

NATIONAL Founding Support

Angus Foundation Heifer Package sells for \$97,500 at NWSS.

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A standing room only crowd looked on as Angus enthusiasts bid on the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package Thursday, Jan. 13, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), Denver, Colo. LaGrand Angus Ranch, Freeman, S.D., made the final bid and purchased the package for \$97,500. Shoulderbone Plantation, White Plains, Ga., was the contending bidder.

The package included Three Trees Blackbird 4485, donated by Three Trees Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga.; 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free

transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa; a semen package from Genex; Ivomec® provided by Merial; an Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) package from the Association AIMS Department; a banner ad from the Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Marketing Department; and GeneStar® DNA testing donated by Bovigen Solutions LLC.

“Even further progressive strides by the Angus Foundation in its numerous education, youth and research pursuits will be realized and achieved as a result of the generosity by Angus breeders Stan

Thomas of Three Trees Ranch and Duane Pankratz of LaGrand Angus Ranch through their respective roles of involvement in the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package,” says Milford Jenkins, director of development for the Angus Foundation. “This support and the support made by all of our donors, regardless of level of financial participation or Angus

Foundation activity they choose to support, will empower all of us involved in the Angus breed to experience an indelible impact and positive difference from the subsequent growth in our education, youth and research capabilities.”

The Angus Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association. Its mission is to support education, youth and research in the Angus breed. For more information about the Foundation, go to www.angusfoundation.org.

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► **Above:** Members of the National Junior Angus Association Board gather with Stan Thomas of Three Trees Ranch, Sharpsburg, Ga., and Duane Pankratz of LaGrand Angus Ranch, Freeman, S.D., after the purchase of the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. Also pictured are Milford Jenkins (far left), director of development for the Angus Foundation, and Paul Hill (far right), Bidwell, Ohio, chairman of the Angus Foundation.

► **Right:** Three Trees Blackbird 4485 was shown to the crowd during the parade of bulls following the Angus Bull Sale Show.



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