

Association Link

Coverage of Cattle Industry Convention on the Web

If you weren't able to attend the 2004 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Phoenix, Ariz., you can still see news and highlights from the event on the Web. Angus Productions Inc. (API)

provides complete online coverage at www.4cattlemen.com.

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., sponsors the Web site, which includes summaries of Cattlemen's College presentations, reports of council and committee meetings, and

photos and announcements of award winners.

Printed version of *Sire Evaluation Report* now available

The Spring 2004 Sire Evaluation has been online for more than a month, and



the printed version of the report is now available as well.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2003 report will automatically receive the spring 2004 report. All other members and all commercial producers who want a printed report must request it. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.

Dates set for 2004 National Angus Conference

Mark the 2004 National Angus Conference and Tour on your calendars. The event will take place Sept. 14-17 in Roanoke, Va. The historic Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center will serve as headquarters for the event. The program will include an educational conference with featured beef industry speakers, followed by a tour of Angus herds hosted by the Virginia Angus Association.

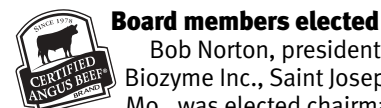
Look for more information in upcoming issues.

Electronic storage option available

The Board of Directors of the Association elected to allow electronic registration storage and transfer of animals at the Board meeting in November 2003.

For Association affiliates who have AAA Login profiles, this option allows electronic storage of their transferred registration certificates. Affiliates will have access to their papers through their AAA Login accounts.

For more information contact the Member Services Department at (816) 383-5100.



Board members elected

Bob Norton, president of Biozyme Inc., Saint Joseph, Mo., was elected chairman of the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Board of Directors at a December 2003 meeting at CAB headquarters in Wooster, Ohio. John Crouch, executive vice president of the American Angus Association, serves as vice chairman,

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Jim Riemann is president, and Richard Wilson is secretary-treasurer.

Cattlemen serving as members of the CAB Board are Minnie Lou Bradley, Memphis, Texas; Ben Eggers, Mexico, Mo.; Joe Elliott, Adams, Tenn.; Jot Hartley, Vinita, Okla.; Jay King, Rock Falls, Ill.; and Richard Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.

Affiliates receive EPD updates

Several weeks ago, Angus affiliates, or individuals who are not members of the Association but have recently purchased and received the ownership transfer of a registered Angus bull, received updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) on all active bulls currently in their ownerships. This service is one of the benefits affiliates

receive when their Angus seedstock suppliers transfer the ownership of bulls into their names.

Approximately 35,000 updates were sent to affiliates nationwide. This service is offered on an annual basis following the release of National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) data in December. The update includes the bull's name, birth date and all EPDs available. In addition, a letter

from the American Angus Association accompanies the update, thanking producers for their purchases of Angus bulls and outlining commercial services provided by the Association.

The mailing of EPD updates is designed to increase the service to commercial users of registered Angus genetics and to increase the value of these bulls' properly transferred registration certificates. Special thanks go to Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., our corporate partner on the project.

Angus Foundation Heifer Package raises \$55,000

Mountain Meadow Cattle Co., Walden, Colo., and Sterling Hunter, Bath, Mich., purchased the 2004 Angus Foundation Heifer Package that sold Jan. 15 during Angus activities at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont., donated BT Everelda Entense 51N, a January 2003 daughter by BT Everelda Entense 65J and sired by Twin Valley Precision E161, to headline the package.

Association videos now available on DVD

Two of the educational videos offered by the Association are now available on DVD. Selections include "You be the Judge" and "Fit to Show," which are targeted to youth audiences. Additional selections will be offered at a later date.

To request a video on VHS or DVD, contact the Association's Communications and Public Relations Department at (816) 383-5100.

Plan to attend events in Reno

The 2004 Western National Angus Futurity and 2004 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are approaching quickly. The events are set for April 23-25 in Reno, Nev. Activities are being planned for both juniors and adults, so make travel and hotel arrangements now.

The headquarters hotel for the event is John Ascuaga's Nugget. To make reservations call 1-800-648-1177. Identify yourself as part of the Western National Angus Futurity group to receive negotiated rates, which are \$78 for Hotel Tower, \$58 for Courtyard and \$29 for Roof Gardens. All reservations must be made before April 5 to ensure availability.



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