

# Sweet Southern Showdown

The 2009 National Junior Angus Show is set for July 19-25.

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**T**he 2009 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is set for July 19-25 in Perry, Ga. The Georgia Junior Angus and Georgia Angus associations will host the "Sweet Southern Showdown" at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter.

Georgia Angus members will showcase their southern hospitality throughout the week. Country music sensation Lady Antebellum will perform in Reaves Arena during the opening ceremony that kicks off a week of cattle shows and educational contests. Friends of the Georgia Junior Angus Association and the American Angus Hall of Fame are sponsoring the musical trio that won the 2008 Country Music Association (CMA) New Artist of the Year.

"Many families use the NJAS as their family vacation, and the people in Georgia are rolling out the red carpet to make this an event to remember," says Robin Ruff, junior activities director for the American Angus Association. "But,

more than a cattle show or contests, this is the place where youth build friendships that will last their entire lives."

As the week progresses, more than 1,000 head of cattle are expected to compete for honors in the showring, with champions awarded for owned females and cow-calf pairs; bred-and-owned females, bulls and cow-calf pairs; and steers. The 43rd Annual National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest will take place late in the week.

In addition to the activities inside the showring, more than a dozen educational contests take place, including carcass steer, herdsmanship, prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, graphic design, writing, photography, quiz bowl,

poster, scrapbook, team sales, fitting, livestock judging and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. The mentoring program will return to give juniors of all ages the opportunity to meet and interact with members from across the country.

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members will conduct the organization's annual meetings and elect six new directors to the NJAA Board. The six officers, completing their second year on the Board, will be announced during the awards program, capping off the week's activities. In addition, the Angus Foundation and Angus Auxiliary will award numerous scholarships to deserving college students.

Cattle show entries are due June 1 — no exceptions. Contest entry deadlines and further information about the NJAS are online at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info), or by contacting the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.



## 2009 NJAS Daily Activities

For a more-detailed schedule and the most up-to-date information, visit [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

### Sunday, July 19

Cattle may begin arriving, set up stalls

### Monday, July 20

Noon cattle check-in deadline  
Noon contest sign-up deadline for team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, judging contest, quiz bowl  
Submit posters, scrapbooks, Silent Auction items  
Queens' luncheon  
Advisors meeting  
Check-in, weigh and process carcass steers  
Cook-Off information meeting  
Exhibitors' meeting  
Candidate/delegate meeting  
Mentoring mixer  
State lineup and pictures  
Opening ceremonies

### Tuesday, July 21

Angus Foundation Golf Tournament  
Contests: prepared public speaking, scrapbooks, posters, judging, Cook-Off  
Fitting clinic  
NJAA Annual Meeting

### Wednesday, July 22

Trade Show and Silent Auction open  
Cattle show: bred-and-owned heifers

Contests: extemporaneous speaking, team sales, written portion of quiz bowl  
American Angus Auxiliary social and meeting

### Thursday, July 23

Trade Show and Silent Auction open  
Cattle show: steers, bred-and-owned cow-calf pairs, open cow-calf pairs, bred-and-owned bulls, bred-and-owned best five head  
Contests: team fitting, quiz bowl finals

### Friday, July 24

Trade Show and Silent Auction open  
Cattle show: owned heifers (through junior yearling division 2)  
Presentation of Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation awards  
Noon deadline to turn in NJAS Mentoring Program autograph books  
NJAA elections  
NJAA awards program  
Junior & adult social/dance

### Saturday, July 25

NJAA Board Meeting  
Silent Auction open till 10 a.m.  
Trade Show open till noon  
Showmanship finals and awards presentation  
Cattle show: finish owned heifers, owned best five head  
Announce premier breeder, junior premier breeder, sweepstakes, Silver Pitcher winners