



Embryo Lottery



To raise money for the NJAS, members from Oklahoma and Arkansas auctioned off embryo packages.

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Hosting a National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is not an inexpensive task by any means. Each year many fundraisers are conducted and many generous Angus friends give donations. This year featured a new fundraiser, "The American Dream: Embryo Lottery."

One thousand tickets were available to be sold to support the operating expenses of the 2007 NJAS. Each \$100 ticket gave participants the opportunity to win an embryo package from select Angus producers throughout the United States.

According to the Arkansas-Oklahoma, or A-OK, planning committee, 680 tickets were sold, raising approximately \$68,000 for operating expenses. Gaye Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla., says that the concept of the lottery is a good way to encourage every state to get involved in the national show.

After both Thursday's and Friday's shows, 11 names were drawn out of a box by NJAA Board members to participate in the lottery, which began Saturday at the conclusion of the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

As with other drawing lotteries, the first person's name drawn on Thursday was the first person to reach into the lottery box and draw



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an embryo package. For those who couldn't be at the drawing, Miss American Angus Emily Tennant did the honors.

Winners could use the embryo package within their herd or they could choose a different path. During the drawing, Association Regional Manager Richard Dyar of Crossville, Ala., won a package from Opperman Cattle Co. in Sandy, Ore. He donated his winnings to the 2008 NJAS in Iowa.

To help out, Trans Ova Genetics stored the embryos at their corporate headquarters in Sioux City, Iowa. The winners were responsible for the shipment and implantation of the embryos after the lottery.

A complete listing of the embryo package winners follows.



Fig. 1: The American Dream: Embryo Lottery supporters

Winner	Embryo package donor and embryo sire
Steve Sullivan, Park City, Utah	Cool Spring Plantation, Halifax, N.C., SAV 8180 Traveler 004
Kirk and Sabrina McKinney, Cedar Crest Farms LLC, Autaugaville, AL	Cool Spring Plantation, Halifax, N.C., Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407
Walt Emory, Tecumseh, Okla.	Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., BC 7022 Raven 7965
Tracy Woods, Perkins, Okla.	SandPoint Cattle Co., Lodgepole, Neb., GAR Predestined
Connie Walker, Mississippi Junior Angus Ass'n, Potts Camp, Miss.	Three Trees Ranch, Sharpsburg, Ga., KCF Bennett Performer
Barry and Ami Goldstein, Brookefield Farms, Granville, N.Y.	Basin Angus Ranch, Hobson, Mont., Basin Franchise P142
Mike and Barbara Domel, Double Creek Farms, Meridian, Texas	Vintage Angus Ranch, Modesto, Calif., Woodhill Foresight
Jennifer Ringwelski, Marengo, Ill.	FairView Ranch, Big Timber, Mont., GAR Integrity
Tim and Andrea Fitzgerald, West Grove, Pa.	Pollard Farms, Waukomis, Okla., B/R New Frontier 095
Kenny Woodard and Allen Hammill, Gold Hill Angus, Smithfield, N.C.	Monarch Farm, Folsom, La., Rito 2 878 of BVND 878 and Boyd on Target
Bryan Davis, Circle D Angus Farm, Council Hill, Okla.	Ratcliff Angus Ranch, Vinita, Okla., BR Midland and N-Bar Emulation EXT
Ryan Aalderks, Aalderks Angus Farms, Sacred Heart, Minn.	Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, SAV 8180 Traveler 004
Jimmy Levens, 7L Farms, Wiggins, Miss.	Rollin' Rock, Sidney, Mont., BR Midland
Ryan Aalderks, Aalderks Angus Farm, Sacred Heart, Minn.	Shoulderbone Plantation, White Plains, Ga., Woodhill Foresight
Kevin Bicksler, Big Grove Angus, Newark, Ill.	Rutherford Ranches, Buda, Texas, Bon-View New Design 878
Tommy and Pam Jumper, Rock Creek Angus, Paragould, Ark.	Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo., SCR Promise 4042
Tim DeHoff, Tonganoxie, Kan.	Summitcrest Performance Angus, Summitville, Ohio, Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407 and GAR Predestined
William Werner, Werner Angus, Rapids City, Ill.	Bohi Land and Cattle Co., Wellsville, Kan., Rito 2 878 of 2536 BVND 878
Richard Dyar, Crossville, Ala. *donated to the 2008 NJAS	Opperman Cattle Co., Sandy, Ore., EXAR 263C
Paul Moore and Mark Sexton, Three Forks Ranch, Fort Gibson, Okla.	Limestone LLC, Stillwater, Okla., SAV 8180 Traveler 004
Henry and Marcia Russell, Russell Angus Farm, Diagonal, Iowa	Rolling R3 Ranch, Edmond, Okla., Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616
Bruce Anderson, Anderson Angus, Lytle, Texas	Shoulderbone Plantation, White Plains, Ga., Wulff's EXT 6106