

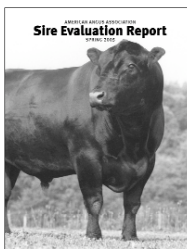
Association Link

Printed version of sire evaluation now available

The Spring 2005 Sire Evaluation Report has been online for more than a

month, and the printed version of the report is also available. Commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via e-mail or by calling the American Angus Association.

All requests should be submitted to Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.



Dates set for 2005 National Angus Conference & Tour

Plans are under way for the 2005 National Angus Conference & Tour. The annual event is set for Sept. 27-30 and will be headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

This year's conference will include presentations about Association programs, as well as a lineup of industry experts, followed by a tour of the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. A tour of Angus herds hosted by the Missouri Angus Association is also planned.

Watch for more information in future issues of the *Angus Beef Bulletin* or at www.angus.org.

Affiliates receive EPD updates

Several weeks ago, Angus affiliates — or individuals who are not members of the Association but who have recently purchased and received the ownership transfer of registered Angus bulls — 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 supplier transfers the ownership of a bull into their names.

More than 36,000 updates were sent to affiliates nationwide. This service is offered on an annual basis following the release of the National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) data in December. The update includes the bull's name, birth date and all EPDs available.

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. Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., sponsors this effort.

Coverage of industry convention online

If you couldn't make the trip to San Antonio, Texas, for the 2005 Cattle Industry Annual Convention & Trade Show in early February, news and highlights from the event are available online. Angus Productions Inc. (API) provided coverage of the event at www.4cattlemen.com.

Boehringer Ingelheim 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.

Denver is site for 2005 NJAS

Summer will be here before you know it, and it is never too early to be making plans for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This year's event is set for July

17-23 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Complex in Denver, Colo.

Multiple junior Angus associations throughout western states are making plans for "Way Out West." The event will feature the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world and a host of educational and leadership activities for youth 9 to 21 years old.

Look for the show schedule and hotel information in the junior information packet (see next item), in future issues of the *Angus Journal*, or in the Spring 2005 edition of the *Directions* newsletter. Online information is posted at www.njas.info.



Junior entry booklets mailed

Every active junior member of the American Angus Association should have recently received a booklet of information regarding shows and events, entries, and deadlines for all 2005 junior activities. This booklet contains the rules, entry forms and information Angus youth need to participate in regional preview shows, regional shows, the NJAS and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference this year.

If your son or daughter would like to join the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and participate in these events, contact the Junior Activities Department by contacting Monica Jordan at (816) 383-5100 or mjordan@angus.org.

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