

# The Gathering

Angus producers convene in Louisville to conduct business, envision the future, exhibit their genetics and visit with friends.

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**B**eautiful weather and a little construction greeted Angus enthusiasts to Kentucky as they gathered for the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville Nov. 11-14, 2006. Events kicked off Saturday, with meetings of the American Angus Association Board of Directors and American Angus Auxiliary, as well as the Angus Foundation's Supporter Recognition Event. Activities concluded with Tuesday's female show and the first meeting of the 2007 Board.

"The entire meeting at Louisville this year — from start to finish — was perhaps the best, most well-accepted I've ever attended," said John Crouch, Association executive vice president, following the event. That's no small feat, as Crouch has attended since 1954, when the event was in Chicago, Ill.

"Members seemed generally appreciative of the position Angus occupy in the industry," Crouch continued, "and they are extremely excited about future growth and expansion in all areas of our endeavor."

## Board highlights

The Association Board of Directors kicked off the event Saturday afternoon with the first of its two meetings. President Ben Eggers introduced John Stika, Creston, Ohio, as the newly appointed president of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), and he thanked Brent Eichar for serving as the interim president

following the retirement of Jim Riemann (see page 159).

Highlights of the meeting included a preliminary summary of a study conducted on behalf of the Association to help identify priorities in the commercial cow-calf industry. More on this research, after results are finalized, will be available to the membership after the first of the year.

Sally Northcutt, director of genetic research, and Bill Bowman, director of performance programs, presented a research project proposal by the University of Illinois to evaluate Angus feed efficiency. The Information & Data Management Committee directed staff to present the proposal to the full Board, with a notation that it might be a candidate for Angus Foundation funding. After discussion, the proposal was accepted by the full Board, which recessed to allow an impromptu meeting of the Angus Foundation Board. The Foundation Board voted unanimously to fund the University of Illinois research project as part of its research initiative. The four-year study is expected to cost \$35,000 per year.

Upon reconvening the meeting of the full Board, Richard Wilson, Association vice president of finance, presented a review of fiscal year (FY) 2006 financials.

Gordon Stucky provided a report of a special committee created in September with

the mission to develop methods to improve collection of reproductive and maternal efficiency data to be used in Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR<sup>SM</sup>). The committee evaluated the current structure of data submission, solicitation for measurements relating to reproduction and how to create positive incentives for submission of breeding data. The committee presented to the full Board the following action plan:

1. Run heifer pregnancy evaluation with new data.
2. Utilize Outreach Seminars to educate breeders about collection.
3. Implement revisions to data entry screens.
4. Revise reason/disposal codes.
5. Develop educational materials.

After discussion, the Board voted to pursue multiple traits that affect reproductive efficiency, but to first develop the heifer-pregnancy expected progeny difference (EPD) as a supplement, or research report, to National Cattle Evaluation (NCE).

In a report of the Activities Committee it was noted that West Virginia will host the 2008 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, and the 2009 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will be in Perry, Ga., July 18-26.

Sara Moyer reported on AngusSource<sup>®</sup> activities, noting Oct. 18, 2006, as the anniversary of the program becoming a

► Candidates for the Board of Directors spoke at a candidate-delegate forum Sunday afternoon. Candidates introduced themselves and answered questions presented by the audience.



► John Stika (right), Creston, Ohio, has been named president of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). The CAB Board appointed him, effective immediately, at its meeting Saturday, Nov. 11, during Angus activities at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Stika is pictured with his wife, Deanna.



USDA Process Verified Program (PVP). She noted year-end numbers showing a 4% increase in the number of animals enrolled and a 30% increase in the number of individuals taking advantage of the marketing document. New materials were developed to send to producers regularly transferring their bulls. Moyer also discussed the status of packers in establishing procedures for using AngusSource enrollment as a live animal qualifier for the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand.

The Board approved an advisory council appointed by Eggers to establish guidelines for funding of the NJAS. Jot Hartley was appointed chairman of the committee, which includes Bob Schlutz, Paul Hill, Susan Taylor, Darla Eggers, Sam Carter, Jenni Beck, Keith Grissom and Mark Nieslanik. James Fisher, John Crouch and Alex Tolbert will serve in advisory roles.

### Auxiliary report

**Annual meeting.** The annual meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was at a new time this year, with the meeting called to order by President Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006. There were 28 members and five guests present.

William Leatherman from Lexington, N.C., made a presentation on the possibility of selling a Leatherman tool with an Angus bull head and the word "ANGUS" laser-inscribed on it. The Auxiliary moved to have Leatherman work with Cathy Miller to go ahead with this project as soon as possible.

Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., announced that in recognition of her sons receiving the Crystal Award several times in the past, the Lampe family would sponsor the boy's Crystal Award for the next four years.

The program and hospitality committee is working with the Angus Foundation on utilizing the same decorations for all the Angus activities.

Linda Brost, Harrodsburg, Ky., announced that the sale of the Lemmon heifer at last year's meeting increased the scholarship fund by \$51,530.

Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont., reported that the Auxiliary received \$6,500 for 50% of the proceeds of a Rattey Sculpture, "The Babysitter," which was sold at the fall Foundation gala in California.

Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont., reported that the Auxiliary currently has 1,263 life members, 94 annual members, 126 charter members and 52 honorary members, for a total of 1,535 members. The Auxiliary is considering initiating a membership drive and/or adjusting the lifetime fee.

The 2007 scholarship applications are on the Auxiliary web site, and a press release has



► **Left:** American Angus Auxiliary officers for the coming year include Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., advisor; Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, president; Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., president-elect; and Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., secretary-treasurer.



► **Above:** Past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary were recognized during the Auxiliary breakfast Sunday morning.

► **Below:** The embryo auction at Sunday evening's Angus Reception raised \$6,200 in support of the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. Pictured are (from left) Cecil McCurry, Rance Long, Sandra McCurry, Charlie and Paula Boyd, MaryAnn and Dave McMahon, and Auxiliary President Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa.



been sent to each state contact person. The national deadline is May 10. The Auxiliary is encouraging juniors to apply for their Bronze and Silver awards, and to use the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) record book as a reference. The same scholarship amounts will be awarded in 2007.

An additional \$4,000 in support from the Association was incorporated into the budget.

Sankey announced that at the Executive Committee meeting a task force had been formed at the request of the committee to discuss the idea of regional representation. The task force will report on their progress at the spring meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Nomination Committee's recommendation for the 2007 slate of nominees was accepted as: president, Mary Greiman; president-elect, Nancy Thelen; secretary-treasurer, Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.; and officer advisor, Sharee Sankey.

Sankey then passed the pin and gavel to Greiman. Greiman thanked Sankey for her leadership and said that she is looking forward to the next two years and the great things that can be accomplished by the Auxiliary.

**Auxiliary breakfast.** Dubbed "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" in honor of 2006 Auxiliary president Sharee Sankey, the

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Annual Auxiliary Breakfast was more fun than Munchkin Land.

The Sunday morning event featured great food and small gifts for attendees, along with entertainment from Emma Collins, Morton, Miss., and Kara and Andra Erbar, Yukon, Okla., nieces of Association President Jot Hartley.

Award winners from the NJAS were recognized, including winners of the Janet Castle Crystal, Silver Pitcher, Black Kettle and Auxiliary Scholarship awards.

**Miss American Angus.** “Life lessons” was the theme of the public speaking contest held

as one part of the selection criteria for the 2007 Miss American Angus. Many of the contestants shared with the crowd “life lessons” of having to choose between showing cattle and participating in other school-related organizations; being put in compromising circumstances, but taking the lead to correct the situation; and identifying positive personal characteristics that make all of life’s lessons a little sweeter. Other elements of the contest included personal interviews, impromptu questions following the prepared speeches and a written test.

Competing for the honor of 2007 Miss

American Angus were Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan.; Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C.; Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.; Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio; and Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa.

The crowning of Miss American Angus traditionally takes place before the selection of the Roll of Victory (ROV) champion bull, and this year was no exception. Sankey recognized 2006 Miss American Angus Mallory Trosper, Hamilton, Mo., and the contestants were introduced to the crowd. After the announcer named the 2007 Miss American Angus, judges Jennifer Svoboda, Sargent, Neb.; Joann Pipkin, Springfield, Mo.; and Glen Grote, Bennington, Okla., presented Emily Tennant with her banner, crown and flowers. Trosper closed the announcement ceremony by presenting a crown-shaped pin to Tennant.

**Angus Reception.** Scholarship fundraising efforts were the focus of the Auxiliary at Sunday night’s Angus Reception. The auction featured two embryos donated by Schaff’s Angus Valley, Saint Anthony, N.D., and two embryos donated by Boyd Beef Cattle, Mays Lick, Ky. Cecil McCurry of McCurry Bros., Sedgwick, Kan., purchased the SAV Rosetta 3350 × SAV 8180 Traveler 004 embryos for \$1,100 each. Dave McMahon of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., purchased the Boyd Everelda Entense 409 × GAR Predestined embryos for \$2,000 each.

**Foundation thanks supporters**

The Angus Foundation sponsored a reception Saturday evening to recognize its supporters and to share with them the accomplishments made possible by their generosity. The evening featured the unveiling of the “Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus,” which aims to significantly expand the ability of the Angus Foundation to support education, youth and research activities by raising \$11 million by Dec. 31, 2011. Four significant contributions totaling \$310,000 were recognized at the event.

See “Funding the Future” on page 194 for complete coverage of the event.

**Supplying the Brand**

At an informational session for meeting attendees, Mark McCully, Certified Angus Beef LLC director of supply development, Sunday morning gave an overview of supplying the brand. He began with the history of the CAB brand, then explained how producers could recognize premiums when marketing their cattle.

Basically, more cattle need to be identified for the brand, McCully noted. “Currently,



► **Left:** National Junior Angus Association Communications Director Kristen Oaks, Calhoun, La., displays a poster describing “A Feast” available for purchase at Sunday evening’s Angus Reception. The meal for 75 individuals, donated by Arkansas Angus Breeders, was purchased for \$8,500 by a syndicate of Angus producers. Proceeds will be used to host the 2007 NJAS.



► **Right:** The American Dream Embryo Lottery committee kicked off its fundraising effort at the Angus Reception Sunday evening. John Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla., presents Ticket No. 1 to 2006 American Angus Association President Ben Eggers of Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo., as Julie McMahon French, Beaverton, Mich., assists. One thousand lottery tickets will be sold for \$100 each to support the operating expenses of the 2007 NJAS. A random drawing for 22 embryo prize packages will be conducted during the event in Tulsa, Okla., July 1-7. More information is available at [www.njas.info/fundraisers.html](http://www.njas.info/fundraisers.html).

► **Right:** Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., purchased for \$2,000 a quilt handmade by Alline Pfeiffer of Orlando, Okla., to raise funds for the 2007 NJAS. Pictured are (from left) MaryAnn and Dave McMahon of Belle Point Ranch and Gaye and John Pfeiffer, 2007 NJAS financing and fundraising chairmen.





55% of the cattle population is black, and that number is growing.”

Still, the percentage of cattle meeting CAB specifications is small, McCully said, with the No. 1 reason being lack of marbling.

Continuing with the theme of garnering premiums from Angus cattle, McCully introduced attendees to two CAB brand extensions: CAB Prime and CAB Natural.

He then gave a supply development update identifying the division's core strategies, noting research, relationship coordination, information exchange and communication.

For a full report, see page 192.

### Educational forum

Approximately 600 producers were on hand for Sunday afternoon's educational forum. Association Chairman Ben Eggers, CAB Chairman Bob Norton, Angus Productions Inc. (API) Chairman Jot Hartley and Angus Foundation Chairman Paul Hill presented a history of the Association, reviewing the growth of the organization and its financial standing, and the need to continue progressive measures, lest it fall into complacency.

The Association has spent the last 123 years building its reputation as an industry leader. Through its history of progressive breeders, the Association has grown from a humble one-room basement office to a multi-faceted, \$30 million entity with broad industry influence. With such success comes a responsibility to continue to do more, to resist the urge to rest on past laurels, said Eggers. "We can't stop now."

See page 180 for complete coverage of this event.

### Breed business

Immediately following the educational program Sunday, Association members met the six individuals running for five positions on the Board during an open meeting with Board candidates. Each candidate explained his or her background and desire to serve on the Board and answered two questions selected from among those submitted by the audience.

On Monday, the Annual Meeting kicked off with comments by Eggers.

"Those of you sitting out there know the challenges we've had in the beef industry, because you are all survivors," Eggers said. "You realize the challenges to becoming a successful Angus breeder. You have expertise in animal genetics, nutrition, reproduction, health, governmental regulations, advertising

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► **Above:** Scott Johnson presented two workshops explaining how to use the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program.



► **Left:** Five deserving young ladies vied for the title of Miss American Angus, including (from left) Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio; Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa; Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C.; Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan.; and Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.

### Incoming president's perspective

I believe in many ways that we are at a crossroads, not a precipice, but a critical time for strategic decisions on action or inaction that will define our breed, our membership and our Association well into the future.

Our recent dominance as a purebred registry has enabled the American Angus Association to provide services and support research activities that a few years ago could only be dreamed of. We must always remember that our success and dominance is the result of a breed of cattle with innate characteristics and traits that allow our commercial customers to produce a product that is unique in its ability to satisfy the demands of today's consumer.



► Jot Hartley is escorted to the podium by fellow Board Members Bill Davis, Sidney, Mont., and John Schurr, Farnam, Neb., after being elected president of the American Angus Association.

Do we rest on our laurels, or do we continue to refine that product to further enhance our breed's reputation with the consumer? I believe that we must do the latter.

Do we bask in the tremendous increases in Angus registrations over the past several years, or do we recommit our Association and our breed to attaining even greater relevance and surpassing the registration levels of the 1960s? I believe that we must do the latter.

Do we accept with contentment our current position of supplying more than 60% of the beef cattle genetics in this country, or do we aggressively pursue and promote a strategy of making the AngusSource® program the industry standard? I believe we must do the latter.

In short, we can not permit the success at hand to diminish our desire to search for and implement new ideas, strategies and technology that will do more than just maintain our market share. We can't stop now.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve this membership as its president during the next year. I look forward to working with your Board of Directors and staff and promise you that I will continue to challenge them to provide innovative and useful services and programs that will keep the American Angus Association in its position as the premier breed registry in the world.

— Jot Hartley, 2006-2007 American Angus Association President



and promotion, mathematics, labor management, cattle psychology, economics and forage production. It takes all that just to get a good start. Then, as you all know, your reputation for fairness will determine your long-term success as a seedstock producer.

“All those things are up to you to accomplish on an individual basis, but I urge you to consider what we have done collectively as well,” Eggers continued. “The strength, quality, and programs of this Association have helped you along the way.



► 2006 Miss American Angus Mallory Trospier, Hamilton, Mo., pins the 2007 Miss American Angus Emily Tennant, Greensburg, N.C., during Monday’s bull show.

We need you to consider what you can do to help this Association. We need to bring up the right people into leadership positions to help protect our investment in this industry.

“I urge you to consider yourself as a candidate for this Board, and I especially urge you to seek out, within your states and regions, those who need to be in leadership roles, and urge them to become more involved.”

Following a treasurer’s report by Hill and an annual report by Crouch, 361 state delegates to the Annual Meeting re-elected Joe Hampton, Mount Ulla, N.C.; Rob Thomas, Baker City, Ore.; and Al DeClerk, Pocahontas, Ark., to serve their second three-year terms on the Board. Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind.; and Steve Olson, Hereford, Texas, were also elected to three-year terms.

Delegates elected Hartley president and Hill vice president. Jay King, Rock Falls, Ill., was elected treasurer in an earlier voting by the Board.

“We cannot permit the success at hand to diminish our desire to search for and implement new ideas, strategies and technology that will do more than just maintain our market share,” Hartley said in his first comments as Association president. “We can’t stop now.” See “Incoming president’s perspective,” which accompanies this article.

### Leadership honored

At the Annual Banquet Monday evening, attendees enjoyed a meal featuring CAB provided by U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) as the Association recognized outstanding achievement.

Among those honored, Keela Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis., received the 2006 Barbara Smalstig Outstanding Leadership Award. The award was instituted in 1994 in memory of Barbara Smalstig and her support of the

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and to recognize outstanding leadership among its members.

Each year the Association honors individuals who have made significant contributions through their time and dedication, financially, via research efforts to enhance the breed or through their breeding of superior Angus cattle. A committee nominates and selects the individuals for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation, which was started in 1983.

Inductees and their families receive a framed certificate for their achievement; their names are engraved on a permanent plaque hung in the Association headquarters; and their brief biographies and photographs are included in a book, which will next be published in 2010.

Five deserving producers were inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation at this year’s banquet: Jesse Bontecou, Millbrook, N.Y.; Eddie Sydenstricker, Mexico, Mo.; Dale Runnion, Longmont, Colo.; Robert Weaver, Peoria, Ill.; and Colin Kennedy (posthumously), formerly of Webster City, Iowa. Read more on page 187.

Banquet speaker Andy Hickman entertained the banquet audience with an inspirational presentation featuring sleight of hand.

### Recordkeeping insights

Members learned more about the Association’s Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) during two workshops conducted by AIMS Director Scott Johnson. Both the Sunday evening session for new users and the Monday morning session for advanced users were well-attended, with total attendance of about 45 participants.



► Kara Wilson and Regional Manager David Mullins help prepare data cards for show judge Tim Fitzgerald.



► Judge Tim Fitzgerald evaluates his championship lineup in the bull show Monday.





► President Jot Hartley of Spur Angus Ranch, Vinita, Okla., addresses attendees of the 123rd Annual Meeting of the American Angus Association, during which 361 delegates conducted the official business of the organization.



► Banquet speaker Andy Hickman gets assistance from Renee Hartley to help feature "The Magic in You."

### In the showing

In the green shavings and bright lights of Freedom Hall, Angus breeders led 211 head before judge Tim Fitzgerald, West Grove, Pa., for the super-point ROV show Monday and Tuesday. The show was designated as the National Angus Show for the 2006-2007 show year.

Dameron R&W New Deal 446 claimed grand champion and senior champion bull honors. WAF Future Direction 5100 won reserve grand champion bull after first winning junior champion. Gamble's Shadoe 988 captured grand champion female honors, and first won senior champion. PVF Dameron Proven Queen 5003 claimed the reserve grand champion female and junior champion titles.

Preceding the ROV show, NJAA members led 162 head before judge Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., on Sunday. Champion Hill Lady 4618 was named grand champion after first winning intermediate champion. Champion Hill Georgina 4402 claimed the reserve grand champion female title after first topping the junior division. The grand champion bred-and-owned female, BCC Extravagant Elaine 056, also won reserve junior champion.

For complete coverage of the ROV and junior shows, see pages 170 and 176 in this issue, or visit [www.angusjournal.com/louisville](http://www.angusjournal.com/louisville).

### Board action

In Tuesday's Board Meeting, which included the newly elected officers and directors, a Breed Improvement Committee was added to the committee lineup.

A committee schedule was established to assist in making committee assignments. For the coming year, the Activities & Events

Committee will meet concurrently with the Information & Data Management Committee in Round 1. The Finance & Planning Committee will meet concurrently with the Industry Relations Committee in Round 2, and the Breed Improvement Committee will comprise Round 3.

Committee and Board appointments for 2007 are as follows.

**Executive Committee** — Jot Hartley, chairman; Bill Davis; Paul Hill; Jay King; Robert "Bob" Schlutz; John Schurr; and Richard Tokach.

**Activities & Events** — Bob Schlutz, chairman; Al DeClerk, vice chairman; Jay King; Steve Olson; Gordon Stucky; Phil Trowbridge; and Cathy Watkins.

**Information & Data Management** — Gregg Blythe, chairman; Rob Thomas, vice chairman; Jarold Callahan; Bill Davis; Norman Garton; Joe Hampton; John Schurr; and Richard Tokach.



► Keela Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis., was presented the Outstanding Leadership Award during Monday evening's Annual Banquet. Pictured are Fred Smalstig, Naples, Fla.; Retallick; and NJAA Leadership Director Kindra Wood, Holly Pond, Ala.

**Finance & Planning** — Jay King, chairman; Jarold Callahan, vice chairman; Gregg Blythe; Bill Davis; Bob Schlutz; Richard Tokach; and Cathy Watkins.

**Industry Relations** — John Schurr, chairman; Joe Hampton, vice chairman; Al DeClerk; Norman Garton; Steve Olson; Gordon Stucky; Rob Thomas; and Phil Trowbridge.

**Breed Improvement Committee** — Richard Tokach, chairman; Bill Davis, vice chairman; Gregg Blythe; Jarold Callahan; Al DeClerk; Joe Hampton; Bob Schlutz; John Schurr; and Rob Thomas.

**Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)** — Bill Davis,\* chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; John Stika, president; Norman Garton; Joe Hampton; Jot Hartley; Robert Norton; John Schurr; Rob Thomas; and Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

**Angus Productions Inc. (API)** — Paul Hill, chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; Terry Cotton, president; Gregg Blythe; Jarold Callahan; Norman Garton; Gordon Stucky; Rob Thomas; Richard Tokach; and Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

**Angus Foundation** — Paul Hill, chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; Milford Jenkins, president; Bill Davis; Al DeClerk; Joe Hampton; Bob Schlutz; Rob Thomas; Phil Trowbridge; and Richard Wilson, secretary.

**Chaplain** — Gregg Blythe

**Parliamentarian** — Paul Donnelly

**NCBA representative** — Gregg Blythe

**NCBA committee appointments** — Bill Davis, beef production research; Joe Hampton,\* product enhancement; and Phil Trowbridge, international markets.

The following dates were established for the 2007 Board calendar:

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Feb. 20 — New Director Orientation, Saint Joseph, Mo.

Feb. 21-23 — Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.

June 12-15 — Board Meeting, Santa Fe, N.M.

July 1-7 — National Junior Angus Show, Tulsa, Okla.

Aug. 28-30 — National Angus Conference & Tour, Peoria, Ill.

Sept. 5-7 — Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.

Sept. 13-15 — CAB Annual Conference, Savannah, Ga.

Nov. 10 — Board Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

Nov. 12 — 124th Annual Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

Nov. 13 — Board Meeting, Louisville, Ky.



**Editor's Note:** Asterisks (\*) denote appointments made after the NAILE and announced in December.



► **Above:** The ROV show/National Show continued on Tuesday with the female show.

► **Below:** Angus exhibitors vied for prizes at the 2006 NAILE. The show doubled as both a super-point ROV show and the 2007 National Angus Show.



## 2006 ROV winners honored

Winners in the American Angus Association's 2005-2006 Roll of Victory (ROV) Show Program were honored Nov. 13-14, 2006, during the 2006 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Super-Point ROV Angus Show in Louisville, Ky. Among the top winners were the following.



► **Above:** **Cherry Knoll LSC Rosebud 401**, owned by Broderic Fitzgerald, Bryce Fitzgerald and Cherry Knoll Farm Inc., all of West Grove, Pa., won 2006 ROV Show Heifer of the Year. Pictured are (from left) 2006 Miss American Angus Mallory Trosper; Broderic Fitzgerald, Bryce Fitzgerald, Andrea Fitzgerald, Margaret Duprey and Tim Fitzgerald, all of West Grove, Pa.; and Jerry Cassady, Association regional manager.



► **Right:** **Greg Smith**, Elida, N.M., left, was named the 2006 ROV Breeder of the Year. John Crouch, Association executive vice president, presents the award.



► **Above:** **Greg Smith**, Elida, N.M., was named the 2006 ROV Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) 2007 Miss American Angus Emily Tennant; Trosper; Smith; Cassady; and Judy and John Crouch. Smith also owns G13 Structure, **Sire of the Year**, and G13 Eye Delight 0013, **Dam of the Year**, in addition to division champions.



► **Right:** **VAR Forever Lady 4304**, owned by Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., and Rolling RRR Ranch LLC, Edmond, Okla., won 2006 ROV Embryo Transfer Dam of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Trosper; Bob Funk, Yukon, Okla.; and Cassady.

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