

Association Link

Cattlemen's Boot Camp set

The American Angus Association and Virginia Tech will host a Cattlemen's Boot Camp May 21-22 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Open to all cattle producers,

Cattlemen's Boot Camps are funded by the Angus Foundation and are packed with 1½ days of educational material and speakers.

Registrations, at \$75, are due April 30

and cover meals and materials. To register, visit www.angus.org or request a registration form from the Activities Department. Late or walk-in registrations are not accepted.

The Hilton Garden Inn will serve as hotel headquarters. To reserve a room, call 540-552-5005 by April 30 and ask for the American Angus group rate; or visit www.blacksburg.hgi.com and enter group code ANGUS.

An additional Boot Camp is planned for August at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Watch www.angus.org for further details as they become available.

Montana to host NAC&T

The 2010 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) will be Sept. 15-17 in Bozeman, Mont. The daylong conference and two days of tours hosted by the South Montana Angus Association will feature some outstanding Angus genetics and scenic ranch settings in Big Sky Country. Visit www.angus.org for more details and registration materials as they become available, or contact the Activities Department.

Lifetime membership options

The American Angus Association has reintroduced a lifetime membership option. The \$1,500 membership lasts throughout the life of the sole person named on the membership. Payments may be broken into three nonrefundable yearly installments.

Lifetime memberships can be issued to one person only, and are not meant for partnerships. The membership option may be used for a farm name, provided only one person is included on the membership.

Meeting the Ambassadors



The 2010 National Beef Ambassadors stopped by the Wooster office in January to learn more about the brand. The National Beef Ambassador Program (NBAP) is a competitive youth public speaking program for the beef industry. Ambassadors educate consumers about beef nu-

For more information or for an application, visit www.angus.org.

Sire Evaluation Report available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association Spring 2010 *Sire Evaluation Report* are now available. To request a printed report for your personal use, or a quantity to have available at your spring sale, contact Brenda Gabriel at bgabriel@angus.org.

The *Sire Evaluation Report* can be accessed and searched 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.angus.org/nce.

X designated for 2010

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, X001 and X002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2010. International letter code is optional for Angus breeders. For complete information about permanent ID and naming animals, visit www.angus.org, and click on Rules and Forms to access Part 4 of the online *Breeder's Reference Guide*.

Need help with junior transfers?

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and who has not received the transferred

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The 2010 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors and Miss American Angus visited the CAB Wooster offices in January. Pictured are (from left) Cody Smith, Jennifer Ann Smith, Britney Creamer, Sally Yon (Miss American Angus), Chris Cassady and Jacklyn Upperman. For more information on these individuals, see www.njaa.info.



trition, food safety and stewardship practices. Learn more by visiting www.nationalbeefambassador.org.

Pictured are (from left) Rebecca Vraspir, Ellen Hoffschneider, Malorie Bankhead, Amanda Jo Laurent, Jackson Alexander and Carol Abrahamzon (advisor).

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papers, the Association can help. Contact the Association 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.

In it together

Kim Leeper, Wilmore, Kan., believes cattle should be profitable for every segment of the beef industry.

Mule Creek Ranch operates a 900-head commercial Angus operation.

“When the calves leave here we want somebody else to make money on them,

too,” he says.

For the past three years, Lucky Lillieqvist, Pratt, Kan., has purchased those cattle, backgrounded them on wheat pasture and fed them at CAB-licensed Pratt Feeders. He says Leeper is reaching his goal.

“They’re nice cattle,” Lillieqvist says.

“They cost a lot, but I like to buy the good ones.”

This past year they returned more than \$80 per head in premiums. Two harvest groups, totaling 119 head, made the honorable mentions group in the 30.06 program, both making more than 54% CAB and Prime.

Lillieqvist says he buys them again and again because he knows the calves are taken care of on the ranch. They’re born in April and May and fenceline weaned Sept. 1. It’s at least 60 days between weaning and sale date.

“When we get them all off the cows at the same time, it benefits our forage, helps with winter supplemental cost and allows our cows to bounce back quicker,” Leeper says. “As far as the calves, I really wean them to benefit the cows, and to ensure calf health for the next owners.”

And it must be working.

“We bring them in and don’t have any trouble with them,” Lillieqvist says. These calves were purchased at 428 pounds (lb.) and entered the feedlot weighing 890. They gained 4.79 lb. per day and converted feed to gain at 5.54 lb.

“We knew they were able to perform because we’d had them before,” he says.

Leeper keeps tabs on how his genetic and management decisions are paying off when he gets feedback from buyers, like the data he’s received the past couple years from Lillieqvist.

“I can’t improve anything unless I know how it’s coming out after harvest,” he says. “I have to commend them for sharing the information back.”

There’s no formal agreement, just an understanding that they’re working toward a common goal of producing the best product possible.

2010 Angus Foundation Fundraising Event Planned for Louisville

The Angus Foundation has announced that its biennial fundraising gala has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., during the North American International Livestock Exposition. The evening event promises to be an extraordinary opportunity for Angus enthusiasts to enjoy exquisite cuisine, lively auctions and the fast-paced excitement of premier horse racing! Make plans to support the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus and the education, youth and research activities of the Angus Foundation by attending this \$100-per-person limited-seating event in the “Triple Crown Room” of the world renowned “Home of the Kentucky Derby.” Watch for more details in upcoming issues. (Please note that the Angus Foundation will not hold a Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville in 2010.)