

# ASSOCIATION LINK

## New Sire Evaluation Report

With this Angus Beef Bulletin, you should have received a copy of the Spring 1999 Sire Evaluation Report.

A copy of the report also can be found on the Angus home page at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). The electronic report allows you to specify ideal ranges of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort bulls that qualify in those ranges.

The spring 1999 report is also available on computer diskette and can be requested by calling the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) Department at the Association.

## 1999 National Angus Conference heads to Amarillo

The American Angus Association will sponsor a National Angus Conference Sept. 10-11 in Amarillo, Texas. Speakers from all segments of the beef industry will address issues facing both purebred and commercial producers. A two-day tour, which will showcase purebred, commercial and feedlot operations throughout west Texas, will precede the conference.

Registration materials for the conference and the tour will be available this summer. Be sure to look for more information in upcoming issues of the Angus Beef Bulletin.

## Feedlot listing available

The Commercial Relations Department has assembled a list of feedlots interested in Angus genetics. This resource includes vital information, services available and marketing options on each of the feedlots that responded to an Association mailing. For more information, contact the Commercial Relations Department.

## Watch for your next Bulletin

Your next scheduled issue of the Angus Beef Bulletin should arrive in your mailbox in early September. Don't forget to sign and return the form on the front cover if you want to keep receiving this free publication.

The Angus Beef Bulletin, mailed four times a year, is the communications platform for Angus breeders and the American Angus Association to reach current and potential commercial Angus customers. The mailing list includes nonmember bull buyers, sale barns and Extension contacts.

## Scholarship opportunities for Angus youth

Involvement in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is not only a great educational opportunity and a lot of fun, but it also qualifies young Angus enthusiasts for college scholarships.

The American Angus Auxiliary awards 10 scholarships annually, five to males and five to

females who are graduating high-school seniors. Each state nominates one male and one female candidate.

For the second year the Angus Foundation will award \$20,000 in college scholarships to 17 deserving Angus juniors. The Foundation's scholarship program offers 15 scholarships of \$1,000 each and two \$2,500 scholarships to young people who are active in the Angus breed. Applicants must be:

1. A junior, regular or lifetime member of the Association;
2. A graduating high-school senior or currently enrolled in college; and
3. Not more than 25 years of age.

For more information, call the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

Graduating high-school seniors or those enrolled in a college or university for the fall term are eligible for the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Program/NJAA scholarship. Primary course work must be animal science, meat or food science, agricultural communications, or a related field of study. Applicants must be a member (junior, life or regular) of the American Angus Association.

## Association to host LEAD Conference in July

Young Angus enthusiasts won't want to miss the 1999 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference set for July 22-25 in St. Joseph, Mo. "Back to the Basics" is the theme for the four-day event where juniors from all across the country will explore their leadership potential and meet new Angus friends.

A tour of the American Angus Association headquarters and the Angus Journal is scheduled. Juniors also will have the opportunity to learn about Association programs and history and meet the people who make those programs possible.

For more information, contact the Junior Activities Department.

## ARCNet is online

The Angus Resource Clearinghouse Network (ARCNet) is available to assist buyers and sellers of Angus-based cattle. It can be accessed through the Angus home page at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

The purpose of the site is to provide a location where sellers can post listings for Angus or Angus-influenced cattle. Listings are detailed and easy to use, making this service ideal for order buyers who need feeder cattle or commercial cattlemen looking for replacement females.

Breeders who would like to list offerings on the site or who want more information about the service should contact Bill Bowman,

director of commercial relations, at (816) 383-5100 or e-mail [bbowman@angus.org](mailto:bbowman@angus.org).



## Program opens satellite office

The Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Program has opened a satellite office in Manhattan, Kan., primarily to facilitate the needs of field staff within its growing supply development team. That Program branch hired five new employees — all located in Kansas — in the last year, says Larry Corah, assistant executive director, Manhattan.

"This location is central to the producers we are working with in supply development," Corah says. "It is easier to maintain close and frequent contacts, with cattle feeders in particular, from this office near to both Corn Belt and Plains feeding areas." The Feedlot-Licensing Program began working with licensed feeder partners this winter.

Ron Bolze, director of progeny testing for carcass merit, and Steve Suther, director of industry information, will continue to work out of home offices in Colby and Onaga, Kan., respectively, with telephone, fax and e-mail links to the Manhattan office.

Newly hired assistant directors within the Feeder-Packer Relations Division Bryce Schumann and John Stika will maintain offices in Manhattan. The CAB Program satellite office address is 1107 Hylton Heights Road, Manhattan, KS 66502. The office telephone number is (785) 539-0123.



## Charting genetic progress

Supply development staff provided Sire Evaluation Program participants their annual carcass data analysis reports in December. In addition to information about the CAB Program and carcass data terminology, the report provides a means for each participant to compare herd data by lot based on harvest date, by year and by sire-identified vs. non-sire-identified. A summary of all data collected by the CAB Program also provides an opportunity for comparison to the averages of what other cattle in the program are grading.

The report identified frequency distributions for the percentage of carcasses falling into various carcass trait ranges, which will help producers identify outlier frequency. Historical reports also helped participating producers identify the percentage of cattle meeting industry optimum and target ranges.

The report concludes with a year-end value-based formula analysis utilizing data from the USDA report National Carcass Premiums and Discounts for Slaughter Steers and Heifers. It provides producers an indication of cattle value based on current premiums and discounts.



## Updates reinforce need for increasing supply

During December and January, Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Program staff met with executives from IBP, Dakota City, Neb.; Monfort, Greeley, Colo.; National Beef Packing, Kansas City, Mo.; and Excel Corp., Wichita, Kan. The meetings for licensed packers and fabricators provided a CAB Program overview.

One key point of discussion is growing demand from the retail, foodservice and international industry segments for Certified Angus Beef™ product and the resulting need to source more Angus-type cattle meeting the product's specifications.

On that note, staff shared the Program's expanded efforts in progeny testing for carcass merit and industry information. The newly created feeder-packer relations positions (see page 42) will bring the Packing Division and supply development staff into closer contact with feeders and Angus producers.

During coming months the Packing Division will hold training seminars for licensed packers' sales staffs. The educational seminars will provide a CAB Program overview, discussion of product attributes and in-depth information needed for these sales representatives to communicate information about the Certified Angus Beef brand to foodservice and retail customers.

## Angus champions named at 1999 National Western

Angus breeders paraded 373 head of Angus cattle at the 1999 National Western Stock Show Super Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show Jan. 13 and 15 in Denver. Lead judge Dave Hawkins, East Lansing, Mich., and associate judge Dave Nichols, Manhattan, Kan., evaluated the 259 females and 114 bulls.

OSU 9FB3 Halfback 6164 won grand champion honors in the bull show. The March '96 son of Rito 9FB3 of 5H11 Fullback is owned by Wilson Cattle Co., Cloverdale, Ind.; GN & NSA Werthein, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Reserve grand champion bull honors were awarded to A&B Yukon 7150, a May '97 son of Krugerrand of Donamere 490. Jessica Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Express Angus Ranches, Shawnee, Okla.; and Timber Ridge Properties, Cantrall, Ill., own the bull.

Green's Princess 7418 won grand champion female laurels. Joshua Malson, Parma, Idaho, and Whitestone Krebs, Gordon, Neb., own the April '97 daughter of OGL Battle Cry 427 128.

Kyle Jackson, Anderson, Ind., led WK Winnie 7305 to reserve grand champion female honors. She's a Feb. '97 daughter of Krugerrand's Moneyline.

In the yards, Angus breeders showcased 32 pens and seven carloads. Jerry Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Brad McCurry, Mt. Hope, Kan.; and Alex Dees, Yuma, Ariz., evaluated the bulls on Jan. 16.

Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont., won the grand champion carload banner. The Jan. and Feb. '98 calves had an average (avg.) backfat depth of 0.34 inches (in.), an avg. scrotal circumference of 39.28 centimeters (cm), and an avg. weight of 1,168 pounds (lb.).

The Feb. and March '98 load of calves owned by Quirk Land & Cattle Co., Hastings, Neb., was named reserve grand champion carload. The load had an avg. backfat depth of 0.35 in., an avg. scrotal circumference of 37.85 cm, and an avg. weight of 1,201 lb.

Express Angus Ranches claimed grand champion honors in the pen show with their champion pen of three yearlings. Averages for the pen of Sept. and Oct. '97 bulls included a backfat depth of 0.47 in., a scrotal circumference of 41.33 cm, and a weight of 1,590 lb.

TJ Cattle Co., Columbus, Mont., claimed reserve grand champion pen honors with their early calf champion pen of three bulls. The Feb. '98 calves averaged 0.24 in. for backfat depth, 37.67 cm for scrotal circumference, and 1,170 lb.

