



Association Highlights

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See the *Pathfinder Report* in this issue

The 2005 *Pathfinder Report* is included in this month's issue of the *Angus Journal*. This year's report lists 8,400 individual cows and 221 sires that qualify for Pathfinder status. The Pathfinder program was started in 1978 and identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production and include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights. Bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder cows are listed as Pathfinder sires in this report.

Western States Angus breeders to meet in Reno

The 2005 Western National Angus Futurity and 2005 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are set for April 23-25 in Reno,

Nev. Activities are planned for both juniors and adults, including shows, a sale and Angus fellowship, so make your travel plans 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, though reservations were to be made by April 1 to ensure availability and price.

If you can't make it to the events in Reno, you can view real-time coverage online at www.angusjournal.com/reno, which is provided by the Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Marketing Department.

Delegate petitions will arrive soon

The first sign of preparations for the 2005 Annual Convention of Delegates, set for this November in Louisville, Ky., will arrive in

your mailbox this month in the form of a petition to nominate a delegate for your state.

Life and regular members may nominate a member from their respective states, including themselves. The candidates should be actively involved in the Angus business, be willing to attend the annual meeting during Angus activities at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and be able to represent Angus breeders.

Nominations must be returned to the Association by June 30, and every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. The ballots will be mailed to the membership, who will vote on the final slate of delegates.

2005 National Angus Conference and Tour set

Plans are under way for the 2005 National Angus Conference and Tour, Sept. 27-29, in Kansas City, Mo.

The event will take place at the Kansas City Airport Hilton and will include a program of top beef industry speakers that will address current issues facing producers. A tour of Missouri, local Angus herds and the American Angus Association headquarters is also planned.

Look for a schedule of events and registration information in upcoming issues.

Update association officer listings now

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer lists to the Communications Department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are posted on the Association Web site and in the 2005 *Resource Edition* published in the August *Angus Journal*. Listings include the association's name; Web site, if applicable; and current officers and their contact information. If you have not received a form to update your officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

Plan now for summer field days

With warmer days just around the corner, it is time to begin thinking about hosting an Angus field day at your farm or ranch. The Association has field-day

ASSOCIATION FEES

CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age	..... \$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	..... \$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	..... \$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	..... \$27

TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date	..... \$5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date	..... \$7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date	..... \$12

MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per weaning weight)	..... \$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate	..... \$10
Regular annual membership	..... \$30
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age)	..... \$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf	..... regular registration fee plus \$10
Cell-clone transplant calf	..... regular registration fee plus \$50

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the *Breeder's Reference Guide*. Free copies are available from the Association.

BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HG	Horn gene
+	Embryo transfer calf	R	Red
^	Cell clone	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
%	Split-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
@	Clone-ET	GDF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect or genetic factor
S	Syndactyly	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
H	Double muscling		
D	Dwarfism		
M	Osteopetrosis		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

planners and kits available to make your event a success.

The field-day planner provides a timeline for organizing your event, from planning the program to handling publicity. The planner offers a checklist of details for you to review a month, a week and a day before your event. There are also some reminders for sale planning.

The field-day kit is a collection of literature, posters and other promotional items available from the Association. The kit is perfect for decorating your facilities and for providing information to junior and regular members, as well as to commercial producers.

Call or e-mail Maudlin at lmaudlin@angus.org to request these materials.

Any time is the right time to give

The end of the Angus Foundation's fiscal and donor recognition year is Sept. 30. Don't miss being recognized as a donor to the Foundation's first-ever Annual Fund, "The Power of One Gift." Your donation, regardless of size, when combined with the gifts received from a multitude of generous Angus breeders, will help advance the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research programs.

Immediately after receiving your gift, the

Angus Foundation will add your name to the donor list. Anyone contributing \$250 or more will receive an invitation to the Angus Foundation Reception during the NAILE in Louisville, Ky., this fall. For more information about the Angus Foundation, visit www.angusfoundation.org.

Juniors should note changes to spring deadlines

Many deadlines for junior shows and events have changed in 2005 and are rapidly approaching. All National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members between the ages of 9 and 21 should have received an entry booklet in the mail. If you have not received the booklet, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

- ▶ April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Regional Preview Show.
- ▶ May 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Show. May 1 is also the deadline for applying for the Gold Award and Outstanding Leadership Award.
- ▶ May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Show. Also, applications for Angus Foundation scholarships and the

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship are due.

- ▶ June 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Show. June 1 is also the entry deadline for all NJAA creative writing, photography and graphic design entries, and it is the deadline to submit entries and recipes for the All-American Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-off.

For more information about junior events, activities and deadlines, go to www.njaa.info.

Ask for assistance with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadline for a specific show is fast approaching, the Association can help. Contact Member Services at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

