

Association Link

Fall NCE released this month

The release of the fall 2005 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is scheduled for this month. Watch for new performance data to be posted online at www.angus.org by July 11.

Register for National Angus Conference & Tour

The 2005 National Angus Conference & Tour is Sept. 27-29 in Kansas City, Mo. See page 14 for specific details.

Registration is \$75 prior to Aug. 15 and

includes the conference program, meals and bus transportation during the tour. Purina Mills, LLC, is the major sponsor of this year's event, which includes Web coverage at www.angusjournal.com/nationalconference.

Angus to be featured on RFD-TV

The Angus breed will be featured on "The Cattle Show" on RFD-TV, DirecTV

channel 379 and Dish Network channel 9409, later this month. The 30-minute program will feature producers talking about the advantages of Angus genetics and Association programs.

Tentative air times and dates for the program are: 8 p.m. CST Tuesday, July 26; 4 a.m. and noon Wednesday, July 27; and 10 p.m. Sunday, July 31.

BIF coverage online

For those who couldn't attend the 2005 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) conference in Billings, Mont., you can view highlights at www.bifconference.com. Angus Productions Inc. (API) is providing online coverage of the July 6-9 event. Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., the site features synopses of general sessions and committee meetings along with audio, PowerPoint® presentations and proceedings if available; announcements of the 2005 award honorees; and coverage of the accompanying tour.

NJAS is happening this month

Angus youth across the country are gearing up for the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) scheduled for July 17-23 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Complex in Denver, Colo.

A schedule of events is available online at www.njas.info. You can track daily activities at www.angusjournal.com/njas.

Intern Spotlight

Three young women have joined Team Angus as the 2005 summer interns for the American Angus Association and API in Saint Joseph, Mo. As interns, these ladies will learn what it takes to be professionals within their respective areas of interest.

Jaclyn Zimmerman is the 2005 junior activities intern for the Association. Raised on an Angus farm in southwest Wisconsin, she has been an active member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) since 1992.

Zimmerman is the daughter of Kevin and Colleen Zimmerman, Platteville, Wis. She is a senior at the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater, pursuing a bachelor's degree in advertising with a public relations minor.

Shelby Axtell enjoyed last summer so much as the communications intern that she decided to return.

Axtell is the daughter of Mike and Shelly Axtell, Meade, Kan., and is currently attending graduate school at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. She is obtaining her master's degree in agricultural communications and is expected to graduate in May 2006.

Jen Biser of Keymar, Md., has taken on the duties of the API editorial internship with the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin* for summer 2005.

The 23-year-old daughter of Joe and Ruth Biser grew up on a farm where she and her family raise a small herd of registered cattle. As a junior member, she was active showing heifers and steers with the Maryland Angus and junior Angus associations and the NJAA.

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This fall, Biser will attend Oklahoma State University to pursue her master's degree in agricultural communications.

McPherson County Feeders reaches bronze

Five years of dedication as a Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)-licensed partner

coincided with a Bronze "Thirty-Aught Six" (30.06) award for McPherson County Feeders Inc., Marquette, Kan., in February. Allan Sents, manager, received the Bronze Award for marketing a cumulative 500 head that met 30.06 requirements as part of the CAB target.

"The McPherson County Feeders team has been a valued partner since they joined us in 1999, and their efforts to

manage cattle enrolled in the program have been proven effective," says CAB Feedlot Specialist Gary Fike.

Sents explains that the feedlot values its CAB connection for the promotional aspects as well as carcass data. His staff sorts to maximize individual animal potential.

"We have seen a greater interest from our customers in carcass information," he

says. "In return, they are sending us higher-quality cattle. We have also seen a few begin to use more Angus genetics in order to receive the premiums they can get from the CAB program."



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