

# 2015 National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa

The annual summer highlight will be July 13-18 in Tulsa's Expo Square.

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Let the countdown begin for the 2015 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla. National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and their families will travel from coast-to-coast to compete in the year's most prestigious junior livestock event. July 13-18, Angus youth will compete, both inside and outside the showing, during the cattle shows, life-skills contests, cooking events and much more.

"We are expecting a large crowd during the National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa this summer," says Jaclyn Upperman, American Angus Association director of events and education. "The central location is a big draw for many families, and the host state is doing a fantastic job organizing what is sure to be another successful event."

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, the 2015 NJAS is themed "Angus — Leading the Way." Activities and events will take place at the Built Ford Tough Complex at Expo Square in Tulsa, Okla., where more than 1,000 head of Angus cattle are expected to compete. Classes include owned heifers, bred-and-owned (B&O) heifers, cow-calf pairs, steers and B&O bulls. States will join together to compete for the Best Five Head, while individual members will vie for Junior Premier Breeder and the Silver Pitcher Award.

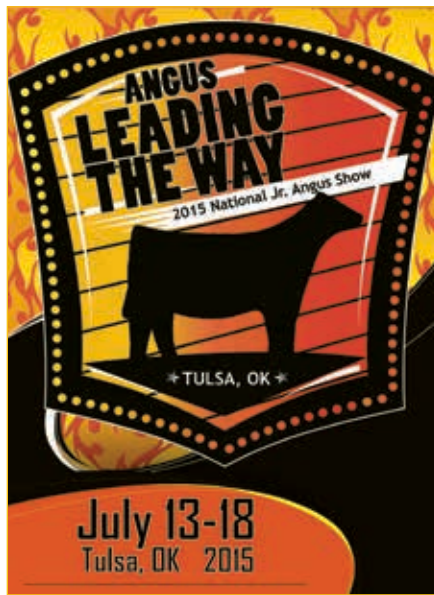
May 15 is the ownership and early-entry deadline, and participants can submit entries online at [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

Cattle competing in the 2015 NJAS will begin checking in at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12, and must be signed in by 9 a.m. Monday, July 13.

The 48th Annual NJAS Showmanship Contest will also take place. Two junior Angus members from each state may compete for the top showman title. To qualify, juniors must first be selected during state competition.

## Beyond the showing

The 2015 NJAS provides learning opportunities for all



aspects of the beef cattle business — from livestock judging to public speaking, and marketing to carcass evaluations.

In a special type of competition, the Carcass Steer Contest allows Angus juniors to better understand the end-product result of their cattle projects. Contestants bring their steers to the show, where they are weighed early in the week before being shipped to a nearby harvesting facility. In just a few days' time, juniors are able to review the carcass

data for their steers, and awards are given accordingly.

Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., contribute cash prizes for the steer contest through a permanent endowment fund administered by the Angus Foundation.

Other educational components at the NJAS teach youth how to be confident in their knowledge and talents, think on their feet, and develop professional skills that last a lifetime. Youth can enter individually in the following: prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, career development, graphic design, writing, photography, livestock judging, video production and poster competitions.

In addition, each state can enter a team in the quiz bowl, team sales and fitting contests, as well as the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off, herdsmanship and scrapbook contests.

The NJAA mentoring program is another opportunity offered during the show, as a way to help prepare younger members for a successful future. The mentoring program pairs senior and novice members together for NJAS activities, allowing younger members to become more comfortable around other juniors.

Also during the week of shows and

competitions, the NJAA hosts its annual meeting. Two delegates from each state will gather to review the organization's bylaws and elect six new directors to the NJAA Board. The new directors and officers will be announced during the awards program at the conclusion of the week.

Visit the NJAA website for more information on contest deadlines or contact the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100. A tentative schedule follows, including a summary of important deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

## NJAS deadlines

### Friday, May 15

- Ownership and entry deadline for the 2015 NJAS. Requirements and rules can be found online.
- NJAA writing, photography, creative writing and graphic design entries due.
- Entry and recipe deadline for the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off.

### Monday, May 25

- Deadline to submit NJAA career development contest résumés and public speaking contest speech outlines. Complete contest information is also available online.

### Monday, June 1

- National Junior Angus Board candidate applications due. Visit the NJAA website to learn more about Board member responsibilities.
- Entry deadline for state delegate names for NJAA elections.
- Deadline to submit names for the NJAS showmanship contest.

# 2015 National Junior Angus Show schedule of events

Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex at Expo Square — Tulsa, Okla.

Tentative — subject to change

## Sunday, July 12

All day Cattle may begin arriving; exhibitors may set up stalls and move in all day  
 5-7 p.m. Cattle check-in — F-150 Barn (front by Pavilion)  
 5-7 p.m. Contest sign-up: team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, judging contest, quiz bowl  
 Turn in: posters, scrapbooks, Silent Auction items — Exchange Center

## Monday, July 13

7 a.m. Check in and weigh carcass steers/load carcass steers for data collection  
 7:30-9 a.m. Cattle check-in — Deadline: 9 a.m.  
 7:30-9 a.m. Contest sign-up: team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, judging contest, quiz bowl  
 Turn in: posters, scrapbooks, Silent Auction items — Exchange Center  
 9 a.m. Cattle check-in deadline & contest sign-up deadline  
 9 a.m. Exhibitors meeting — Exchange Center  
 10 a.m. Advisors meeting — Exchange Center  
 11 a.m. Candidate/delegate meeting — Exchange Center  
 11 a.m. Queens Luncheon — TBA  
 11:45 a.m. Mentoring mixer — Exchange Center  
 12:30 p.m. NJAS Media Crew meeting — Exchange Center  
 12:30-1:30 p.m. Educational clinic — Pavilion  
 1 p.m. Cook-Off information meeting — Exchange Center  
 2 p.m. Prepared Public Speaking Contest — Exchange Center  
 2:30 p.m. Coloring session (youth age 9 and under) — Exchange Center  
 4:30 p.m. State line-up and picture — Pavilion  
 5:15 p.m. Opening Ceremonies — Pavilion  
 7 p.m. Banana splits — TBA

## Tuesday, July 14

7 a.m. Angus Foundation 15th Annual Golf Tournament — Forest Ridge Golf Club, Broken Arrow, Okla.  
 7:30 a.m. Career Development Contest — Exchange Center  
 8 a.m. Judge scrapbooks & posters — Exchange Center  
 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Trade Show open — TBA  
 10:30 a.m. Cattle Judging Contest — Pavilion  
 1 p.m. Cook-Off — Exchange Center  
 3-5 p.m. Educational clinics — Pavilion  
 6 p.m. NJAA Annual Meeting — Doubletree by Hilton — Warren Place

## Wednesday, July 15

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open — TBA  
 8 a.m. Begin show, bred & owned (B&O) heifers — Pavilion  
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hospitality open — TBA  
 Noon Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest: Begin prep time — Exchange Center  
 12:30 p.m. Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest: Begin speeches — Exchange Center  
 2:30 p.m. Team Sales Competition — Pavilion  
 3 p.m. Team Marketing Competition — Exchange Center  
 4:00 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary social — Exchange Center

5 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary meeting — Exchange Center  
 6 p.m. Quiz Bowl written test — Exchange Center

## Thursday, July 16

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open — TBA  
 8 a.m. Resume show — Pavilion  
 B&O cow-calf pairs, owned cow-calf pairs, B&O bulls, steers, B&O best five head  
 Post Quiz Bowl final-round qualifiers — Outside Show Office  
 9 a.m. Showmanship check-in — Show Office  
 9-10 a.m. Hospitality open — TBA  
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Angus Foundation Scholarship presentation (show lunch break) — Pavilion  
 Noon Resume show  
 12:30 p.m. Showmanship orientation and photo session — Pavilion  
 1:30 p.m. Showmanship preliminaries immediately following photos — Pavilion  
 4 p.m. Team Fitting Contest — Pavilion  
 5 p.m. Quiz Bowl finals — Exchange Center  
 9 p.m.-midnight Junior & adult social/dance — Doubletree by Hilton — Warren Place

## Friday, July 17

8 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open — TBA  
 8 a.m. Resume show — Pavilion  
 Owned heifers (number of divisions shown will be decided upon check-in)  
 Hospitality open — TBA  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Presentation of Advisor of the Year Award & Honorary Angus Foundation Awards — Pavilion  
 11 a.m. NJAS Mentoring Program autograph books due — Show Office  
 Noon Angus Foundation Scholarship presentation (show lunch break) — Pavilion  
 Noon Resume show  
 12:30 p.m. NJAA elections — Pavilion  
 4:30 p.m. NJAA Awards Program — Pavilion  
 6:30-8 p.m. Presentation of the following awards: All NJAA contests; Gold Awards; Crystal Award; Auxiliary, CAB/NJAA, Angus Foundation scholarships; introduction of new NJAB officers and directors

## Saturday, July 18

7 a.m. NJAB meeting — Show Office  
 8 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open — TBA  
 8 a.m. Showmanship finals and awards presentation — Pavilion  
 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Hospitality open — TBA  
 9:30 a.m. Resume show — Pavilion  
 Remainder of owned heifers (remaining divisions, grand champion & reserve grand champion), owned best five head, announce Premier Breeders, Sweepstakes winners and Auxiliary Silver Pitcher presentations  
 10 a.m. Close Silent Auction — TBA  
 Noon Close Trade Show — TBA