



Foundation Fundamentals

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'Tis the season to give thanks

First and foremost, on behalf of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors and staff, I want to extend our warmest season's greetings to you and all of our wonderful Angus friends and supporters across the country. 2006 has been a bountiful year for the Angus Foundation!

Note of thanks

The holiday season is traditionally a time when we give thanks for the blessings we have received and a time to pause and give thought to the future — short-term and long-term. Albeit your Angus Foundation is a corporate entity, it is no different in this respect.

In close concert with the American Angus Association, significant strides have been made this year, including new educational opportunities for Angus breeders and commercial producers, more scholarships and leadership training experiences to a greater number of Angus youth and exploration of a wide array of “cutting-edge” research endeavors to benefit the Angus breed and the beef cattle industry. Collectively, we're thankful to you, as your financial support has enabled these progressive steps and numerous others to be realized.

The Angus Foundation is also thankful for the countless volunteers who unselfishly give of their time away from family; tireless energy; devotion and commitment to see a task through to completion; and financial resources to advance education, youth and

research for your benefit. Activities like the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and our fundraising events, including the silent auction at the NJAS, golf tournament and, more recently, The Magic of the Vine and Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition events.

Vision of Value

When you read this column, our ambitious \$11 million “Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus” fundraising drive that was formally announced at Louisville, Ky., will be well under way. This exciting and visionary initiative — scheduled for completion by Dec. 31, 2011 — will be led by a “leadership cabinet” composed of dedicated and committed volunteers passionate about advancing the future of the Angus breed in education, youth and research.

To all of our volunteers, we say, “Thank

you!” The Angus Foundation and each and every one of us as Angus breeders should be very thankful for their support and feel blessed to have these avid fellow Angus breeders, enthusiasts and friends “roll up their shirt sleeves” and champion the Angus charge on our behalf.

In addition to reflecting on where we've been, what we're thankful for and where we are going in the future, the end of the year and the holidays are also traditionally a time for us to exchange and share gifts and presents with family and friends. It can also be a time to share with others through charitable gifts as “end-of-the-year” tax

considerations become better known. Of course, it is our hope that you will continue to both remember and view the Angus Foundation as a viable option for your charitable gifts when making these types of decisions.

Regardless of the charity(ies) you decide to support, remember that in order to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash or gifts by check, this means your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the charity in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. (See “Association Highlights,” page 34, for further information related to gifts to the Angus Foundation.)

All charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation will count toward “Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus,” and you will be recognized as a donor to this monumental inaugural Angus fundraising campaign for education, youth and research to benefit the Angus breed.

Again, warmest wishes to you for the holidays and a prosperous 2007 from your Angus Foundation. Indeed, 'tis the season to give thanks!



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