

## Angus Bulls Featured on New Commemorative Postage Stamp



Angus bulls with Longhorn cows are featured on a single commemorative 8 cent postage stamp which will be issued in St.

Joseph, Missouri, on October 5, reports Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary of the American Angus Association.

The stamp, according to an announcement by the U. S. Postal Service, is the first in a series honoring aspects of life in Rural America. The issuance will be in St. Joseph the day following the World Angus Forum October 1-4 in Kansas City, Missouri, and the ceremony will be the first stop on the 100th Anniversary National Angus Tour. The first day of issue ceremonies will be sponsored jointly by the Postal Service and the American Angus Association at the Association's headquarters in St. Joseph.

The stamp design was adapted from a painting by Frank Murphy of Chicago, Illinois. It shows Angus bulls from Scotland and native American Longhorn cows in a prairie setting. The painting was commissioned by the Angus Association to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the importation of the first Angus bulls into the United States. The first four Angus bulls were brought to Victoria, Kansas, by George Grant to cross on Longhorn cows Grant, a wealthy London silk merchant, had established an agricultural colony near Victoria. The bulls arrived there on May 17, 1873.

The modeler was Frank Waslick and the engraver was Joseph S. Creamer Jr, both of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Yellow, red, green and tan will be applied by offset, with blue, black and red being added by Giori press. There will be one plate number, and there will be 50 stamps to a pane.

Collectors desiring first day

cancellations may request these from "Angus Stamp, Postmaster, St. Joseph, MO 64501," enclosing 8 cents per stamp desired and with the request - postmarked no later than October 5.

Additional single stamps in the Rural America series will be issued in 1974, according to the Postal Service.

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