



Association Highlights

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June 15 is deadline for submitting performance information

June 15 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates the values published in the fall 2007 *Sire Evaluation Report*. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

For the first time, a heifer pregnancy genetic evaluation will be conducted. The initial research release of sire heifer pregnancy expected progeny differences (HP EPDs) is planned to follow the Association's June 15 deadline for submitting performance data. Breeders must submit their heifer breeding records by the June 15 deadline in order to be included in the HP EPD run.

The release of HP EPDs will be in the form of a web-based special research report

listing sire EPDs with a minimum 0.30 accuracy. Printed copies will also be available on request. To contribute data for this project, AHIR participants can submit breeding records electronically through either AAA Login or Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), or by requesting printed forms.

If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department.

Delegate nominations due this month

You have just a few weeks to nominate delegates to represent your state at the 2007 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, set for Nov. 12 in Louisville, Ky.

Each Association member may nominate one member. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members for the final selection of delegates. Nominations must be received in

the Association office by June 30. Nomination forms received after that date are not eligible to be placed on the ballots.

Only active members can nominate or be nominated. If your membership is due to expire, please be sure that it is paid before June 30. Nominations of expired memberships cannot be placed on the ballots.

Ballots will be mailed by mid-July and must be received in the Association office no later than Aug. 14.

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Those Association members who have expressed an interest in seeking a position on the Board of Directors should submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Editor Shauna Hermel by Aug. 15. All bios and photos submitted by the deadline will run in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention in November.

Order Black Books now

Now is the time to place your order for the 2008 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® Black Books. The pocket-sized books include a 2008 calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The books make a great promotional tool or gift for commercial bull buyers. You can custom-order your books for \$2.50 each, which includes your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover. Custom orders require a 100-book minimum order. Smaller quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover are available for \$2.50 each.

BioZyme, through the Angus Foundation, is a major partner in the production of these books, and a VitaFerm® ad will appear on the inside front cover, which reduces book costs to producers. Custom orders must be placed by July 15.

To place orders, contact Kristin Toll, the BRS/AngusSource Black Book representative, at 816-383-5100 or ktoll@angus.org. Books will be shipped to you by Nov. 15 — just in time to distribute to your customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

Request registration materials for National Angus Conference & Tour

Plans are being finalized for the 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour, Aug. 29-

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		

31 in Peoria, Ill. A program of beef industry speakers will headline the event, followed by a tour of various Angus operations and other agricultural entities in Illinois.

Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of "A Heartland Homecoming," and the Illinois Angus Association will host the tour. Both purebred and commercial producers are invited to attend. A schedule, hotel information and registration is available at www.angus.org. Participants can register online with a Visa or MasterCard, or they can request registration materials be sent to them by contacting Monica Jordan at 816-383-5100 or sending e-mail to mjordan@angus.org.

For full details, see the insert in this issue.

Store your registration certificates electronically

Since early 2004, Association members and affiliates have been afforded the option to electronically store their animals' registration certificates. The procedure allows more flexibility when transferring papers and will eliminate the typical "paper shuffle" that some cattle breeders experience.

Electronic storage gives producers the option to electronically transfer papers, with no mail time or postage cost. Breeders have the convenience of accessing the herd information 24 hours a day, seven days a week at AAA Login at www.angus.org.

Beginning April 1, choose the electronic storage feature, free of charge, to convert to electronic storage the paper registration certificates of existing registered Angus cattle. Producers can request a printed copy of an electronically stored registration paper at no charge. Remember, members who participate in Angus shows will still need to provide original registration papers at check-in.

National Junior Angus Show approaching fast

Make your plans now to attend the 2007 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 1-7, in Tulsa, Okla. This event showcases the youth of our breed and all activities of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). It is the largest event the Association coordinates during the year, and it is well worth your time if you've never attended.

The Oklahoma and Arkansas Angus associations — adult, junior and auxiliary — will host the event, themed "The American Dream," at the Tulsa Expo Center.

Juniors will exhibit heifers, bulls, cow-calf pairs and steers. There is a carcass contest with special emphasis on meeting *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) product specifications.

Angus youth will participate in public speaking, poster design, creative writing, graphic design, photography and state junior

Association Outreach

Ty Groshans and Sally Northcutt of the American Angus Association presented an interactive videoconference April 23 to 12 Extension offices and research stations in Mississippi. Presenting from Bob Dole Hall on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., Groshans and Northcutt presented information about performance programs and AngusSource,® then answered questions from producers at several of the locations. Approximately 60 cattlemen participated.

Lance Newman, area agent animal science/forages, Oxford, Miss., coordinated the video session as part of a Cattlemen's Exchange Meeting. He says the interactive video format provides a means by which cattlemen can interact with industry representatives, Extension specialists, breed association representatives and other producers.

With the technology available today, producers and speakers can stay close to home but still participate in educational programs and interact with each other, Newman says. "We have done several short courses utilizing leading specialists from around the country at a fraction of the cost."



association scrapbook contests. Rules for all of the contests are available online at www.njaa.info.

State showmanship winners will compete for national honors at the 41st National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Another highlight for the week is the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off.

Delegates from state junior associations will elect six new directors to the NJAA Board.

A preliminary schedule was published on pages 116-117 of the May *Angus Journal*. For the most up-to-date schedule and hotel information, call the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njas.info.

Tee up at seventh annual golf tournament

The seventh Annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 3, at the Forest Ridge Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla., in conjunction with the NJAS. This event provides an opportunity for Angus enthusiasts of all ages to join together in a day of fun and recreation while raising money to support the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research programs.

Player entry fees will again be \$100 for adults and \$75 for junior Angus members. Player registrations must be received by Friday, June 15. A late fee of \$10 will be applied to players registering after June 15.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research. For more information about signing up a team, contact the Angus Foundation.

Silent Auction will support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the 2007 NJAS in Tulsa. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be up for grabs.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation.

Junior member seeks sponsorship for NJAS webcam

NJAA member Andrew Rogen of Brandon, S.D., is seeking sponsorship to provide webcam coverage of this year's NJAS. In 2006, Rogen sold sponsorships for the video coverage of the NJAS via www.liveauctions.tv. More than 4,500 viewers from 44 states and three continents logged in to watch live video of the cattle show and showmanship contest.

Rogen is seeking \$3,500 to offset the cost of video streaming. The sponsorship pays for webcam expenses only, and the sponsor will get his or her ranch logo on the internet during the NJAS video stream. The sponsor logo will also appear on T-shirts that Rogen makes, and recognition of the sponsor will be made in pre-event publicity.

Anyone interested in sponsoring this year's NJAS webcam can contact Rogen at 605-582-3630.

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LEAD Conference planned for Georgia

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being an NJAA member. One event that allows members to do just that is the annual Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference set for Aug. 2-5 in Athens, Ga.

All juniors ages 14 to 21 years old are encouraged to attend the conference, "Life's a Peach, So Eat It Up." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and tour agricultural sites in Georgia.

Conference space is limited to 200 participants, so reserve your spot soon. Early registration for juniors, advisors and parents is \$175 and due June 15. After this deadline, the rate increases to \$200, if space is still available. Registration and release forms are available in the green NJAA information packets that were mailed to all junior members earlier this year.

Father's Day gift ideas

Don't forget dad this year on Father's Day, June 17. Make shopping easy on yourself and fun for him by purchasing a gift from the Angus Foundation. A wide variety of items are available, including shirts, jackets and caps. For a detailed listing and photo of each

item, go to the online store at www.angusonline.org/store.

If he doesn't have a copy of *A Historic Angus Journey, The American Angus Association, 1883-2000*, now is the time to get it for him. The book was written by Keith Evans and includes more than 350 pages of history and photographs. It is available in a black leather-bound edition for \$50 and a beige cloth-bound edition for \$25. A \$5 shipping and handling charge will apply for each book ordered.

The Angus Foundation also has sets of the "Profitmaker Prints" available. The set of four black-and-white pencil sketches is the work of Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy and is yours when you donate \$100 to the Angus Foundation.

To order any of the items listed above, call the Angus Foundation or shop the online store at www.angusonline.org/store.

New ROV show season starts soon

The 2007-2008 Roll of Victory (ROV) show season is about to begin. At these events, which are hosted in conjunction with fairs and livestock expositions across the country, exhibitors receive points for the placing of their animals in both individual and group classes. At the end of the year, points are totaled and winners are recognized in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Final points for the 2006-

2007 show season will be posted online by June 15.

If you have questions about the ROV point system, contact the Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or lcampbell@angus.org. Following is a list of events that have been approved by the Association's Board of Directors as ROV shows:

- ▶ The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity, Louisville, Ky.
- ▶ West Virginia State Fair, Lewisburg, W.Va.
- ▶ Western Idaho Fair, Boise, Idaho
- ▶ Oregon State Fair, Salem, Ore.
- ▶ Tennessee State Fair, Nashville, Tenn.
- ▶ World Beef Expo, Milwaukee, Wis.
- ▶ Northern International Livestock Exposition, Billings, Mont.
- ▶ American Royal,* Kansas City, Mo.
- ▶ North American International Livestock Exposition,* Louisville, Ky.
- ▶ Arizona National Livestock Show, Phoenix, Ariz.
- ▶ National Western Stock Show,* Denver, Colo.
- ▶ Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Fort Worth, Texas
- ▶ Dixie National, Jackson, Miss.
- ▶ Western National Angus Futurity,* Reno, Nev.
- ▶ Atlantic National,* Timonium, Md.

*Denotes super-point show.



Breeders' reference

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association, a "Breeders' Reference" is published periodically in the *Angus Journal* to inform breeders of cattle determined free of genetic defects, those determined carriers of genetic defects or genetic factors, and those determined carriers of nontraditional blood.

Bulls identified as carriers of the red gene:

- ▶ **MH Magua 27** (14525898), born March 29, 2002.
- ▶ **PCC Del Rio 1031R** (15349732), born May 8, 2005.
- ▶ **PCC Hiawatha 1002R** (15388724), born May 3, 2005.
- ▶ **Sunset Structure 55** (15578060), born Nov. 8, 2004.

Females identified as carriers of the red gene:

- ▶ **Twin Valley Blackcap 6129** (13450592), born Nov. 25, 1999.
- ▶ **Pedro Wgr Blackbird 659 259** (14093180), born April 6, 2002.
- ▶ **Southern Hyannis 3056** (14322367), born Jan. 8, 2003.
- ▶ **SUN Lady of Holiday 6086** (15315442), born Feb. 9, 2006.

Bulls tested free of red color:

- ▶ **WHA Wind Storm** (13630849), born Aug. 25, 1999.
- ▶ **Circle 963 L232** (14150850), born Aug. 31, 2001.
- ▶ **Circle 036 L181** (14152916), born Aug. 14, 2001.
- ▶ **Mid Full Circle ACB 42** (14236780), born Feb. 13, 2002.
- ▶ **RA Windy P79** (14524611*), born Feb. 25, 2003.
- ▶ **PRS New Dimension 003 4168** (14830761), born April 1, 2004.
- ▶ **NSAR Checkmate 693** (14880817), born May 1, 2003.

- ▶ **R&S Expedition 1404** (14893773), born May 11, 2004.
- ▶ **Littlerobe Prime DD 2044** (14917399), born Jan. 20, 2004.
- ▶ **BLT 396** (14951149*), born Dec. 25, 2003.
- ▶ **SS Sultan R128** (15114994), born Feb. 13, 2005.
- ▶ **Oak Bowery Alliance 723** (15392088), born Oct. 12, 2005.
- ▶ **Sunset Moneyline 1054** (15541668), born June 1, 2004.
- ▶ **Sunset Stockman 35** (15548926), born Sept. 25, 2004.
- ▶ **Sunset Structure 45** (15578061), born Oct. 26, 2004.

Females tested free of red color:

- ▶ **Rally Tibbie 5047** (12758825), born Feb. 6, 1997.
- ▶ **GAR Precision 988** (13254801), born Aug. 16, 1998.
- ▶ **MSU Blackbird 0151** (13890725), born March 22, 2001.
- ▶ **Rally Enchantress 17B** (13893288), born Dec. 4, 2000.
- ▶ **ZBAF Tibbie 39M** (14279033), born March 9, 2002.
- ▶ **Lagrand Duchess 2035** (14306391), born Jan. 18, 2002.
- ▶ **B/R Lady Ida 4230** (14671890), born Feb. 24, 2004.
- ▶ **B/R Easter T Duchess 4234** (14671893), born Feb. 25, 2004.
- ▶ **CQS Georgina 2400** (14678300), born Sept. 25, 2003.
- ▶ **Baldrige Evergreen P64** (14730287), born Jan. 20, 2004.
- ▶ **Baldrige Ever Entense N916** (14730380), born Aug. 5, 2003.
- ▶ **GAR 1407 New Design H214** (14800716), born March 16, 2004.
- ▶ **Queen of Holiday 6128** (15315467), born Feb. 22, 2006.

*Denotes cancellation of registration paper.

Results reported Jan. 1-May 3, 2007.