

## American Angus Assn. to celebrate 100th birthday

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — A year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Angus Association begins in January 1983, reports Richard Spader, executive vice president of the national beef registry association in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Four special events are planned to highlight the year, Spader said. The first will be the Centennial National Angus Show, and the Centennial Angus Sale Jan. 14 and 15 in Denver, Colorado in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show. The celebration will end with the 100th Annual Meeting of the Association, Nov. 14, in Louisville, Kentucky.

In between these opening and closing events will be the Centennial National Junior Angus Show and Showmanship Contest, July 20, 21 and 22 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, and the Angus Association birthday celebration Sept. 15-17 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The birthday celebration will include a conference program, tours of the American Angus Association headquarters, an Angus art show, a meeting of the World Aberdeen Angus Secretariat with representatives from all over the world, a recognition of Centennial Angus herds that have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more, plus entertainment and an abundance of Angus beef.

State Angus associations in 1983 will locate and honor the long time Angus herds within their borders. "Historic" certificates will be

awarded to those herds that have been producing registered Angus cattle continuously for 25 through 49 years. "Centennial" herd awards will go to owners of registered herds that have been in continuous production for 50 years or more. In addition state and local Angus associations will sponsor a variety of other Centennial activities, Spader said.

The American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association was organized at a general meeting of Angus breeders and owners in Chicago, Illinois on Nov. 21, 1883. The first president was William T. Holt owner of Holt Live Stock Co., Denver, Colorado, and the first secretary was Charles Gudgel, a cattle breeder and importer from Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

The first offices of the Association were in Gudgel's home. Five years later business had grown to the point that Gudgel couldn't handle it and Thomas McFarlane, Iowa City, Iowa was elected secretary. At first the offices were in McFarlane's home but later were moved to Harvey, Illinois. In 1902 the headquarters moved to the Purebred Livestock Records Building in the Chicago Stock Yards where they remained until 1956.

McFarlane, served until 1907 and was succeeded by Charles Gray who came from the Galloway Association to the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association. Gray served until 1925. W.H. Tomhave, a professor of animal husbandry at Purdue University served the longest tenure as secretary, he retired in 1946. Tomhave was

replaced by Frank Richards who served until 1963. The Association headquarters were moved to their first permanent home at 3201 Frederick Blvd., in St. Joseph, Missouri, on June, 1956.

Glen Bratcher, a native of Oklahoma and professor of animal husbandry succeeded Richards and served until his untimely death in October 1968. Lloyd Miller, the Association's director of public relations since 1946 was elected the 7th secretary in 1968 and retired in 1978. He was followed by C.K. Allen, a native of Virginia.

Allen was replaced in 1981 by the present executive officer, Richard Spader, a South Dakota native, who went to work in the Association's public relations department in 1969 and later was director of performance programs.

The one millionth registration was not added to U.S. Angus book until 1947, some 64 years after the Association's founding. However at the beginning of 1983 the Association will have recorded almost 10.5 million animals. Virtually all the growth in the Angus business come after World War II, when the demand for quality beef virtually exploded.

The American Angus

Association was the first major beef breed association in the world to offer its breeders a performance records program. The Angus Herd Improvement Records program was organized in 1958.

The first computer to handle the

ever increasing workload of the Association was installed in 1962.

There are more than 24,000 active adult members and 7,000 active junior members of the American Angus Association, Spader said.

## NFO sees CCC stocks fall when MW price rises

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Dairy farmers attending commodity meetings at the annual convention here of National Farmers Organization were shown how NFO raised the Minnesota-Wisconsin Series monthly-average price for milk and told how a continuation of that effort will reduce the flow of dairy products into government stocks.

"By raising the MW series prices, the dairy plant that is presently selling to the government will have to play a higher price for milk in order to obtain a supply," said Al Scott, director of the NFO dairy department.

"That will make it less profitable for those producing strictly for the government," Scott said.

The MW series price is deter-

mined by averaging the price paid for milk by a number of pre-determined plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

In late September and October, NFO put into action a plan to raise that price series, Scott said, and in October — for the first time in a year — the series price rose above that month in the previous year.

"This proves that it can be done," Scott said. "At this convention we must make plans so that we are able to continue that upward trend in dairy prices."

"The result will be that plants selling to the government will have to bid up the price for milk, because we have a demand from our customers who are making specialty cheese that the government doesn't purchase."

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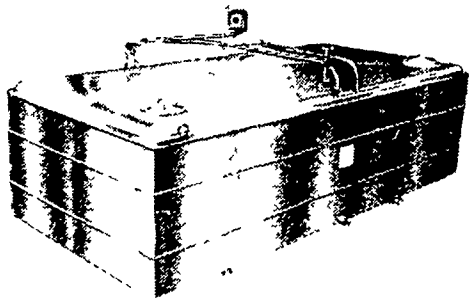


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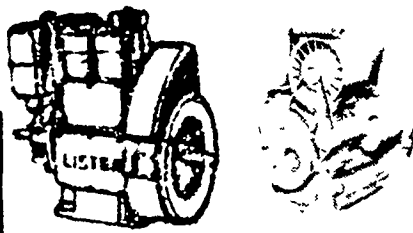


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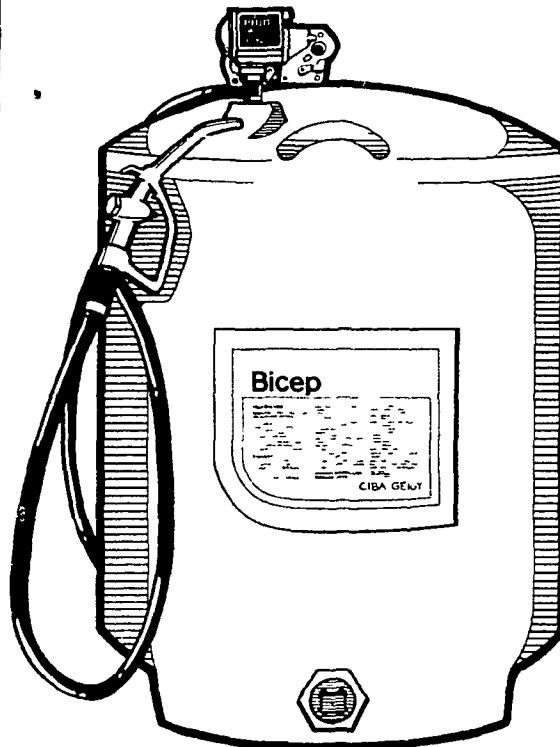
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