

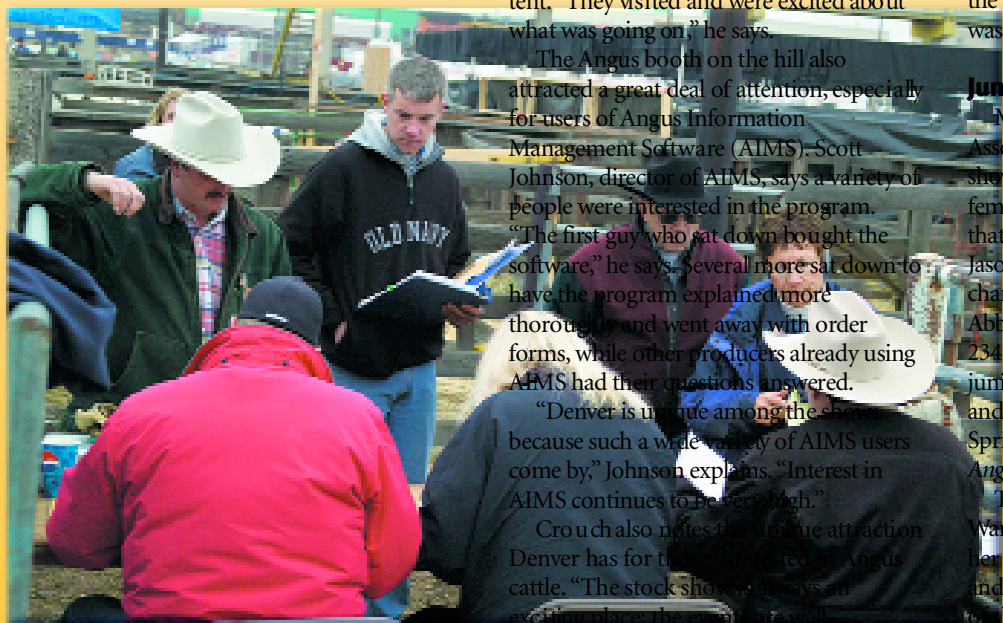
# Bring On the Cold

The 2005 National Western Stock Show proved exciting for Angus activities.

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► Judge Charlie Boyd II evaluated 223 female and two cow-calf pair entries during the ROV Angus female show Wednesday, Jan. 12.



► Above: Staff of the American Angus Association attended, he says. "But this year activity around the Angus events showed more enthusiasm and more excitement than I've seen in recent years. The crowds watching

► Right: Judge Jason Elmore, Waukomis, Okla., picked

**B**right sun and cold temperatures, going from the 20s to the teens and reaching single digits late in the week, greeted exhibitors and visitors to the 99th annual National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

The cold encouraged much activity on the hill, and made the yards a picture of steaming cattle and streaming breath. The second annual Angus Listening Post in the yards was a popular attraction with its shelter from the wind, heater and hot coffee.

"I was very pleased with the turnout," says Association Vice President of Industry Relations Jim Shirley. "There was always somebody coming in." Questions ranged from the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) to the new \$Value indexes. "We had quite a bit of interest in AngusSource<sup>SM</sup>," Shirley says. "It spread the gamut anywhere from just visiting about the weather to questions about performance programs."

Association Executive Vice President John Crouch says that at one point he counted 14 people crowded into the Angus tent. "They visited and were excited about what was going on," he says.

The Angus booth on the hill also attracted a great deal of attention, especially for users of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS). Scott Johnson, director of AIMS, says a variety of people were interested in the program. "The first guy who sat down bought the software," he says. Several more sat down to have the program explained more thoroughly and went away with order forms, while other producers already using AIMS had their questions answered.

"Denver is unique among the shows because such a wide variety of AIMS users come by," Johnson explains. "Interest in AIMS continues to be very high."

Crouch also notes that the same attraction Denver has for the past several years, Angus cattle. "The stock show always has an exciting place, the weather is well-

the female show and the bull show were just overwhelming.

"There's a sale about every day or every night at the stock show, and those sales were the best attended in the history of Denver," he continues. "There were overflow crowds and record sales in every case."

For those who weren't able to share in the Denver excitement, a brief overview of Angus activities at the 2005 NWSS follows.

## Enter the Angus

Angus exhibitors began the week by checking in on Sunday, Jan. 9. After backfat and scrotal circumference (SC) measurements were taken and sale bulls were tagged, Angus showmen and fitters were given the chance to vote for the Angus Herdsman Award winner.

Angus associates gathered at the annual Herdsman's Banquet Monday, Jan. 10, to honor Lydell Meier of Gamble Angus Farm, Clinton, Tenn., for his fitting abilities, effort and drive (see story on page 218). Remarking that the NWSS has become a tradition for him, Meier said he was starting the same tradition for his young son, who was attending his first NWSS in 2005.

## Juniors on the hill

Members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) kicked off the Angus show Tuesday night by showcasing their females in front of the crowd of spectators that remained throughout the week. Judge Jason Elmore, Waukomis, Okla., picked the champion from a group of 97 females. Abbreviated results of all shows are on page 234. Photos on this page are reprinted from the junior, super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) and bull sale shows, which are available in the Spring 2005 *Showing* insert in the April *Angus Journal*.

The 2005 Miss American Angus, Chelsey Warfield, Andersonville, Tenn., appeared in her first ROV show to hand out ribbons and other awards. Throughout the five days of showing she also had assistance from state queens and princesses.

## Rolling into victory

The super-point ROV show began with

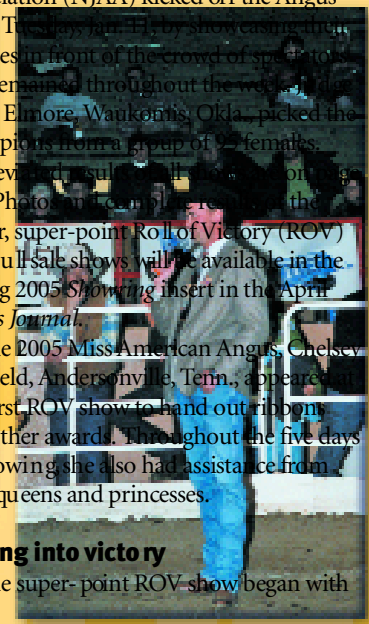


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Angus females on Jan. 12. Charlie Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky., judged 223 females to choose his champions.

Following the ROV female show, Angus juniors and advisors from the Western states met to discuss the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo. "Way Out West" will provide the opportunity for Angus juniors from across the country to participate in the largest annual single-breed beef show.

### Bulls on display

Commercial and seedstock producers alike gathered Thursday, Jan. 13, for the festivities surrounding the only American Angus Association-sponsored sale conducted each year. Managed this year by Regional Managers John Dickinson and David Gazda, the bull sale attracts consignors from across the United States. A five-person panel, including Dan Byrd, Red Bluff, Calif.; Kevin Gallagher, Union, Ky.; Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo.; Joel Judge, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Donnie Robertson, Yukon, Okla., judged 46 bulls before choosing champions.

After the show, prospective buyers had the chance to come nose-to-nose with the bulls and their owners in the showing. All the bulls were lined up in the arena to give cattlemen a chance to look them up and down. Prior to sale time, the bulls were posted outside the auction arena for bidders to get one last glance.

Joe Goggins, Billings, Mont., served as auctioneer for the annual sale, packed to capacity and spilling out the doors. Longtime Regional Manager Chuck Grove was honored for his years of dedication to the Angus breed and to the NWSS Angus Bull Sale.

The 46 bulls sold for an average of \$5,886, with the high seller going for \$52,500. More results are available in the Spring 2005 *Salering* insert in this issue.

### Angus foundations

The 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, donated by Three Threes Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga., was sold at the start of the bull sale before a packed crowd. Goggins took the final bid of \$97,500 from LaGrand Angus and Hereford Ranch, Freeman, S.D. Shoulderbone Plantation, White Plains, Ga., was the contending bidder.

The support provided by Three Trees and LaGrand will help the Foundation further its

progress toward developing educational programs for new Angus breeders, training Angus breeders, and supporting the educations of those beginning their Angus careers or other chosen vocations, says Milford Jenkins, director of development for the Angus Foundation. The Foundation accomplishes those goals by providing financial support for Angus "boot camps," Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences, scholarships offered to Angus youth, and bolstering the NIAA

Board of Directors' leadership experience, among other ventures. See page 214 for more details.

**► Above:** Longtime Regional Manager Chuck Grove was honored for his years of dedication to the Angus breed and to the NWSS Angus Bull Sale.

**► Right:** The audience had the opportunity to get up close to evaluate sale bulls for themselves and visit with their owners prior to the NWSS Angus Bull Sale.

### Support for 'Way Out West'

After an AIMS workshop at the hotel, Angus enthusiasts met at a reception Thursday evening for socializing, to support the NJAA and to raise funds for the 2005 NJAS. The Montana Junior Angus Association, represented by advisors John and Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont., and juniors Abbie, Kayleen and Greg Goggins, all of Billings, Mont., started the evening off with a \$10,000 donation.

Joe Goggins returned to auction a quilt made by Emma Danciger of Tybar Ranch, Carbonate, Colo. Wilson Family Ranches, Fishlake, Mont., won with a bid of \$5,000, then donated the quilt back to Danciger. Mark Mesnik, representing Tybar, then donated \$5,000 in memory of David Danciger toward the 2005 NJAS.

Throughout the week, bids had been sold for a saddle emblazoned with the "Way Out West" logo in support of the 2005 NJAS. The Inland Empire Angus Association donated the saddle, which was made by Monty Rathbun; the logo was designed by Rachel Herbst, Salmon, Idaho. Ron Carlson, Everett, Wash., held the winning ticket.

The center spread of the 2005 NJAS program was sold to Billings Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., for \$5,000. Meadow Cattle Co., Walden, Colo., won the

back cover for \$6,500.

On Friday, Jan. 14, a pick-of-the-herd flush donated by Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore., brought \$25,000 for the 2005 NJAS. Bohi Land & Cattle Co., Wellsville, Kan., was the winning bidder.

### The bulls return

Angus exhibitors returned with their bulls to the ROV bull show on Jan. 14. Boyd sorted through the 67 bulls to highlight his winners. At the end of the show, he remarked upon how grateful he was to the Angus breed and how promising the future looked.

A chilly but mostly sunny day greeted Angus fans in the yards Saturday, Jan. 15. Spectators crowded out of the cold into the arena to watch the bulls frolic in the ring. The pen and carload show boasted 51 entries judged by Sam Hands, Garden City, Kan.; Alan Miller, Le Roy, Ill.; and Kelly Schaff, Saint Anthony, N.D.

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) President Jim Riemann and Assistant Vice President John Stika were on hand to honor winners of the 2004 National Angus Carcass Challenge (NACC). More information on the 2004 winners can be found in the February 2005 *Angus Journal*.

### If you missed anything

Throughout all the Angus activities, Angus Productions Inc. (API) provided real-time coverage online at [www.angusjournal.com/denver](http://www.angusjournal.com/denver). If you missed any of these events, be sure to check out the results from the 2005 NWSS.

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► Spectators crowded into the arena to watch the bulls frolic in the ring during the pen and car load show, which was evaluated by Sam Hands, Kansas; Alan Miller, Illinois, and Kelly Schaff, North Dakota.



► **Above:** The crowd gathered for the NWSS Angus ROV Bull Show Friday, Jan. 14. Judge Charlie Boyd II sorted through 67 individuals to pick his winners.

► **Right:** Pens and car loads were on display in the yards.



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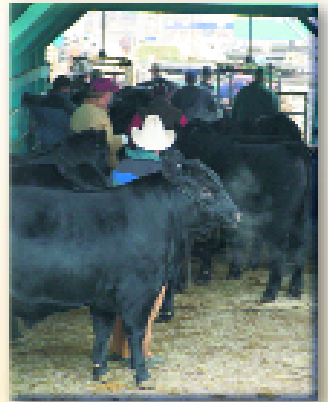


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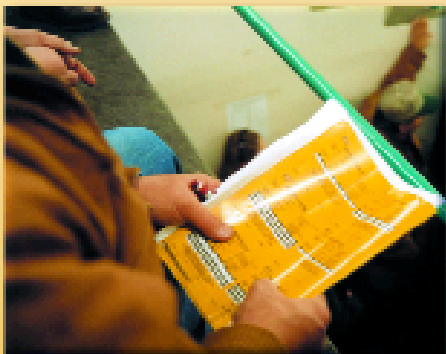


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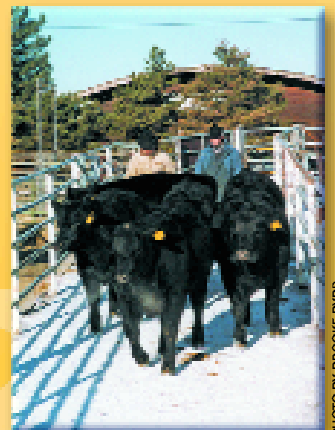


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► **Above:** Rollin Carlson, Everett, Wash., held the winning ticket for the saddle raffled in support of the 2005 NJAS. The Inland Empire Angus Association donated the saddle, which was made by Monty Rathbun; the logo was designed by Rachel Herbst, Salmon, Idaho.

► **Right:** The center spread of the 2005 NJAS program was sold to Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., for \$5,000, and Mountain Meadow Cattle Co., Walden, Colo., purchased the back cover for \$6,500.



► **Above:** Delbert Wilson (left) of Wilson Family Ranches, Fishtail, Mont., placed the winning bid of \$5,000 for the quilt made by Emma Danciger (right) of Tybar Ranch, Carbondale, Colo. Tybar donated an additional \$5,000 toward the 2005 NJAS in memory of David Danciger.



► **Left:** The Montana Junior Angus Association started the evening off with a \$10,000 donation to the 2005 NJAS.

► **Right:** Bohi Land & Cattle Co., Wellsville, Kan., purchased for \$25,000 the pick of the herd flush donated by Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore., to support the 2005 NJAS.



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