2014 National Western Nears

Make plans to attend the Angus events Jan. 15-18 at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

by Carrie Heitman & Robin Ruff, American Angus Association

undreds of families will make the trip to Denver, Colo., this January to join in the 108-year-old tradition of the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). Angus events kick off Wednesday, Jan. 15, and continue through the weekend with shows, sales and other activities.

"We always look forward to starting the new year in Denver," says Robin Ruff, American Angus Association director of activities, events and education. "The NWSS continues to be our biggest show of the year, plus it's home to the breed's only pen and carload show, and 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 current issues facing the cattle

The NWSS Angus headquarters hotel, the Marriott City Center, offers a daily shuttle to and from the NWSS each morning and evening, as space is available. To make reservations in the Angus block call the Marriott before the Dec. 21 deadline, at 303-

2014 National Western Stock Show Schedule

Angus, educational and evening entertainment events

Monday, Jan. 13

8 a.m. Angus check-in of Hill cattle, Angus stalls on the Hill

10 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion

Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion 11 a.m.

Angus check-in of Yard cattle, Yards tent behind Stock Yards Arena

6 p.m. Angus exhibitors' social, Stock Yards Arena

7 p.m. Denver Chute-Out PBR Touring Pro Finale, Coliseum

Tuesday, Jan. 14

8 a.m. International Livestock Congress, Renaissance Denver Hotel

10 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion 11 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion

VitaFerm ConceptAid Lunch & Learn, Livestock 11 a.m. Center Arena

Show Rite Clinic, Stadium Hall Level 1 1 p.m.

7 p.m. Denver Chute-Out PBR Touring Pro Finale, Coliseum

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus tent

8 a.m. ROV Angus Bull Show, Stadium Arena

10 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion

11 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion

Noon National Western Angus Bull Sale Show,

Stadium Arena

3:30 p.m. Angus Foundation Heifer Package Sale, Beef

Palace Auction Arena

4 p.m. National Western Angus Bull Sale, Beef

Palace Auction Arena

7 p.m. Angus Night on the Mountain, Spruce Mountain

Angus Ranch

Denver Chute-Out PBR Touring Pro Finale, Coliseum

Thursday, Jan. 16

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus tent

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

2 p.m. Angus "Denim & Diamonds" Sale Cattle Display,

Expo Hall Level 1

5 p.m. Angus "Denim & Diamonds" Sale, Beef Palace

Pro Rodeo featuring the coronation of Miss Rodeo

Colorado, 4-H Catch-A-Calf, Westernaires, Coliseum

7 p.m. Trowbridge Family & Friends Sale, Livestock Arena

Friday, Jan. 17

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus tent

ROV Female Angus Show - Stadium Arena 8 a.m.

Herd sire display opens, Yards 9 a.m.

10 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion

Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion 11 a.m.

Andis Grooming Demonstration, Stadium Hall Level 1 1 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Pro Rodeo featuring Frontier Airlines Mutton Bustin',

Westernaires, 4-H Day, Coliseum

Colorado Angus Association Foundation Female 2:30 p.m.

Sale, Livestock Center Arena

7:30 p.m. Pro Rodeo featuring Frontier Airlines Mutton Bustin',

Westernaires, Shriners Night, Coliseum

Saturday, Jan. 18

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus tent

Angus Pen & Carload Show, Livestock Center Auction 8 a.m.

Arena

Herd sire display opens, Yards 9 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion

10:30 a.m. Thank a Farmer Magic Show, Activity Pavilion

11 a.m. Pro Rodeo: CSU Day featuring Frontier Airlines

Mutton Bustin', Westernaires, Coliseum

Wild West Show Preview, Activity Pavilion Noon

Show Rite Clinic, Stadium Hall Level 1 2 p.m.

Pro Rodeo featuring 4-H Catch-A-Calf, Westernaires, 3:30 p.m. Freestyle Bullfighting, Coliseum

Wild West Show, Events Center

6 p.m. Western Elite Female Sale, Livestock Center Arena

Pro Rodeo featuring Frontier Airlines Mutton Bustin', 8 p.m.

Westernaires, Coliseum

Sources: American Angus Association, International Livestock Congress and National Western Stock Show.

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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. Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the Stadium Arena. Jarold Callahan, Yukon, Okla., will evaluate ROV entries.

The Angus Bull Sale Show follows at noon. A panel of three judges will evaluate the bulls using a composite system to establish a sale order. Judges are Chris Styles, Brentford, S.D.; Jake Scott, Gordon, Neb.; and Joe Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky. 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. 16, in Stadium Arena. Joel Cowley, Richmond, Texas, will judge the junior show.

ROV Angus females enter the ring Friday, Jan. 17, judged by Callahan.

The NWSS Angus Pen and Carload Show

takes place Saturday, Jan. 18, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Paul Bennett, Red House, Va.; Chad Ellingson, Saint Anthony, N.D.; and Darrell Hansen, Elk Grove, Calif., will serve on the three-judge panel evaluating the group competitions.

Immediate show results will be available online and accessed through the Association's smartphone application, 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. 15, the 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will sell at 3:30 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the Stock Show Complex. Immediately after, at approximately 4 p.m., the National Western Angus Bull Sale begins. Rick Machado of Arroyo Grande, Calif., will serve as auctioneer during the sale, which is managed by the Association.

Evening events wrap up with Angus Night on the Mountain at Spruce Mountain Ranch at 7 p.m. 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. Buses will pick up attendees on a "first-come, first-served" basis at the NWSS following the Angus Bull Sale and Marriott from 5:30-6 p.m.

The Angus Foundation will auction off a limited number of packages, such as family vacations, hunting or fishing outings, leisure trips and weekend getaways. Additionally, the Indiana Junior Angus Association and Indiana Angus Association will offer "Angus in the Heartland" glass art to raise funds for the 2014 National Junior Angus Show. The night will conclude with an auction featuring Spruce Mountain Ranch's finest Angus genetics.

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