Dear Kentucky Angus Breeders;

The 61st Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes Show and Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 3rd and 4th, 2017 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Please note that we are back on our traditional weekend. The Sweepstakes is the premier event sponsored by your state Angus Association and we would sincerely like to have your participation to help the Sweepstakes maintain its reputation as one of the elite state shows and sales in the Angus industry. The haltered and non-haltered divisions along with the eligibility of heifer calves, open heifers, bred heifers, cows, cow/calf pairs, and bulls certainly provide ample opportunities for any breeder to participate. Please consider this letter as your invitation to consign.

The 2017 Sweepstakes (haltered division) will be open to bulls born on or after 1-1-2014, heifers born on or after 9-1-2014, and cow/calf pairs. Any females, regardless of their age, that calve prior to the Sweepstakes will compete in the cow/calf division. A division for non haltered females (bred heifers, bred cows, or cow/calf pairs) will again be available for the 2017 Sweepstakes. The Expo Board is currently studying a realignment of the Pen area in the Pavilion in order to more effectively display the breed sale cattle in the non-haltered division. Keep this in mind and please consider entering some entries for this division. Non-haltered entries participate in the premium fund on the same basis as haltered entries. This premium fund enables your sale expenses to remain very favorable when compared to other consignment events.

The complete eligibility rules for the 2017 Sweepstakes are enclosed. A short list of the rules and some additional info about the Pen Division are included with this mailing. Briefly, the maximum number of bulls that will be accepted will be 15, there will be no embryo division in the 2017 Sweepstakes, deadlines will be strictly enforced, and entries will not be accepted without the payment of proper fees.

Your entry form for the 2017 Sweepstakes is enclosed. Please complete and return the form to the sale manager. The early entry deadline will be November 21, 2016 with the final deadline of December 1, 2016.

Early entries that are complete when submitted will be given priority when stall assignments are made for the 2017 Sweepstakes. A fee of $150.00 per entry must accompany the nomination. I will be coordinating with the Sweepstakes Committee to inspect all prospective entries by no later than mid December. You will be notified of the date and time that your cattle will be inspected.

We look forward to working with each of you to keep the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes the premier event of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo. If you have any questions, please call me or Sweepstakes Chairman Jason Crowe, 859/582-0761.

Sincerely,

Tim Dievert, Sale Manager
IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. Early entry date is November 21, 2016, with a final date of 12-1-16.
2. A fee of $150 per entry must accompany the nomination.
3. No entries can be accepted without the payment of proper fees and no entries will be accepted after the December 1st deadline.
4. These deadlines must be strictly adhered because the Sweepstakes catalog will again be printed and mailed as part of the February, 2017 issue of the Angus Journal which carries a final copy deadline of December 20, 2016 for EPDs, footnotes, photos and ultrasounds.
5. Consignors are highly ENCOURAGED to have actual EPDs on all consignments. Only ACTUAL EPDs will be printed in the catalog, so now is the time to have your DNA test done if your animal does not have a complete set of EPDs. Please get those fall calves registered now so that you will know if they have EPDs.
6. Consignors are encouraged to have PROFESSIONAL quality photos of their consignments. Photos MUST be received via email by the Sale Manager by December 15, 2015.
7. Footnotes should accompany your entry information.
8. Stalling priority will be given to consignors that provide entry information in a completed order and by the deadline.
9. The judging of the 2016 Sweepstakes entries will be the same as it was in 2016. All entries in an age division will enter the ring at one time. The judge will select only a Champion and a Reserve Champion for the division. A Grand Champion and Reserve will be selected from the division champions.

General Sweepstakes Rules:
- Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Deadlines are early, so please take special note of dates and act accordingly.
- Entries will not be accepted without payment of proper fees. Entry fees will be refunded for any entries that are not accepted by the Sale Committee.
- Bull entries will be limited to a maximum of 15 bulls. Acceptance will be determined jointly by the Sale Manager and the Sweepstakes Committee.
- No embryos will be eligible for the 2017 Sweepstakes.

Cattle Eligible for Entry in the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes:
1. Any Angus of which the breeder was a Kentucky member.
2. Any Angus of which the first owner was a Kentucky member.
3. Any animal recorded in the ownership of a Kentucky breeder on or before and continuously since July 1, 2016. Registration paper must have an issue date on or before August 1, 2016.
4. Any Angus of which the dam meets the requirements of either rule one (1) or two (2).

Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes Pen Division:
The Pen Division of the Sweepstakes is for entries which do not have to be halter broke to show. Entries will be stalled in the Pen area of the Pavilion close to the Sweepstakes sale ring. Bred heifers, bred cows, and cow-calf pairs are eligible for this division. Open heifers and bulls are not eligible. Entries will show as individuals, not as a group. Entry fees ($150/entry) and premiums will be the same as those for the haltered divisions. The Champion entry of the Pen Division will compete for the Supreme Champion of the Show. When the generous premiums paid at the Sweepstakes are factored into the overall sale expenses, the resulting net sale expenses are as reasonable as you can find in any sale.

The purpose of the Pen Division is to allow breeders who are not equipped or do not desire to halter break and fit cattle for a show to participate in the Sweepstakes. We know that many of you have cattle that could compete with the best of them. We encourage you to select and enter some of those good ones in the 2017 Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes Show & Sale.
KENTUCKY ANGUS SWEEPSTAKES
61st Annual Show and Sale
Friday and Saturday, March 3&4, 2017
Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky

------------------- ENTRY FORM -------------------

NAME: ______________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _____________________________ CITY _________ ST _____ ZIP _______

PHONE: Business ________________ Residence _________________ Cellular _____________
Fax _________________ email ______________________________________

Early Entry Deadline: November 21, 2016 Final Deadline: December 1, 2016

********** ENTRIES **********
---Indicate for each entry-------------------

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Entry Fees @ $150.00/each Total enclosed ______

Entry information must include the following:
1. Completed Entry Form
2. Entry Fees
3. Registration certificate or copy of same.
4. Provide pedigree for animals not yet registered.
5. EPDs: Angus website will be used to acquire the most current EPDs
6. Footnotes (include any or all of the following)
   A. Performance data and/or production records
   B. Breeding data: Service Sire, Date, Exam
   C. Calving data: Sex, date, sire, birth weight
   D. Herd health status, vaccinations, etc
      Other pertinent information.

2017 Kentucky Sweepstakes Committee
Jason Crowe, Chairperson
Tom McGinnis, Keith Johnnson
Mike Elmore, Eddie Burks
Jon Kostbade, Jim Shaw
Tim Jeffries, Maggie Jasper
Gordon Schubert, Henry Smith
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2017 Sweepstakes Judge
Danny Harker
Hope IN

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