



# Association Highlights

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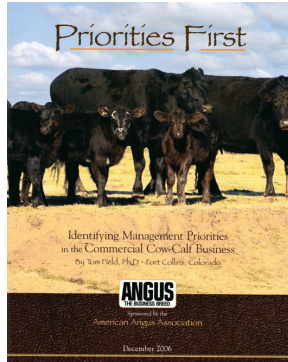
## Search Pathfinder Report

The 2007 *Pathfinder*® Report is included in this issue of the *Angus Journal*. This year's report lists 9,726 individual cows and 256 sires that qualify for Pathfinder status. You can also search the Pathfinder Report online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) under the "Performance" link.

The Pathfinder program was started in 1978 and identifies superior Angus females based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production and include early and regular calving, as well as heavy weaning weights. Bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder cows are listed as Pathfinder sires in this report.

## Priorities First reveals commercial producer priorities

In fulfilling the mission to provide programs and services that will aid commercial cattle producers in achieving profitability, the American Angus Association commissioned an independent, in-depth study to provide a blueprint for prioritizing profit drivers in today's cattle operations.



*Priorities First: Identifying Management Priorities in the Commercial Cow-Calf Business*, by Tom Field, Fort Collins, Colo., was

published in the March *Angus Journal*. If you missed reading this report or would like to

request copies of it, please contact Mary Pepple at (816) 383-5100 or e-mail [mpepple@angus.org](mailto:mpepple@angus.org).

## Outreach Seminars set for this month

The Association will continue its Outreach Seminars this month. On Saturday, April 14, a seminar will be in East Lansing, Mich. The Outreach Seminar will be part of the Michigan Angus Association's Educational Day and begins at 1 p.m. in Michigan State University's Anthony Hall. Educational Day activities begin at 10 a.m.

Association staff will also conduct an Outreach Seminar in Reno, Nev. The Seminar will be at 6 p.m. April 28 at John Ascauga's Nugget. Outreach Seminars last about two hours and allow the membership to interact with staff.

## Western States Angus breeders to meet in Reno

The 2007 Western National Angus Futurity and 2007 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are set for April 28-30 in Reno, Nev. Activities are planned for both juniors and adults, including shows, a sale and Angus fellowship, so make your travel plans now.

If you can't be in Reno for the Angus events, you can still view show results following the weekend activities at [www.angusjournal.com/reno](http://www.angusjournal.com/reno).

## Delegate petitions will arrive soon

Preparation for the 2007 Annual Convention of Delegates, set for this November in Louisville, Ky., is already under way. In March, active life and regular members should have received the delegate nomination form.

Each life and regular member may nominate one delegate from their respective state. The delegate nominees should be actively involved in the Angus business, be willing to attend the annual meeting during Angus activities at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), and be able to represent Angus breeders. The signed nominations must be returned to the Association by June 30, and every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. Self-nominations are perfectly acceptable.

When the nomination form arrives, don't set it aside and forget it. Fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

## ASSOCIATION FEES

### CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

### REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age	\$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	\$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	\$27

### TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date	\$5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date	\$7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date	\$12

### MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per weaning weight)	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$30
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age)	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf	regular registration fee plus \$10
Cell-clone transplant calf	regular registration fee plus \$50

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the *Breeder's Reference Guide*. Free copies are available from the Association.

## BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HG	Horn gene
+	Embryo transfer calf	R	Red
^	Cell clone	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
%	Split-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
@	Clone-ET	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
S	Syndactyly	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
H	Double muscling		
D	Dwarfism		
M	Osteopetrosis		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

Details of the election process can be found in Article III of the Association's *Breeder's Reference Guide*, which was distributed in the mailing box with the March issue of the *Angus Journal*.

### **Update association officer listings now**

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer lists to the Communications Department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are posted on the Association web site and in the *2007 Resource Edition*, published in the August *Angus Journal*. Listings include the association's name, web site (if applicable), and current officers and their contact information.

If you have not received a form to update your officer listing, e-mail Mary Pepple at [mpepple@angus.org](mailto:mpepple@angus.org) or call her at (816) 383-5100.

### **Plan now for summer field days**

With warmer days just around the corner, it is time to begin thinking about hosting an Angus field day at your farm or ranch. The Association has field day planners and kits available to help make your event a success.

The field-day planner provides a timeline for organizing your event, from planning the program to handling publicity. The planner offers a checklist of details for you to review a month, a week and a day before your event. There are also some reminders for sale planning.

The field-day kit is a collection of literature, posters and other promotional items available from the Association. The kit is perfect for decorating your facilities and for providing information to junior and regular members, as well as to commercial producers.

Contact the Communications Department to request these materials.

### **2007 National Angus Conference & Tour set**

Make plans now to attend the 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour Aug. 29-31 in Peoria, Ill. The Association is pleased to announce that Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of "A Heartland Homecoming."

The conference will take place at the Holiday Inn City Centre and will include a program of beef industry speakers that will address current issues facing producers. The Illinois Angus Association will host the two-day tour.

Look for more information in future issues of the *Angus Journal* and on the Association web site.

### **Junior deadlines fast approaching**

Many deadlines for junior shows and events are rapidly approaching. Make special

note of an earlier-than-usual National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) deadline due to the earlier show dates in 2007. All National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members between the ages of 9 and 21 should have received an entry booklet in the mail. If you have not received the booklet, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

- ▶ April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Regional Preview Show.
- ▶ May 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Show.
- ▶ May 1 is the deadline for applying for the Gold Award and Outstanding Leadership Award. Also, applications for Angus Foundation scholarships and the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship are due.
- ▶ May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Show.
- ▶ May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NJAS.
- ▶ May 15 is also the entry deadline for all NJAA creative writing, photography and graphic design entries, and it is the deadline to submit entries and recipes for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) Cook-Off.
- ▶ June 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Show.

For more information about junior events, activities and deadlines, contact the Junior Activities Department or go to [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

### **Ask for assistance with junior transfers**

If you know of a junior member who has purchased an Angus animal to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and if the ownership deadline for a specific show is fast approaching, the Association can help.

Contact the Member Services Department at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

### **Angus Foundation to host annual golf tournament**

In conjunction with the 2007 NJAS, the seventh annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 3, at the Forest Ridge Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla. The tournament is open to both adults and youth. Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. Look for more information in upcoming issues and at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

