

New Angus steer show nominations due May 1

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Rules for an all new steer show, the 1984 Certified Angus Steer Classic, have been released by the American Angus Association.

The show, set for July 8-10 in Columbus, Ohio, will place equal emphasis on structure and soundness (live placing) and on carcass quality, and retail yield (carcass placing). It is open only to steers that are the produce of registered Angus cows and bulls and will be held in conjunction with the 1984 National Junior Angus

Show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

"This new show is designed to educate young cattle producers in the requirements for an excellent beef steer," said Dick Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association. "We want our junior members to start with steers of known ancestry and birth dates, then feed them to the most desirable end point. Finally, we want them to study the carcasses to see how well they have done."

The steers will be shown live on July 8. Each animal, in addition to being placed in class, will receive an overall live index. The next day the steers will be slaughtered and evaluated. Each carcass will receive an index based upon yield grade, percent retail yield and quality. The grand championship overall will be determined by 50 percent live index and 50 percent carcass index.

To be eligible, steers must be nominated by May 1, 1984, according to Dean Hurlbut, director

of activities for the American Angus Association. To nominate a steer the owner must provide the steer's birth date, the registration number of the sire and dam, the name and address of the breeder, the date of purchase, a nose print of the steer and the name and address of the owner.

Steers must be calved on or after January 1, 1983 and must meet the visual requirements for Angus registration except that animals with "excessive white" will be eligible to compete.

The show is open to all junior, life or regular members of the American Angus Association who are at least 9 years old but not more than 21 years old as of January 1, 1984.

The live steer show judge will be Randall Reed of Columbus, who recently resigned from the animal science staff of Ohio State

University. The carcass evaluation and placings will be made by Bob Van Stavern and his staff at Ohio State University.

In addition to premiums and prizes provided by the American Angus Association, and ad hoc group known as the Angus Steer Boosters is collecting money to be awarded to the grand champion steers overall. This fund as of Feb. 6 totaled \$1,000.

Complete show rules are available from the American Angus Association.



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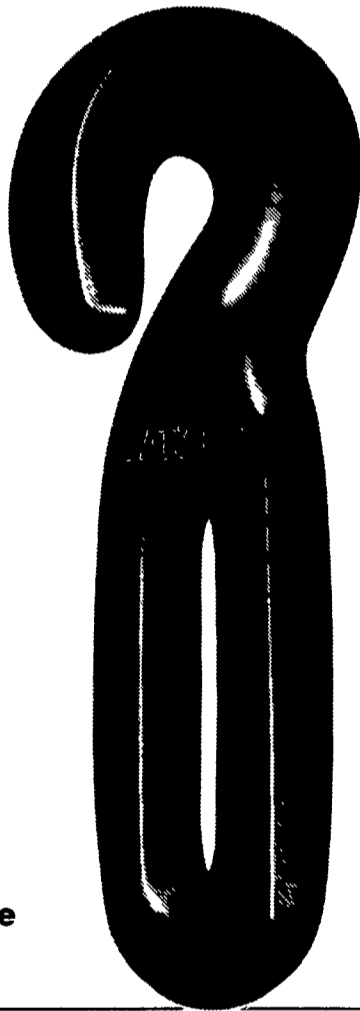
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