



Local Angus breeder recognized in report

Phillip and Valerie Babcock, Norton, own two bulls listed in the 2009 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 6,305 sires, and is currently accessible at www.angusresearch.com.

"This report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," says Bill Bowman, American Angus Association chief operating officer and director of performance programs.

Expected Progeny Differences are generated from the performance database of the American Angus Association, which includes information submitted by more than 9,400 Angus breeders

this past year through the Association's Beef Improvement Records program.

The Fall 2009 evaluation includes updated research reports for heifer pregnancy and docility. Decision-making tools also include \$Values, the suite of bio-economic indexes designed to assist commercial producers in simplifying the genetic selection process.

The semiannual analysis for the Sire Evaluation Report contains more than 17 million measures used to generate over 51 million EPDs for the Angus breed.

The American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., provides programs and services for nearly 33,000 members nationwide and thousands of commercial producers who use Angus genetics.

Go to www.angus.org for more information.

Storage facility loan program reauthorized

The 2008 Farm Bill reauthorized the Farm Service Agency's *Farm Storage Facility Loan Program*. The program provides low-interest financing for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

To expedite the program's approval process, producers planning to submit an application may request an environmental evaluation of their proposed project at their county Farm Service Agency office.

To comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, a Farm Service Agency must evaluate the potential impacts the proposed structure could have on the environment for the program applications. An FSA-850 form must be completed for each application before the application can be approved.

Producers requesting an environmental compliance determination are advised that the loan program application must be submitted and approved before site preparation and construction can begin on the facility.

Applicants will be required to identify the:

- type of structure they wish to construct
- proposed site by marking the location on an aerial photo

County Offices will not accept requests to complete FSA-850 via telephone. If a producer is unable to visit the office, the request must be submitted in writing and include the necessary information to complete FSA-850.

Additional information about initiating a Farm Storage Facility Loan is available at the FSA county offices.

Closing dates for certain crops noted

Jack A. Salava, acting state executive director for the Kansas Farm Service Agency, reminds producers that Sept. 1, is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Crops eligible for these benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber.

September 1 is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain the program's coverage for Aquaculture, Canola, Christmas Trees, Nursery Crops, Speltz, Turf Grass Sod, and all Small Grain Crops, except Oats. For 2010, Continuous Crop Wheat planted with the intention of harvesting as grain is not eligible for NAP.

The administrative service fee is \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county and a \$1875 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, by the application closing deadline.

This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

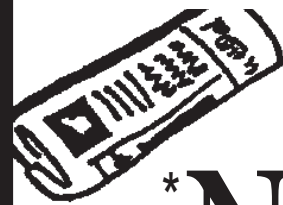
In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, must be filed with Farm Service Agency within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Producers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must certify

crop acres by applicable deadlines, maintain production evidence for 3 years, have less than \$500,000 Non-farm Adjusted Gross Income, and must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible.

Interested producers need to contact their local Farm Service Agency at the USDA Service Center prior to the Sept. 1 application closing date to obtain coverage.

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



***NEW**

SUBSCRIBER SPECIAL:

Norton, Phillipsburg, Graham, Decatur and Furnas County, Nebraska

\$60 NOW \$54

Elsewhere in Kansas and Nebraska

\$70 NOW \$64

All Other States

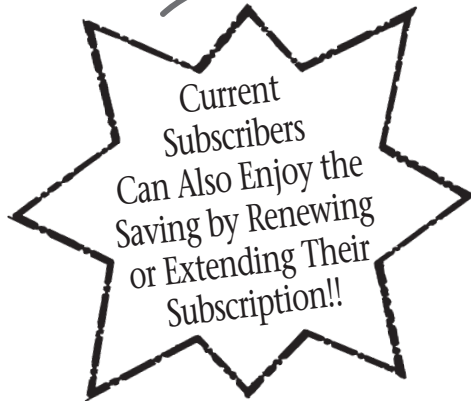
\$76 NOW \$70

SUBSCRIBE

And Save!

*One-Year Subscriptions Only

Hurry, Offer Expires 8/31/09



Clip the following coupon, enclose check and bring into the Telegram Office or Mail to: 215 South Kansas Avenue, Norton

Name: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE CHECK: \$54 \$64 \$70

Sander Furniture



HUGE

Sale

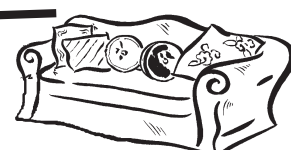
2 DAYS ONLY!!!



OPEN AT (2) LOCATIONS!!

ALL BRAND NAME

NEW FURNITURE



Sander Furniture
W. Hwy. 36 — Norton, Kansas

Sander Ashley Signature Design

S. Hwy. 283 — Norton, Kansas

Bring your truck and trailer — these are cash and carry prices

Saturday, August 15 — 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 16 — 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Telegram
877-3361