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As summer gives way to fall, we 'gear up' to harvest our calf crops, as well as anything else you produce. I've talked to some folks who are



WE ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND THE **ANGUS** HERD!

There is a new position that is open at Angus Central and you may be the one that can fill it! Please see the job posting [here](#) and contact us with any questions!

A Note from Breed Development

Submitted by: Kajal Devani Msc
CAA Director of Breed Development

Your Association Brings You The Zoetis i50K Genomic Marker Panel

Your Association and Zoetis are happy to introduce to Canadian Angus members the Zoetis i50K product which provides you with parentage verification and genomic information on economically relevant traits similar to the Zoetis HD50K panel but at a significantly lower cost. The Zoetis i50K panel is priced at \$62. The Zoetis HD50K (\$80 per test) is still available for those who choose to use it, but when you can use a lower density panel and impute up to the 50K why not use the less expensive panel. Please visit our [website](#) for more information on genomic technology and how it can provide one more selection tool for your program.

Compliance on the Canadian Angus Performance Program

Thank you for those members who have already started submitting the weaning

expecting record yields of cereal grain, sadly, only a few kilometers from folks who were completely dried or hauled out. This has been an interesting past few weeks and months with Mother Nature as she has continually shown us that NO ONE is the boss of her...

I spent a few days with our CAA President, Tammi Ribey, on the Saskatchewan Angus Association Tour. This year was in the Melville area and we saw great cattle and spent time with awesome cattlemen and women. Cattle never look better than they do out on their own green grass pastures and I want to thank everyone who hosted on this tour and made it happen. Optimism remains high with our folks as they showed off outstanding genetic progress in these herds. Further, I attended the Alberta Angus Association Annual General Meeting and their annual Hall of Fame banquet, where they inducted the original Bashaw Junior Angus Show committee as a "Breed Builder". Alberta will have an election for

weights for their 2015 Spring born calves. For those members who haven't weaned have a look at our own [Ask the Vet's](#) advice for reducing stress on calves.

For those members who have not yet submitted the weaning weights for their 2014 Spring born calves - please expect to be suspended from the program. Please contact your Association with your missing weaning weight immediately in order to avoid this.

CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCES?

SOME PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES CAN BE EASY TO SPOT BUT WHEN IT COMES TO GENETICS, IT'S A WHOLE OTHER BALL GAME.

i50K and HD 50K testing takes the guesswork out of the equation.

GE-EPDs combine pedigree and performance data from the Canadian Angus Association (CAA) with genomic predictions provided by i50K and HD 50K from Zoetis. Nothing delivers greater dependability to help predict the genetic merit of young, unproven Canadian Black and Red Angus cattle. Whatever your herd goals, when a breeder invests in i50K or HD 50K, you get the data you need to buy the right bull.

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Road Report from Brian Good

It is that time of year again! The Fall Feeder Sales are just around the corner. Please take a minute to look at the list we have of all the sales throughout the country. There will be some of your Angus fieldmen and fieldwomen at the sales. Be sure to

one of the CAA Board positions with Laurie Hunter and George Baxter nominated alongside incumbent Bob Hahn for this next 3-year-term. This election will be conducted early next year.

I am writing this from my hotel room in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan. The Government of Alberta invited me to participate in a trade mission they organized to monitor our current relationship with Kazakhstan as well as begin forging partnerships and relationships in Turkey, with which Canada will finalize an export health protocol for beef cattle this fall. We are heartened by discussions with Kazakhstan so far, as our Trade Officers from our Canadian Embassy in each Kazakhstan and Russia push the Kazakh government to modify their current import permit to remove the chlamydia test requirement. Also, there is progress on their financing rules and format which is a most positive outcome as well. We are informed that

say hello!

Click [here](#) for the listings

From the **ANGUS** registry

Two things that we cannot seem to stress enough to you, the members, is that Request for Information (RFIs) need to be responded to and spot tests need to be done as soon as possible.

1. RFIs

When you get back your registrations please double check to ensure that all of your animals are registered, and if not why aren't they? Take a look at your RFIs, if you get a hard copy, please either write how to resolve them, for example: *"birthdate incorrect, should be May 4, not April 5"*, or send a summary of how to resolve the problems. If you get them electronically, you can respond to the e-mail but remember you need to provide us the information on the animal you are responding about, for example *"ABC 419C- should be an AI calf"*.

2. Spot Tests

In order for us to maintain breed purity, which is of utmost importance to all of us, we randomly select every 200th animal to be checked for parentage to both dam and sire. It is your responsibility to complete this test in a timely manner. We again cannot stress how important it is for you to do this while it is fresh in your mind. Many times these tests get neglected and before you know it there is a hold on your account. We encourage anyone that requires future assistance or clarification to call Angus Central or email us at registry@cdnangus.ca.

World Angus Secretariat

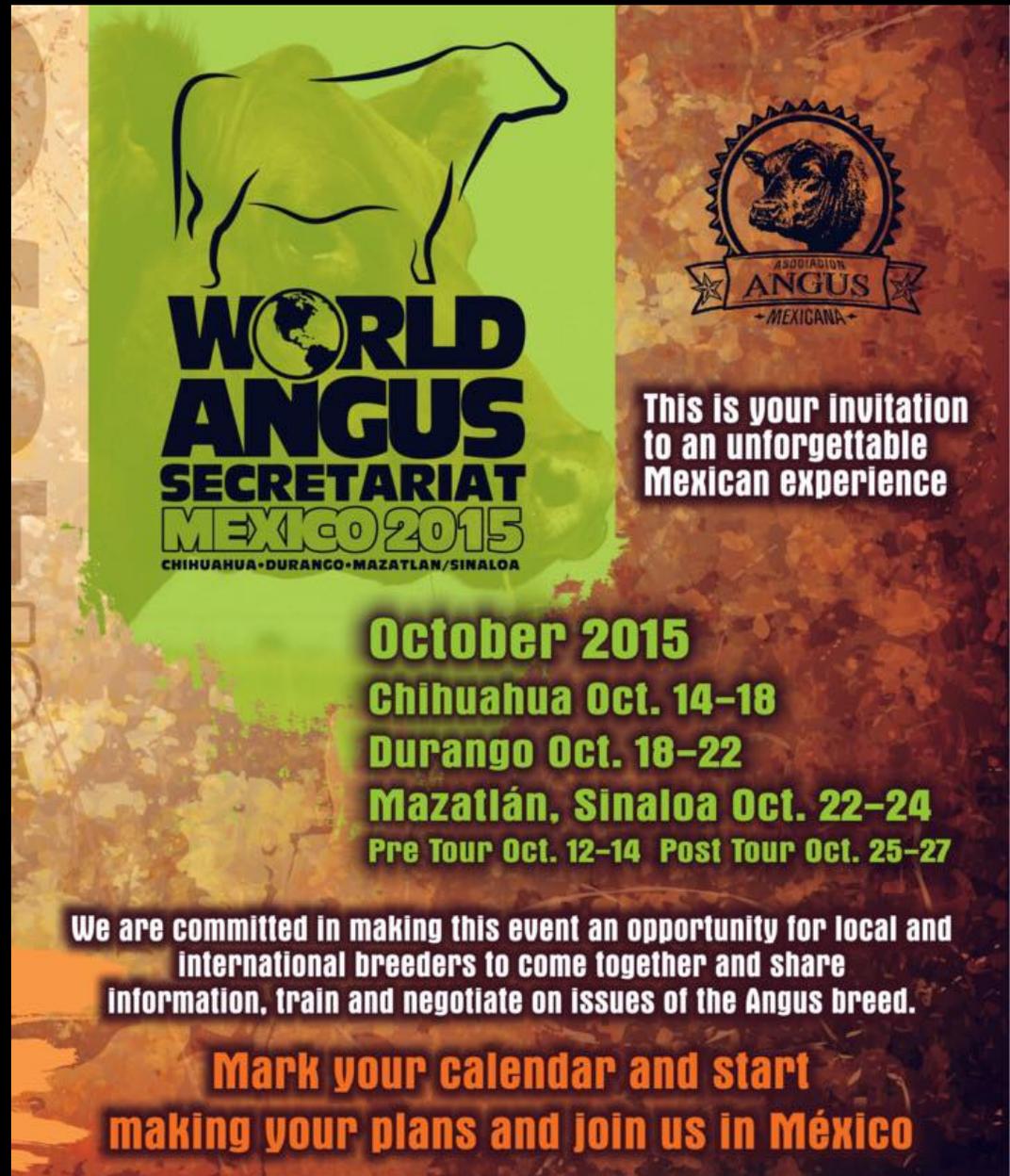
It is not too late to get registered for the World Angus Secretariat. We encourage interested participants to book their travel with Monica Hillis of TierOne Travel, Calgary. She is going to work with a group to coordinate schedules regardless of departure cities; she has the schedule for the event and is familiar with how these types of events work.

Kazakhstan is continuing its interest in importing genetics, perhaps now moving more to semen and embryos but still with live cattle purchase. For those that believe Kazakhstan is no longer an opportunity for Canadian export, please let me assure you that it is. And I'm very excited at the prospect of exporting to Turkey. From my days living in Kazakhstan, I learned the expansive role Turkey plays as a major exporter of processed foods and goods to central Asia and eastern Europe; they truly are the 'bread basket' of the region. There is a lot of farmland in Turkey that I believe is suited to cattle production, so look forward to learning more and hopefully sharing the "Canadian Angus Advantage" with them.

We have a CAA Board meeting this next month as well as a Foundation meeting. These are important meetings as they determine our respective budgets for 2016. For the CAA, this will be Year 2 of the 5-year business plan: "Enhanced Member Services: Building Our

She has worked with the CAA in the past on the 2009 Forum in Calgary and the 2013 in New Zealand so she is familiar to many of the people who will be attending.

Her phone number is 403 203 9266, email is monica.hillis@tieronetravel.com



The poster features a green silhouette of an Angus cow on a light green background. To the right is the logo for the Asociación Mexicana de Criadores de Raza Angus, which includes a circular emblem with a cow's head and the text 'ASOCIACION ANGUS MEXICANA'. The main text is in bold, black and green fonts, listing the event dates and locations. A quote from the organizers is included in white text on a dark background, followed by a call to action in orange text.

WORLD ANGUS SECRETARIAT MEXICO 2015
CHIHUAHUA • DURANGO • MAZATLAN / SINALOA

ASOCIACION ANGUS MEXICANA

This is your invitation to an unforgettable Mexican experience

October 2015
Chihuahua Oct. 14-18
Durango Oct. 18-22
Mazatlán, Sinaloa Oct. 22-24
Pre Tour Oct. 12-14 Post Tour Oct. 25-27

We are committed in making this event an opportunity for local and international breeders to come together and share information, train and negotiate on issues of the Angus breed.

Mark your calendar and start making your plans and join us in México

Future - Yes We Can!" and I'm excited about what that means for the Association and you, its members. Further, the Foundation will make its 2016 plans, including monies allocated to the 2017 World Angus Forum's Youth Team Challenge. We sent twelve (12) youth on three (3) teams to New Zealand in 2013 and they represented us so very well. I suspect we will be looking at a similar approach for the U.K.-hosted 2017 Forum.

Speaking of which... if you are thinking about attending this year's World Angus Secretariat hosted by our great friends in Mexico, you only have a few more days to register. This will be a great opportunity to meet with countrymen from the place importing more Canadian cattle than any other right now. All of the key Angus leaders from around the world will be there so we can hear their success stories and priorities in addition to telling ours. Finally, it's going to be an amazing cultural experience and a lot of fun. So if you are 'on the bubble' about going, or

Mix business and pleasure at three different locations. Our program is designed to be worry free.

COST PER PACKAGE IN USD

PACKAGE 1	\$2,500.00
Including: program activities + lodging + food + transportation at and between the 3 venue cities	
PACKAGE 2	\$1,000.00
Including: program activities + lodging + food + transportation at one venue city.	
PACKAGE 3	\$550.00
Including: program activities + one venue + food + transportation. No lodging, no breakfast included.	
PACKAGE 4	\$2,000.00
Including: program activities + lodging + food + transportation at and between the 2 venue cities.	
PACKAGE 5 -STUDENT	\$550.00
Including: program activities + lodging + food + transportation to 3 venue cities. Note: current school documentation is required).	



Note: The trip cost from and to your country of origin is not included. Pre and post tour are not included in any package.

Please feel free to request additional information, send a email  was2015@angusmex.com

For more information visit:
www.worldangussecretariat.com.mx
 **World Angus Secretariat Mexico 2015**

still intend to... please register today! You will not be disappointed that you decided to do so!

Within a few short weeks, you will have the CAA Member Directory in your mailbox. We are very excited about this collaboration with Today's Angus Advantage and hope you enjoy it. Once you've perused your copy, please let us know if you want more or less of something, or things. Only with your feedback will we be able to make this annual collectible reference tool be the best it can be for you. And please remember, we will be doing a "Bull Buyer's Guide" this winter that will be mailed to the same 15,000 distribution, including our Commercial Mailing List. What could be a more effective way of 'telling your story' to those in Canada who buy Angus bulls for their commercial herds?

We will be surveying our membership again this fall with a set of questions to determine your degree of 'member satisfaction'. Please be 'on the lookout' for this

YOU'RE INVITED!



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The National Angus Gold Shows, held with our 37th Annual



Wednesday November 4:
- Purebred Breed Shows
- Stockade Lady Heifer Show

Thursday November 5:
- Purebred Breed Shows
- King of the Ring Bull Show

Friday November 6:
The Lloyd Exh is Proud to Host:
- Saskatchewan Junior Angus Show
- National Red & Black Angus Gold Shows
- Supreme Show
- Stockade Roundup Fall Fusion All Breeds
Female Sale

Saturday November 7:
- Saskatchewan Junior Angus Activities
- Junior Exhibitor Female Show
- Prospect Calf Show and Sale

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**NOVEMBER
4 - 7, 2015**



**Watch for more details
on www.lloydexh.com**

Dear Angus Breeders;

As you may know we are hosting the 2015 National Angus Show in Lloydminster on Nov 4-7, 2015 along with the Lloydminster Roundup Show.

We are very excited to be hosting this great event. This year we are expecting up to 100 breeders and over 300 animals.

Entry forms can be found at the Lloydminster Exhibition website at www.lloydexh.com

If you are interested in sponsorship please read the [agreement](#) and [letter](#).

from, most likely, mid-October through mid-December sometime.

If you have any questions about anything in my message or in this e-news, please never hesitate to contact us. Hearing from you is pretty much the highlight of any of my teams' day... as it is our 100% desire to be able to make you happy.

Good luck with the onset of fall.

Cheers,

Rob Smith, CEO

We would like to thank you in advance for your sponsorship consideration and hope to see everyone in Lloydminster Nov 4-7 2015.

Please feel free to contact any of our 2015 National Angus Committee Members:

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Misty Kay	780-871-4295
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Dean Robertson	780-871-2096
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Greg Pugh	780-806-1319
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Mike Gerlinsky	306-821-6446
Stephen Lyer	306-893-2298

If you wish to sponsor this event please fill out the sponsorship agreement and email back to justamere@sasktel.net or mail to the LLOYDMINSTER Exhibition office.

Thank you

2015 National Angus Show Committee

Shelly Fox, Misty Kay & Tanya Robertson

Mark your calendars

September 2-6 Interior Provincial Exhibition (BC Gold Show); Armstrong, BC

September 4 Angus Central closed at noon

September 5 Expo Shawville Fair (Quebec Gold Show); Shawville, QC

September 7 Angus Central closed

September 15 Episode of Meet the Producer-featuring CJAA junior members

September 18 New Brunswick Beef Expo (Maritimes Gold Show); Sussex, NB

September 20 Brampton Fair (Ontario Gold Show); Brampton, ON

September 23 BC Angus Annual General Meeting; Williams Lake, BC

September 26-27 Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors Meeting; Angus Central

September 27-29 CAA Board of Directors Meetings; Angus Central

September 29 AC-TV Episode 4 live

September 30- October 1 Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef AGM; Saskatoon, SK

Quick Links

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