

New Angus Event Headlines Denver Activities

Angus to host evening auction and social in the historic Stadium Arena during the National Western Stock Show.

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Denver's historic Stadium Arena, the heart of the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), was built in 1909 to celebrate the growth and viability of the West's ranching industry.

Today, its brick walls, steel columns and distinctive green chairs still bear witness to dozens of cattle shows each year, and the old building remains a symbol of the forward-leaning optimism of ranchers. On Jan. 11, 2017, a new evening event will grace the Stadium Arena to not only celebrate the heritage of ranching, but also the unprecedented, century-plus expansion of Angus into the West.

Sponsored by Merial, the event will feature a bull sale, a fundraising auction and live entertainment. It's also open to any cattle producer interested in attending with

additional support from Neogen GeneSeek Operations.

"We're excited to host this event in Denver, and we want all ranchers to know they're welcome to attend," says Allen Moczygamba, American Angus Association CEO. "Our goal is to renew our commitment to the National Western Stock Show, and to reinvigorate the interest of commercial producers and others in Angus events in Denver."

The event kicks off at 5 p.m. with the National Western Angus Bull Sale, featuring more than 50 lots of top genetics from leading registered operations from across the country. Producers interested in evaluating the bulls prior to the sale may attend the Angus Sale Bull Show beginning at 8 a.m., earlier that day. Cash prizes and awards this year will exceed \$10,000, and the grand

and reserve grand champion bulls will be awarded a \$1,000 genomic package donated by Zoetis.

The sale also includes the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, featuring Basin Lucy 6265, a female donated by the Stevenson family and Basin Angus Ranch of Joliet, Mont.

In addition to vacation packages and other auction fundraising items, several confirmed pregnancies from leading Angus seedstock operations will headline the Foundation's fundraising offering. Consignors include 44 Farms, Cameron, Texas; Dameron Angus, Lexington, Ill.; Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.; Pollard Farms, Waukomis, Okla.; and Vintage Angus Ranch, Modesto, Calif.

The evening wraps up with live entertainment provided by Texas country band Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. A dance floor, as well as refreshments, will be provided.

"This will be a fun event for anyone who has interest in ranching or Angus cattle," adds Moczygamba. "It represents a great opportunity to see and buy Angus cattle, to support the Angus Foundation, and to also see old friends and make new ones."

The week's events in Denver

Angus activities begin with the Angus Bull Sale Show at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the Stadium Arena. A panel of three judges will evaluate the bulls using a composite system to establish a sale order. Judges are Kyle Gillooly, Wadley, Ga.; Andy Musgrave, Pittsfield, Ill.; and Jim Viether, Wilton, Calif. Attendees will be invited into the showring to inspect bulls after the grand and reserve grand champions have been selected.

Immediately after, the ROV Angus Bull Show is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. Judges Scott Foster and Andrew Foster, both of Niles, Mich., will evaluate the ROV entries.

The Junior Angus Heifer Show begins at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Stadium Arena. Bill Wilson, Cloverdale, Ind., will judge the junior show. The next day, ROV Angus

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Sunday, Jan. 8

8 a.m. Angus check-in of Hill cattle — Angus Hill Stalls

Monday, Jan. 9

10 a.m. Angus check-in of Yard cattle — Yards Tent behind Stock Yards Arena

Tuesday, Jan. 10

5 p.m. Bases Loaded Sale — Coors Field

Wednesday, Jan. 11

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post — Yards Angus Tent
8 a.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale Show — Stadium Arena
11:30 a.m. Super-Point ROV Angus Bull Show — Stadium Arena
5 p.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale & Evening Event — Stadium Arena

Thursday, Jan. 12

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post — Yards Angus Tent
8 a.m. Junior Angus Heifer Show — Stadium Arena
5 p.m. Denim & Diamond Sale — Beef Palace Auction Arena
6:30 p.m. Trowbridge Family of Friends Sale — Livestock Center Auction Arena

Friday, Jan. 13

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Listening Post — Yards Angus Tent
8 a.m. Super-Point ROV Female Angus Show — Stadium Arena
2:30 p.m. Foundation Female Sale — Livestock Center Auction Arena

Saturday, Jan. 14

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

Females enter the ring, judged again by the Fosters.

The NWSS Angus Pen and Carload Show takes place Saturday, Jan. 14. The show begins with the bull carloads at 8 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena, followed by the Angus heifer pens and Angus bull pens. Steve Harrison, Cameron, Texas; Doug Slattery, Chappell Hill, Texas; and TJ Curtin, Blue Mound, Ill., 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, showing videos, event photos and breaking news alerts are also available by downloading the app.

While walking through the Yards, be sure to stop by the Angus Tent, where Association, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be on hand to visit about the latest programs and news from the organization.

The Angus headquarters hotel, the Marriott City Center, offers a shuttle that travels to the NWSS daily each morning and evening. Participants are encouraged to go online and book their rooms while there is still space available.

Visit www.angus.org for further information about Angus events at the NWSS. A complete schedule of NWSS Angus events follows.

