

# NATIONAL WESTERN

## 2015 National Western Nears

Make plans to attend the annual Angus events Jan. 14-17 in Denver, Colo.

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There's no place like Denver in January. Livestock enthusiasts travel to the base of the Rocky Mountains each year for the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) — a tradition that goes back more than a century. Angus events kick off Jan. 14, 2015, and continue through the weekend with shows, sales and other activities.

"The National Western is an annual highlight for many families, and we look forward to welcoming our Angus exhibitors again this year," says Jaclyn Upperman, American Angus Association director of events and education.

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 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 in the Angus block, call the Marriott before the Dec. 21 deadline, at 303-297-1300 and ask for the American Angus Association's \$110 block rate.

### ROV Angus shows

Angus activities begin with the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Bull Show at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Stadium Arena. Dave Allan, Schulenburg, Texas, will evaluate ROV entries. The Angus Bull Sale Show follows at 12 p.m., 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 Chris Styles, Brentford, S.D.; Bruce Stertzbach, Louisville, Ohio; and Joe Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky. Attendees will be invited into the showing 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. 15, in Stadium Arena. Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn., will judge

the junior show. The next day, ROV Angus females enter the ring, judged by Allan. The NWSS Angus Pen and Carload Show takes place Saturday, Jan. 17. The show begins at 8 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Arlen Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Chad Ellingson, Saint Anthony, N.D., and Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., 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 application, Angus Mobile. A complete event schedule, showing videos, event photos and breaking news alerts are also available by downloading the app.

### Angus events and sales

Following the bull shows Jan. 14, the 2015 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. 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, a special package offered by the Oklahoma Angus Association will benefit the 2015 National Junior Angus Show. The night will conclude with an auction featuring Spruce Mountain Ranch's finest Angus genetics (see page 52 for more).

A complete schedule of NWSS Angus events is at right.

### 2015 National Western Stock Show Angus Schedule

#### Monday, Jan. 12

- 8 a.m. Angus check-in of Hill cattle, Angus Hill stalls
- 12 p.m. Angus check-in of Yard cattle, Yards tent behind Stock Yards Arena
- 6 p.m. Herdsman social, Stockyards Saloon

#### Wednesday, Jan. 14

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus Tent
- 8 a.m. ROV Angus Bull Show, Stadium Arena
- 12 p.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale Show, Stadium Arena
- 3:30 p.m. Angus Foundation Heifer Package Sale, Beef Palace Auction Arena
- 4 p.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale, Beef Palace Auction Arena
- 7 p.m. Angus Night on the Mountain, Spruce Mountain Ranch

#### Thursday, Jan. 15

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus Tent
- 8 a.m. Junior Angus Heifer Show, Stadium Arena

#### Friday, Jan. 16

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus Tent
- 8 a.m. ROV Angus Female Show, Stadium Arena

#### Saturday, Jan. 17

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post, Yards Angus Tent
- 8 a.m. Angus Pen & Carload Show, Livestock Center Auction Arena