

Louisville or Bust

American Angus Association to conduct business at 123rd Annual Convention of Delegates

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American Angus Association members will converge at the 2006 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Nov. 11-14 in Louisville, Ky. A full slate of events is planned for attendees to the Association's 123rd Annual Convention of Delegates and the 2006 Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, designated the National Angus Show.

Registration for the event will begin Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Executive West Hotel, and will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. Registration will also be available Sunday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. All delegates and Angus guests can pick up their name badges and show passes, as well as purchase banquet tickets, at the registration desk.

The Angus Foundation will host its Supporter Recognition Event on Saturday evening starting at 6 p.m. at the Executive West Hotel. The recognition event is by invitation to those who have contributed \$250 or more to the Angus Foundation during fiscal year (FY) 2006.

The American Angus Auxiliary will conduct its annual meeting starting at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Executive West Hotel.

Sunday schedule

Numerous activities occur on Sunday, Nov. 12, including the junior Angus heifer show in Freedom Hall. Please check at the Angus registration desk or with show personnel for the order of breeds to be shown. The

Auxiliary will host its annual breakfast at the Executive West Hotel at 8 a.m., which is earlier than the previous year. Tickets for the breakfast are \$15, and can be purchased by contacting Sandra McCurry at (316) 667-2418 or (316) 304-5973 or by e-mail at sandramccurry3@aol.com.

Later that day, the Association Board of Directors will present a breeders' educational program that will begin at 1 p.m. in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) South Wing. Directors will give an overview of the organizational structure of the Association, its subsidiaries and affiliates.

Immediately following the educational program will be the open meeting for Association Board candidates and delegates. Each of the candidates will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the members present, and delegates are encouraged to ask questions of candidates.

A new event for Sunday is a "Supplying the Brand" seminar, set for 11 a.m. at the Executive West Hotel. Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff will provide an update to Association members.

Sunday's activities wind down at the Executive West Hotel. The Angus Reception will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A number of specialty items will be auctioned at the reception, with proceeds going to the 2007 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and Auxiliary.

Monday schedule

On Monday, Nov. 13, the Super-Point ROV and National Angus Show will begin at 8 a.m. in Freedom Hall. Tim Fitzgerald, West Grove, Pa., is evaluating the cattle. Bulls and cow-calf pairs will show on Monday. The 2007 Miss American Angus will be chosen from a group of five candidates selected by the Auxiliary prior to the selection of champion bull.

The Annual Convention of Delegates will begin at 2 p.m. that afternoon in the KFEC South Wing. Association President Ben Eggers, Mexico, Mo., will preside over the meeting. A total of 389 delegates from 46 states, the District of Columbia and Canada will conduct the business of the Association, including electing officers and five directors. The day will conclude with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by the Angus Banquet at 7 p.m., at the Executive West Hotel.

Inductees into the Angus Heritage Foundation will be honored, and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award winner will be recognized during the banquet.

Other events

The 2006 Super-Point ROV and National Angus Show female show will begin at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Freedom Hall.

Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), will offer educational AIMS workshops throughout the event. On Sunday, an AIMS workshop for new users will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Executive West Hotel. Monday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Johnson will conduct a less-structured help session for more advanced AIMS users with specific individual questions.

In addition to the scheduled events, the Angus Foundation and Auxiliary will sell a variety of items in the Holiday Room at the Executive West Hotel.

For those who cannot attend the Angus events in Louisville, Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide online coverage on its Web site. Log on to www.angusjournal.com/louisville for show results, award winners and newly elected officers and directors of the Association.

For a list of delegates to the Annual Meeting and for updates to the schedule, go to www.angus.org. For more information about any of the activities going on during the Angus events at the NAILE, contact the Association at (816) 383-5100 or go to www.angus.org.

A complete schedule of Angus events follows.



2006 NAILE Angus events schedule*

*Function rooms at the Executive West Hotel are subject to change.