Association Link

National Western to host Angus activities this month

Five days of Angus events, including a 2005 super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show, junior heifer show, pen and carload shows, and the National Western Angus Bull Sale are planned during the 2005 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

The activities begin with the junior heifer show at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Stadium Arena. Jason Elmore, Waukomis, Okla., will evaluate the entries.

The female portion of the super-point ROV Angus show will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the Stadium Arena. The ROV show will resume with bulls on Friday, Jan. 14, at 8 a.m. Charles Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky., will evaluate the cattle.

The National Western Angus Bull Sale highlights events on Thursday, Jan. 13. The bull sale show begins at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. Five judges will evaluate the 54 bulls and select division and grand champions. Judges include Dan Byrd, Red Bluff, Calif.; Kevin Gallagher, Union, Ky.; Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo.; Joel Judge, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Donnie Robertson, Yukon, Okla. The sale begins at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. The sale of the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will precede the sale.

An Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) workshop will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center, located at 1701 California, downtown. The Angus reception will complete Thursday's activities at 6:30 p.m. at the hotel.

Angus activities conclude Saturday, Jan. 15, with the pen and carload shows in the yards. The event begins at 9 a.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Sam Hands, Garden City, Kan.; Alan Miller, Le Roy, Ill.; and Kelly Schaff, Saint Anthony, N.D., will officiate the group competitions.

An Angus Listening Post will be available for the second year for visitors and will be open Wednesday through Saturday. Association members and commercial cattle producers are encouraged to stop by the tent located in the yards to talk about current beef industry issues, visit with Association staff, ask questions and exchange ideas.

A schedule of Angus events follows.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

2 p.m. Junior Angus heifer show, Stadium Arena (new time)

Wednesday, Jan. 12

8 a.m. Super-point ROV Angus female show, Stadium Arena 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

Thursday, Jan. 13

- 8 a.m. Judging Angus sale cattle, Stadium Arena
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards
- 2 p.m. National Western Angus Bull Sale and sale of Angus Foundation Heifer Package, Beef Palace Auction Arena
- 4:30 p.m. AIMS workshop, Denver Marriott City Center
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Angus Reception, Denver Marriott City Center

Friday, Jan. 14

- 8 a.m. Super-point ROV Angus bull show, Stadium Arena
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m Angus Listening Post open, Yards
- 3 p.m. Angus Foundation Female Sale, Livestock Center Auction Arena

Saturday, Jan. 15

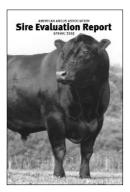
9 a.m. Angus carload and pen shows, Livestock Center Auction Arena9 a.m.-5 p.m. Angus Listening Post open, Yards

For more information about NWSS events, go to www.nationalwestern.com.

Spring Sire Evaluation available online

The spring 2005 Sire Evaluation Report is now available on the Internet at www.angus.org. Accessing the report online is the fastest and easiest way to get the latest performance information on sires in the Angus breed. It allows you to specify ranges of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and to sort

bulls that qualify in those ranges. This evaluation also includes the \$Value Indexes, including \$W (weaning), as well as other new predictive values, such as calving ease direct (CED) and calving ease



maternal (CEM) EPDs and \$EN (cow energy) for the first time (see articles in this issue).

Commercial producers who want a printed report must request it by contacting Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bschafer@angus.org.

Online coverage of 2005 Cattle Industry Convention

The 2005 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show is set for Feb. 2-5 in San Antonio, Texas. People from all aspects of the beef industry will take part in the event, which is

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organized by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion & Research Board, Cattle-Fax, the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF), and the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW). The theme for the convention is "Riding Point for the Industry."

Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide real-time coverage of the convention and trade show at www.4cattlemen.com, including speaker presentations and detailed meeting coverage. The coverage is sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. Go to the site now to view a schedule and to access links to online registration.

Association to host producer meeting at Cattle Industry Convention

The Association will host a producer meeting during the 2005 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show. "Tools for Success," an extension of the Association's Outreach Seminars, will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in the Alamo Ballroom, Salon C, at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel. The meeting

will feature discussion of the AngusSource Program and \$Value Indexes.

The Association, along with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and API, will also have a presence in the trade show. Be sure to stop by the booths while in San Antonio.

Summer internship deadline Feb. 1

The American Angus Association and API will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association and publication work. The paid internships begin approximately June 1, 2005, and conclude in mid-August. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

The Junior Activities Department employs a college sophomore, junior or senior to assist in the planning and execution of junior Angus shows and leadership events. Applicants for the junior activities internship should have an agriculture-related major. They need to be detail-oriented, outgoing, have the ability to work well with all types of people and be a self-starter. Applicants who can begin the internship around May 20 will be given preference. Any student interested in the junior activities internship should send his or her résumé to James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities.

The Association's Communications Department is looking for a junior or senior-level student majoring in agricultural journalism or agricultural communications who has an interest in the livestock industry. Students who are interested in the communications internship should have completed course work in news and feature writing, as well as editing and photography. The applicants must be detail-oriented and have some experience with livestock shows. Send a résumé, cover letter and writing samples to Shelia Stannard, director of activity communications and event coordinator.

API offers an editorial internship with the Angus Journal and the Angus Beef Bulletin to a college junior or senior who is pursuing a degree in agricultural journalism or agricultural communications. The intern works with the editorial staff and other API and Association staff members. Applicants should have experience with livestock and should have completed the following courses: Reporting I and II, editing, magazine writing or creative writing, photography or photojournalism. Microsoft® Word and/or QuarkXPress[™] computer program knowledge and skills are also helpful. Interested students should send a résumé and writing samples to Shauna Rose Hermel, editor of the Angus Journal and Angus Beef Rulletin

Any students wanting more information can contact Fisher, Stannard or Hermel at (816) 383-5100.

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BLS offers marketing alternative

Another service provided by the Association is the Bull Listing Service (BLS). Commercial producers looking for specific Angus genetics can search a database of registered Angus bulls for sale, while defining criteria for certain EPDs, sire groups and even locations.

Angus breeders purchase a listing for their registered Angus bulls for sale on

the BLS, which is accessible at www.angus.org/bls. Follow the links through "Data Searches"

for the BLS search form. If you do not have access to the Internet, feel free to call our office for assistance. The BLS provides commercial cow-calf producers looking for specific seedstock another tool for locating Angus bulls for their operations.



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