

# National Western Angus Bull Sale Returns to Denver

Angus to host its second evening bull sale event after a successful 2017 sale.

by *Ali Luety, American Angus Association*

**T**he 2018 National Western Angus Bull Sale, scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, will head back to the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Hosted in the historic Stadium Arena, the event celebrates the rich history and success of the Angus breed.

Last year, almost 2,500 people packed the arena, making the event the largest cattle sale in the building since the 1950s. As the only sale hosted by the American Angus Association, the event celebrates the Angus breed's impact on western ranching and symbolizes the success of the breed for years to come.

"Angus breeders again have consigned another excellent group of bulls for the 2018 NWSS Angus Bull Sale," said David Gazda, sale manager and director of field services at the American Angus Association. "This year, approximately 40 bulls will be offered and are consigned from some of the most respected and progressive breeding programs in the country."

The bull sale show will kick off NWSS Angus shows on Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. A three-person judging committee will place the bulls to help make a sale order. Judges for the event will be Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Sam Carter, Arthur, Neb.; and Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala. The NWSS Super-Point ROV Angus Bull Show will follow the bull sale show at 11 a.m. Chuck Brost of Larkspur, Colo., will evaluate the bulls in the ROV show, which also serves as the American Angus Association's 2018 National Show. Tom Dalbey of Cameron, Texas, will assist.

A social hour will precede the sales with entertainment from the Jake Hooker Band, and Vintage Blackbird 7184, the 2018 Angus Foundation Female donated by Vintage Angus of Modesto, Calif., will kick-start the sale at 5:30 p.m. The heifer is sired by VAR Discovery 2240, the \$110,000 top-selling bull of the 2013 Vintage Angus Ranch sale.

In addition to the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, the Angus Foundation will auction five elite confirmed heifer pregnancies to raise unrestricted funds

for education, youth and research. Nationally recognized Angus programs generously donating pregnancies are Crazy K Ranch, Michie, Tenn.; Linz Heritage Angus, Crown Point, Ind.; Pasture View Angus, Dunlap, Ill.; Seldom Rest Farms, Niles, Mich.; and Silveira Brothers, Firebaugh, Calif.

"Both seedstock and commercial cattlemen can come to Denver and buy with confidence, assured they are purchasing the most progressive, documented and high-accuracy genetics available in the Angus breed today," Gazda said.

All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance

information and a complete set of genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (GE EPDs). Each bull must rank in the top 50% of the breed for non-parent bulls for the EPDs and \$Value Indexes that include weaning weight (WW), yearling weight (YW), weaned calf value (\$W) and beef value (\$B).

For more information about the sale and to request a sale book, contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846 or [dgazda@angus.org](mailto:dgazda@angus.org) or Tonya Theis, Association events and education administrative assistant at 816-383-5142 or [ttheis@angus.org](mailto:ttheis@angus.org).

## Other Angus events

Juniors will take to The Hill Thursday morning for the NWSS Junior Angus Heifer Show. Show judge John Rayfield of Lubbock, Texas, will begin evaluating entries in Stadium Arena at 8 a.m. Mountain Time.

The ROV and 2018 National Angus Show will resume Friday as Brost evaluates females in the Stadium Arena, beginning at 8 a.m.

Saturday's carload and pen shows will begin at 8 a.m. Serving as judges are Joe Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Justin Spickler, Glenfield, N.D.; and TJ Curtin, Blue Mound, Ill. The carload show will include classes for 10 junior bulls, 10 senior bulls and eight yearling bulls. The pen show will offer four age classes of bulls and four age classes of heifers.

Attendees are encouraged to book rooms at the Angus headquarters hotel, the Denver Marriott City Center. The Association reserved a block of rooms, and reservations must be made by Dec. 15 to secure a room at the discounted rate.

Immediate show results will be available online and on the Association's app, Angus Mobile, along with a complete event schedule, showing videos, event photos and breaking news alerts.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for further information about Angus events at the NWSS.



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## 2018 National Western Stock Show Denver, Colo. | Angus Schedule

### Sunday, Jan. 7

8 a.m. Angus check-in — Hill

### Monday, Jan. 8

10 a.m. Angus check-in — Yards

### Tuesday, Jan. 9

5 p.m. Bases Loaded Sale — Coors Field

### Wednesday, Jan. 10

8 a.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale Show — Stadium Arena

11 a.m. NWSS Angus ROV Bull Show — Stadium Arena

5:30 p.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale & evening event — Stadium Arena

### Thursday, Jan. 11

8 a.m. NWSS Junior Angus Heifer Show — Stadium Arena

5 p.m. Denim & Diamond Sale — Beef Palace Auction Arena

7 p.m. Trowbridge Family of Friends Sale — Livestock Center Auction Arena

### Friday, Jan. 12

8 a.m. NWSS Angus ROV Female Show — Stadium Arena

### Saturday, Jan. 13

8 a.m. NWSS Angus Pen & Carload Shows — Livestock Center Auction Arena