

# A Week in Denver

Angus activities abound at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

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**A**ngus enthusiasts ventured to Denver, Colo., in January for a week full of Angus activities. Angus exhibitors brought cattle into stalls on the Hill and filled pens in the Yards, and the National Western kicked off its 108th annual event at the National Western Complex. The show had a total of 640,022 guests in attendance.

A herdsman's social in the Yards kicked off the week before the showing activities commenced. Exhibited in the Roll of Victory (ROV), junior, bull sale, pen and carload shows, 558 entries were shown on the Hill or in the Yards, judged by Jarold Callahan, Yukon, Okla.; Joel Cowley, Richmond, Texas; a panel of Chris Styles, Brentford, S.D., Jake Scott, Gordon, Neb., and Joe Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; and another panel of Paul Bennett, Red House, Va., Chad Ellingson, Saint Anthony, N.D., and Darrell Hansen, Elk Grove, Calif., respectively.

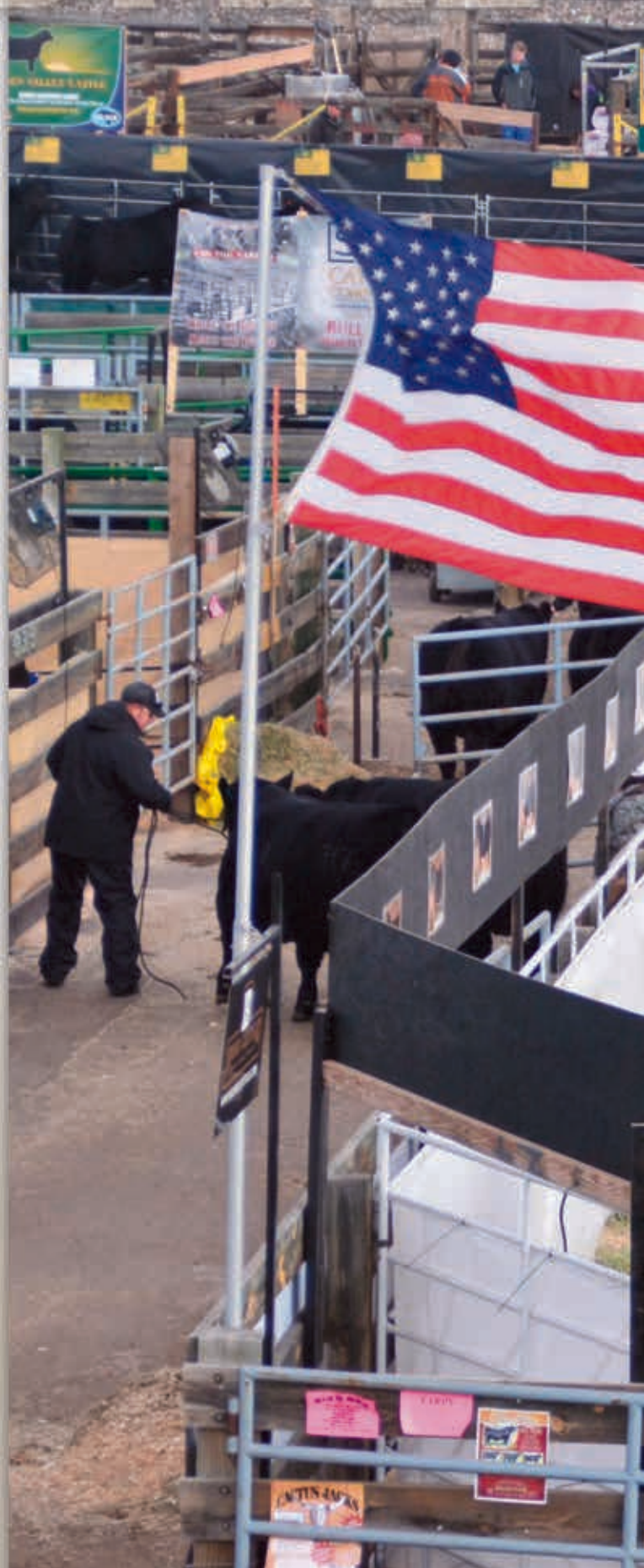
The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package led off the National Western Angus Bull Sale Wednesday afternoon. Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb., bid \$120,000 to purchase the heifer package, which featured EXAR Royal Lass 2086, donated by Express Ranches of Yukon, Okla. For more information see page 118.

Angus Foundation supporters ventured to Larkspur, Colo., to attend the 2014 Angus Night on the Mountain hosted Jan. 15 at Spruce Mountain Ranch LLC. Several exclusive packages and a raffle item were offered throughout the evening and raised \$74,220 in gross proceeds for the Angus Foundation and the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind.

Angus producers who attended the NWSS were encouraged to stop by the Listening Post to visit with staff of the Association, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). Staff members were available throughout the week to visit about Association programs and the cattle industry, or just share a cup of coffee.

In addition to Angus events, the International Livestock Congress-USA 2014 hosted a full-day conference Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. The program was themed "The Cattle Industry at a Crossroads." Conference coverage can be found on pages 232-248 of this issue.

►**Right:** The National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., is the only show that has a pen and carload show.



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►The Yards is a great place to catch a sunset over the pens.



►Fitting cattle in the Yards is the same as on the Hill, just in a different climate.



►Herdsman enjoy pizza Monday night at the American Angus Association's Herdsman Social. Ballots for the Herdsman of the Year award are turned in here.



►Angus Night on the Mountain at Spruce Mountain Ranch offered many packages and cattle on which attendees could bid.



►Bulls are tied in the makeup area after exhibition in the carload show.



►A busy week calls for some grilled beef.

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►Above: The bulls soak in sunshine on the chilly Saturday morning after being exhibited in the carload show.

►Below: A total of 558 entries were exhibited in the Angus shows at the National Western Stock Show.



►Prospective buyers evaluate bulls entered in the Bull Sale Show after conclusion of judging Wednesday morning.



►Bulls are weighed together as a carload on the cold Saturday morning before exhibition.



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►The stalls on the Hill come down quickly Friday evening after the ROV female show.

