

Online Registration Proves Easy for Angus Breeders

Here's how to register an animal online.

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As Angus breeders become more computer-savvy in their day-to-day endeavors, they can use their computer skills to register Angus cattle online with the American Angus Association. With the AAA Login service, breeders can register cattle 24 hours a day, seven days a week by means of the Internet.

The first step in registering an animal online is going to the AAA Login Web site at www.angusonline.org. If you already have a customer code and password, you may enter each in its respective place in AAA Login.

If you don't have a customer code and password, simply click on "Sign me up!" or "First Time User." These links will take you to a page where you



can create an account and acquire a customer code and password. The customer code will be your Association member code. The password for AAA Login is sent privately to the breeder by the Association to maintain confidentiality. There is no cost to the breeder for creating an AAA Login account.

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Register calves with AHIR Calving/Wearing Data entered as of [date]

Beginning Birth Year: 2005
Ending Birth Year: 2006
Sort By: Dam Registration Number
Sort Order: Ascending

Search Clear

Left: Fig. 2: Example of dialogue box accessed via "EZ Registration"

Below left: Fig. 3: Listing of potential calves to be registered in age group specified in Fig. 2

Below right: Fig. 4: Registration application form of calf selected in Fig. 3

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No items in cart.

If you "Click to Register," a partially completed registration form will appear. Name the calf and choose "Yes" if the calf was produced of artificial insemination. Complete any other applicable fields.

Calves listed: 1 thru 24 of 34 - If you wish to change the criteria or sort order click [here](#).

	Calf Tag	Tattoo	Birth Date	Calf Sex	Dam	Dam Tag	Dam Tattoo	Sire	In Cart
Click to Register	517	MS17	02/04/2005	B	11800784	124	M124		
Click to Register	545	MS43	03/06/2005	C	11900278	010	M010		
Click to Register	547	MS47	03/04/2005	B	12055778	413	M413		
Click to Register	503	MS03	01/06/2005	B	12138824	213	M0213		
Click to Register	531	MS31	02/04/2005	C	12046207	034	M024		
Click to Register	537	MS37	03/19/2005	B	12046527	639	M0639		
Click to Register	544	MS44	03/29/2005	C	12024722	740	M0740		
Click to Register	518	MS18	01/03/2005	B	12053004	MD14	M014		
Click to Register	536	MS36	03/06/2005	C	12060571	816	M0816		
Click to Register	514	MS14	01/06/2005	B	12055731	927	M0927		
Click to Register	524	MS24	02/18/2005	B	12085734	028	M0028		
Click to Register	532	MS32	03/04/2005	B	12000738	MD06	M06		
Click to Register	539	MS39	03/04/2005	C	12000741	831	M0831		

Fig. 1: Example of registration form accessed via "Registration"

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Registration Entry as of 1/29/2005. Fields indicated with an asterisk(*) are required. Set it to your first entry by checking the box to the right of Site, First Owner and Store Electronically fields. More Information

Sex: Bull Calf Calved: Yes No * Animal's Name: _____

Tattoo: Tattoo Brand: _____

Brand: _____

Site: _____

Artificial Insemination: No Single Twin Indicator: _____

Date: _____

Bull Permit: _____

Female Type: _____

Embryo Transplant: No Yes Embryo Removal Date: _____

Brander's Certificate: _____

Store Electronically? No Yes

If you choose "Yes" to Store Electronically, the animal will be registered but NO paper certificate will be printed.

Save Reset Proceed to Cart

The registration process

Once inside AAA Login, choose either "Registration" or "EZ Registration" to begin the application process. "Registration" can be used for animals that haven't previously been entered into an American Angus Association record system (see Fig. 1).

"EZ Registration" is available for animals that have been previously enrolled in the Association system through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) or the Beef Record Service (BRS). Clicking "EZ Registration" will access a dialogue box to allow you to specify the age group of calves you wish to register (see Fig. 2).

Clicking "Search" accesses a screen that contains a listing of all the nonregistered calves within your specified time frame for which you have entered calving and/or weaning data through AHIR or BRS (see Fig. 3). Select the calf you want to register and click on "Click to Register." The registration application form will come up on your computer screen partially completed with that information (see Fig. 4), making the process EZ.

"The layout of the online

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Sex: Bull Calf Calved: Yes No * Animal's Name: _____

Tattoo: Tattoo Brand: _____

Brand: _____

Site: _____

Artificial Insemination: No Single Twin Indicator: _____

Date: _____

Bull Permit: _____

Female Type: _____

Embryo Transplant: No Yes Embryo Removal Date: _____

Brander's Certificate: _____

Store Electronically? No Yes

If you choose "Yes" to Store Electronically, the animal will be registered but NO paper certificate will be printed.

Dam Tag: 124 Cal Tag: 517

Save Return to List Proceed to Cart

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registration form is very similar to that of the paper registration form," says Lou Ann Adams, Association director of information systems. As you fill in the registration form online, you can request the Association print the registration papers and mail them to you, or you can request the Association electronically store them at the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. For more information about this feature, see "Electronic storage and transfer" below.

Once the information is entered, click "Save."

Adams explains that one advantage to online registration is that validation takes place during "real time." This simply means that if you make a mistake on the registration application, the computer will catch that mistake before you are allowed to move on with the online registration process (see Figs. 5 and 6).

Once all questions are cleared and the application is successfully stored in your cart (see Fig. 7), you can register additional calves or finish the application process by checking out.

"When the information is in the cart, many breeders think that the Association has received their online registration forms," Adams says. "But we don't get the online registration form until the breeder actually checks out their cart."

By popular demand

Members' increasing use of computers for ranch recordkeeping sparked the idea to create an online registration service for Angus cattlemen, says Bryce Schumann, Association director of member services. The Association began offering the service in May 1999. From Oct. 1, 2005, to date, 25% of registrations received by the Association have been through AAA Login.

When registering Angus cattle online, the cost to the breeder is the same as registering on paper. The turnaround on processing the registration is the same as well. However, savings are seen in mailing time and postage. Breeders know at the click of a mouse if the Association has received their registration applications, no postage is used to accomplish the task, and time is saved since the application forms don't have to be sent through the postal system.

As final words of advice, Schumann says, "Register early; register often." He explains that as animals get older, the registration fee increases.

Fig. 5: Real-time flag that not all of the required information was entered on a registration application

Form Entries Incomplete or Invalid

One or more problems exist with the data you have entered.

- You must enter a dam's registration number.
- You must enter a date calved.
- You must enter a sire's registration number.

Use the Back button on your web browser to return to the previous page and correct the listed problems.

Fig. 6: Real-time flag that AI certificate is necessary before registration can be completed

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Registration Entry as of 1/28/2006, Shasta Rose Cows - 103338. Fields indicated with an asterisk (*) are required.

More Information
Data saved with condition(s). [Click here to view the conditions.](#)

Sex: Date Calved: Animal's Name:
Tattoo: Type: Artificial Insemination: No Twin Indicator:
Brand: Sire: Dam: First Owner:
Bull Permit: Permit Type: Breeder's Certificate:
Embryo Transplant?: Embryo Removal Date: Store Electronically:
If you receive a "Save successful" message, the record will be registered. If you receive an "Incomplete" message, the record will be rejected. All pages require a scroll bar to be viewed.

Save Return to List 2 items in cart. 2 Registrations in cart. Proceed to Cart

Save successful for tattoo M503. The condition(s) below may need to be fulfilled before the application clears.
Breeder didn't come in when dam was serviced. A Bull Permit may be required.
Complete evaluation will be done within 2 business days of checkout.
[View account history menu option to view results at this time.](#) [Return to Top](#)

Fig. 7: Cart holding two saved registration applications (Note: Cart must be checked out to send the application request to the Association.)

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Cart for as of 01/10/2006

[Click here](#) to view grid of all items in your cart.

Registrations - [Click here](#) to view grid of all registrations or click the tattoo to see more information.
If you wish to check out any items at a later date uncheck the box next to the entry.

Dam	Tattoo	Quantity	Unit Price	ET Fee	Transfer Fee	Item Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	M503	1	14.00			14.00 <input type="radio"/> Delete
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	M503	1	14.00			14.00 <input type="radio"/> Delete

Total: \$28.00 Secure Checkout Clear Cart

[Click here to Standard Checkout.](#)

Our checkout process takes place in a secure and private environment. For more information, see our [security](#) page.

Electronic storage and transfer

When Angus breeders register cattle, either online or through traditional mail, two storage options are available. They can choose to have the registration sent via traditional mail, on paper, or they can choose to have it stored electronically at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

In addition to electronic storage of Angus cattle registrations, transfer of registrations that were previously stored electronically can also take place for the regular transfer fee (minus the cost of postage). Instead of receiving a piece of paper in the mail, Association members will receive a confirmation notice. The process of storing Angus cattle registrations electronically won't change the

authenticity of the registration or transfer. If at any time a producer wishes to have a printed copy of the registration or transfer, the person simply may request one through AAA Login. This service is offered at no cost to the producer.

Angus breeders have had the option to store and transfer registrations electronically at the Association since January 2004. From Oct. 1, 2005, to date, 19.2% of registrations received by the American Angus Association have been stored electronically.

For more information about online registration or electronic storage and transfer of registrations, visit www.angus.org.