



Membership Update

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Update Your Association Contact Information

I am currently updating the contact information for each Affiliate Association. I can only work with the information you send me, and I have outdated contacts for many of your Associations. Please send me your updated contact information including email addresses for all officers, directors and Association website information. Please email information to me at ben@redangus.org.

Increased Matching Funds for Affiliates Available

The RAAA Board of Directors voted at the June board meeting to increase the available funds for each Affiliate from \$1000 in matching funds to \$1500. The process for accessing these funds is fairly simple. To be eligible for matching funds, the ads must be approved by me and designed by Kevin LeMaster. Ads will be a variation of national ads currently being run by RAAA. This is a great way to double the advertising dollar of your State or Regional Association. Contact me at (940)387-3502 for more details and to discuss your Association's advertising opportunities.

National Show Reminders

It's never too early for you to be thinking about the National Show. This year's National Red Angus Show will be held during the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. A full schedule and premium books can be viewed online at www.nationalwestern.com. Those of you interested in exhibiting cattle at the National Show should review the rules and regulations section of your Breeder's Guide to ensure your

entries will be eligible. The rules and regulations, including tattoo guidelines, will be enforced!

Kansas Red Angus Field Day

The Kansas Red Angus Association recently held a Field Day at the CK Ranch near Brookville, Kan., on August 19th. They had a great turnout and very informative speakers. The large group was extremely upbeat because of the large amount of rain the area experienced before and during the Field Day.

Iowa Red Angus Field Day

The Iowa Red Angus Association Field Day was hosted by the Gene Rouse and Mark Finch families August 26th. There was a large crowd at both operations. Greg Comstock, Red Angus Commercial Marketing Programs Coordinator, gave an update on several projects the National Office is working towards.

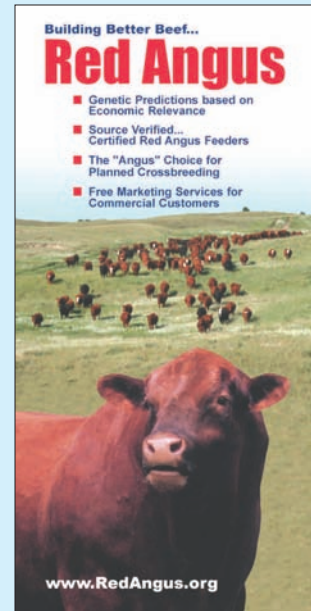
Georgia Red Angus Field Day

Research and Special Projects Coordinator, Larry Keenan, traveled to the Georgia Red Angus Association Field Day in Newnan, Ga. on August 26th. The Georgia group did an outstanding job of assembling speakers to prepare producers for the future of the Beef Industry. All accounts confirm that there was a great crowd and good Southern cuisine.

Montana Red Angus Tour

The Montana Red Angus Tour was held in the Billings area Labor Day weekend. The group enjoyed dinner at the home of Jim Leachman, a visit to Pompey's Pillar (a historic Lewis and Clark landmark), a tour of Redland Red Angus, as well as stopping at Midland Bull Test.

Affiliate Banner Stands Available



Many of you have probably seen the Red Angus banner stands at field days, NCBA Convention, or the Red Angus National Convention. We have been working with a great company to make these available to Affiliates at a discounted rate. The displays are portable, easy to set up and would be a great way to make your Association noticed at events. Give me a call at (940)387-3502 for more information.

Dates to Remember

October 14th - Missouri Red Angus Association Fall Sale, Kirksville, Mo.

October 20th - NILE 24th Annual Prestigious Red Angus Sale, Billings, Mont.

October 21st - NILE Open and Junior Red Angus Shows, Billings, Mont.

November 3rd - Kansas Red Angus FCCP Sale, Russell, Kan.

To have your Affiliate's events listed in the Dates to Remember section, email them to me at ben@redangus.org.