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## **National Angus Conference Oct. 6-7 in Pullman, Wash.**

The 1998 National Angus Conference, which is set for Oct. 6-7 in Pullman, Wash., is just around the corner. Now is the time to get your spot reserved for this "can't miss" event.

An impressive program, which includes noted experts from all parts of the beef industry, is in place and promises to be one of our best offerings ever at a national conference. The Angus Plan for 2000 and Beyond, which focuses on the American

Angus Association's efforts to improve the product cattlemen produce for the consumer, is the theme. A full schedule of the program, which includes speakers and topics, is also printed in this issue (see page 12).

The deadline for preregistration is Sept. 15.

The cost is \$40/person preregistered; \$50/person on-site. Attendees need to make their own hotel reservations. Refer to page 13 for details.

## **Washington Angus Tour sets stage for conference**

The Washington Angus Association will host a tour Oct. 4-5, preceding the National Angus Conference.

Along with a lot of great Angus cattle, tour attendees will see a tremendous diversity in environments and agricultural industries along the way, including commercial cattle ranches, a hay export operation, the wine country of Yakima Valley and an operating feedlot and packing plant. They also will take a look at the consumer side of our business at a retail grocery store selling Certified Angus Beef™ product.

The first day of the tour will begin in Pullman, continue through Ritzville, then go on to Ellensburg. Tour stops include Pioneer Angus and guests, Harder Ranch, Ritzville Angus and guests, Black Knight Angus and guests and High Valley Ranch and guests. A Western barbecue, featuring Certified Angus Beef steaks and hosted by High Valley Ranch, will be held that evening.

After spending the night in Ellensburg, the group will tour the Anderson Hay Export operation and then visit the Staton Hills Winery near Yakima. Lunch will be served at Rathbun Angus, Kennewick. The tour will move on to a Fred Meyer retail grocery store in Kennewick. The final leg of the trip will take the group to Pasco for a tour of the Simplot Feeders and IBP processing plant, then back to Pullman for a reception and the National Angus Conference.

Registration for the tour is \$85/person or \$125/couple, which includes transportation, meals and one night of lodging. If you plan to attend the tour and the conference, you can register for both events at once.

For registration call the American Angus Association at (816) 383-5100.

For more information on the Washington Angus Tour, please contact Bob Schoessler, president of the Washington Angus Association, at (509) 659-1057.

## **The Mists of Autumn print is a great gift idea**

The National Junior Angus Association still has signed and numbered copies of The Mists of Autumn print available for \$100 each. The original oil painting was done by Frank Murphy and reprinted for the first time last year, with all proceeds going to the Angus Foundation. The Foundation supports youth, education and research activities of the American Angus Association.

The print makes a great holiday gift and is also ideal for birthdays, anniversaries or awards, or simply to recognize those who have gone the extra mile. Many local and state associations have purchased the print to raffle as a fund-raiser.

For more information, contact the American Angus Association junior activities department at (816) 383-5100.

**Sire Evaluation Report distributed**

Along with this issue of the Angus Beef Bulletin, you should have received the new Fall 1998 Sire Evaluation Report. The report lists a total of 5,527 bulls, including 149 new bulls that have been evaluated for carcass expected progeny differences (EPDs). To request additional printed copies or a computer diskette (\$20), call the Association. You also can view and sort the report on the Internet by visiting the Angus home page at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

**Annual Meeting Nov. 16 in Louisville, Ky.**

The Annual Meeting of the American Angus Association is set for Nov. 16 in Louisville, Ky. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), which this year will host the 1999 National Angus Show.

Elected delegates will conduct the Annual Meeting beginning at 2 p.m., Nov. 16, at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Event highlights will include the election of officers and five new members to the Board of Directors and reports on the 1998 fiscal year for the Association. The annual banquet will be held that evening at the Executive West.

The Executive West will again serve as Angus headquarters. Rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates and Association officers and directors.

**Woodhill Farms to donate 1999 Foundation heifer**

Woodhill Farms, Viroqua, Wis., will donate a female to headline the 1999 Angus Foundation heifer package, which will be auctioned at the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

The heifer will be from the "Evergreen" cow family.

**Hereford research shows commercial producers favor Angus**

Recent research done by the American Hereford Association and printed in the July 1998 edition of the Hereford World shows Angus is the commercial cattleman's breed of choice. An independent firm surveyed 150 commercial cow-calf producers from 11 states and concluded:

- The predominant breeds in commercial cow herds were black Angus (65%); Hereford (23%); Gelbvieh, Limousin or Salers (13%); Simmental (11%) and Charolais (11%).

- The breeds of bulls used in those herds included black Angus (58%); Charolais (18%); Gelbvieh, Limousin or Salers (18%); Hereford (16%); Simmental (11%) and Red Angus (10%).

- For future bull needs, participants were most likely to purchase black Angus (58%), Brahman or Brahman cross (17%) and Hereford (14%).

Participants also were asked to rank criteria most important in their bull-selection process. The top five answers were fertility testing, disposition, calving ease, weaning weight and yearling weight.

