

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW NEARS

Make plans to attend the annual Angus events Jan. 14-19 in Denver, Colo.

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For many ranch families, the holidays aren't over until the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). Hundreds will make the trip to Denver, Colo., this January to join in on the 107-year-old tradition. Angus events kick off Wednesday, Jan. 16, and continue through the weekend with shows, sales and other activities.

"There's nothing quite like Denver in January," says Shelia Stannard, American Angus Association director of activities and events. "The NWSS is one of our biggest shows of the year, it is home to the breed's only pen-and-carload show, and hosts elite Angus sale offerings."

While at the NWSS, stop by the Listening Post in the Yards, where Association, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be available to visit with producers about Association programs and the cattle industry.

The NWSS Angus headquarters hotel, the Marriott City Center, offers a shuttle that travels to the NWSS daily, each morning and evening, as space is available. To make reservations, call the Marriott at 303-297-

1300 and ask for the American Angus Association block.

ROV Angus Shows

Angus activities begin with the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Bull Show at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) Wednesday, Jan. 16, in the Stadium Arena. Doug Parrett, Urbana, Ill., will evaluate ROV entries. The Angus Bull Sale Show follows at noon, and prospective buyers have the opportunity to preview the bulls before the sale begins.

A panel of three judges will evaluate the bulls using a composite system to establish a sale order. Judges are Jake Scott, Gordon, Neb.; Bill Davis, Sidney, Mont.; and Dan Shike, Champaign, Ill. Attendees will be invited into the showring to inspect bulls after the grand and reserve grand champions have been selected.

The junior Angus heifer show begins at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in Stadium Arena. Paul Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, will judge the junior show.

ROV Angus females enter the ring Friday, Jan. 18, judged by Parrett.

The NWSS Angus pen-and-carload show takes place Saturday, Jan. 19. The only one of its kind, the show begins at 8 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Rob Thomas, Baker City, Ore.; and John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio, will serve on the three-judge panel evaluating the group competitions.

Immediate show results will be available online and accessible through the Association's smartphone app, Angus Mobile. A complete event schedule, showring videos, event photos and breaking news alerts are also available by downloading the app.

Angus events and sales

Following the bull shows Jan. 16, the 2013 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will sell at 3:30 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the Stock Show Complex. Immediately after, approximately 4 p.m., the National Western Angus Bull Sale begins. Eddie Burks, Park City, Ky., will serve as auctioneer during the sale, which is managed by the Association.

Events wrap up Jan. 16 with Angus Night on the Mountain II at Spruce Mountain Ranch. A fundraising event for the Angus Foundation, the night is free and open to the public. Spruce Mountain Ranch will provide bus transportation to and from the ranch, beginning at 5:30 p.m. However, the ranch will open at 3 p.m. for those who would like to drive out early and see the facility before dinner. The Angus Foundation will auction off a limited number of packages, such as family vacations, hunting or fishing outings, leisure trips and weekend getaways (see list in the story on page 52). Spruce Mountain Ranch is also offering a heifer lot to benefit the 2013 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). In addition, the auction features 15 lots of Spruce Mountain Ranch's finest Angus genetics.



Editor's Note: Carrie Heitman is communications coordinator for the American Angus Association.

National Western Stock Show Angus activities and events

Monday, Jan. 14

- 8 a.m. Angus check-in, Hill
- 12 p.m. Angus check-in, Yards
- 6 p.m. Exhibitor social, Stockyards Arena

Wednesday, Jan. 16

- 8 a.m. Super ROV Angus Bull Show, Stadium Arena
- 12 p.m. Angus Bull Sale Show, Stadium Arena
- 3:30 p.m. Angus Bull Sale (Angus Foundation Heifer Package), Beef Palace Auction Arena
- 5:30 p.m. Angus Night on the Mountain II, Spruce Mountain Ranch

Thursday, Jan. 17

- 8 a.m. Junior Angus Heifer Show, Stadium Arena

Friday, Jan. 18

- 8 a.m. Super ROV Angus Female Show, Stadium Arena
- 2:30 p.m. Foundation Female Sale, Livestock Center Auction Arena
- 10 p.m. All Hill cattle must be out of barn

Saturday, Jan. 19

- 8 a.m. Angus Pen-and-carload Show, Livestock Center Auction Arena