



2006 National Angus Conference & Tour



Conference Attendees Welcomed

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BOISE, IDAHO (Sept. 26, 2006) — American Angus Association Regional Manager Rod Wesselman welcomed those attending the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour Tuesday morning at the Boise Doubletree Riverside Hotel with an overview of the Association and its relationship to Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Angus Productions Inc. (API) and the Angus Foundation.

Wesselman offered a preliminary look at fiscal year (FY) 2006 figures. While the fiscal year doesn't end until Sept. 30, 11-month figures show positive gains from FY 2005 in several areas, with registrations up 6.5%, embryo transfer (ET) registrations up 10.6%, transfers up 6.3%, new memberships up 5.1%, Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIRSM) weights up 7.1%, AHIR member numbers up 6.2%, and ultrasound records up 18.5%.

Wesselman noted that 52.7% of the calves registered were produced by natural service sires, while 47.3% were produced by artificial insemination (AI).

While acknowledging that "there were several peaks and valleys" in a chart that showed bull sale price averages by year since 1980, Wesselman reported steady increases in price since 2003, with the current sale average at \$3,158.

In addition to urging members to utilize the services of the Association's staff in Saint Joseph, Mo., Wesselman highlighted the 13



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area regional managers who are located across the country to serve members within state territories. Regional managers are excellent resources for information and assistance with anything members might need to improve their herds, their management or their marketing programs, Wesselman said.

He invited attendees to use the Association's web site, www.angus.org, to access information and services such as the monthly webcasts, the Angus Education Center and the newsroom.

To see the PowerPoint® slides of Wesselman's presentation, or to hear the audio coverage of the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour, visit the newsroom at www.nationalangusconference.com.



Angus enthusiasts gathered at the Boise Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho, for the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour.