAS.

### Register now for LEAD

The Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference is next month in Oklahoma City, Okla. Junior Angus members 14-21 years old are encouraged to attend this event, Aug. 3-6.

The early registration deadline has passed, but if space is available, you can still sign up. Registration fees are \$200, and space is limited, so act now. For more information or to register, contact the junior activities department.

### Junior deadlines for American Royal, NAILE

The ownership deadline is Aug. 1 for the Angus junior shows at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., and at the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. The junior exhibitor must be the sole owner of the animal by Aug. 1, as listed on the certificate. To be eligible to show, issue dates on the certificates must be Aug. 1 or earlier.

## 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		

The entry deadline for the American Royal is Sept. 1. The NAILE deadline is Oct. 1. No late entries will be accepted.

### Original registration paper required at check-in

Don't forget to bring your original registration papers, along with your health papers, with you to the show for check-in. Electronic registrations and copies will not be accepted. Bring the original registration document.

### Angus Foundation "Magic" continues in California

Jim and Sue Coleman of Vintage Angus Ranch, Modesto, Calif., will host a charity dinner, "The Magic of the Vine," at their home at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in an effort to raise \$100,000 for the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research activities. A sumptuous dinner experience, rare and exclusive auction



items and, most importantly, warm California hospitality will be enjoyed by all.

Funds raised will benefit Angus breeders and the beef industry through investments in cutting-edge research such as bovine genome mapping, educational experiences for cattle producers such as Cattlemen's Boot Camp, and high-impact leadership training experiences and scholarships for Angus youth.

In coordination with the Angus Foundation, event co-chairs Julie McMahon French and Wynn Dalton Herbers and other volunteers are working hard to offer you another magical, memorable Angus fundraising event.

Contact the Angus Foundation to request your personal invitation and the favor of a reply will be appreciated. Attendees can help the Event Committee and the Angus Foundation achieve the \$100,000 goal with a suggested donation of \$100 per person.

Come to California to experience "The Magic of the Vine." The Colemans invite you to join them in continuing the magic of the important work of your Angus Foundation.

