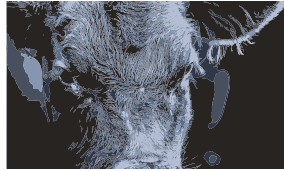


ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS



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Angus to Sell at NWSS Bull Sale

The 2018 National Western Angus Bull Sale will be Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The Sale Bull Show will take place at 8 a.m. that morning in the Stadium Arena, where a three-person judging committee will place the bulls to assist in making a sale order. Judges for the event will be Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Sam Carter, Arthur, Neb.; and Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala.

All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (EPDs). All bulls selling must rank in the top 50% of the breed for non-parent bulls for expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) that include weaning weight (WW), yearling weight (YW), weaned calf value (\$W) and beef value (\$B).

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2017, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

Other sale features include the 2018 Angus Foundation Heifer Package headlined by VAR Blackbird 7184 donated by Vintage Angus Ranch of Modesto, Calif.

Rounding out the Angus

Foundation's offering will be five elite confirmed heifer pregnancies donated by Crazy K Ranch, Michie, Tenn.; Linz Heritage Angus, Crown Point, Ind.; Pasture View Farm, Dunlap, Ill.; Seldom Rest Farms, Niles, Mich.; and Silveria Bros., Firebaugh, Calif. Unrestricted funds raised from the Angus Foundation Heifer Package and confirmed elite heifer pregnancies will support the organization's mission of education, youth and research for the advancement of the Angus breed and beef cattle industry.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846 or Tonya Theis, Events and Education Department, at 816-383-5142. For more information about the Angus activities at NWSS, see page 60 of the December *Angus Journal*.

Watch *Raising the Steaks*

In response to agriculture's growing disconnect with consumers,

the American Angus Association's video production team constructed *Raising the Steaks*, a documentary-style film that follows one consumer couple through their journey along the beef production chain.

Originally released on Thanksgiving Day last year, the documentary introduces Saint Joseph, Mo., natives Josh and Leah Swindler. The pair begins by visiting a seedstock operation followed by a cow-calf ranch and a feedlot. Their journey ends with processing and visiting the meat counter of a local grocery store.

"As a consumer, I've always tried to be conscious of where my food comes from, and I think it's important for consumers to see the amount of effort and care that goes into food production," Leah Swindler said. "The welfare of animals has always been important to me, and this process helped me be more reassured by how our food is produced. It helps you value your food more."

Watch the trailer at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0m92Uz_Hbk&feature=youtu.be. Look for it on the American Angus Association's website, angus.org, and be sure to share it on Facebook and Twitter.

Apply for Women Connected Conference

The fourth biennial Women Connected Conference will



VAR Blackbird 7184

take place in Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 18-20, 2018.

The event brings together full-time ranchers, ranchers' wives, parents of juniors and college-age women to share the common bond of Angus cattle. The event has been hosted every other year since 2012, and has alternated between Saint Joseph, Mo., and Wooster, Ohio. Attendance is granted by application only and is limited to 20 attendees.

Applications are available at <http://www.angusauxiliary.com/about/women-connected.html> Jan. 1 and will close Feb. 15, 2018.

Looking for an internship?

The American Angus Association, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), Angus Media and, new this year, the Angus Foundation, offer several opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association.

Paid summer internships offer goal-oriented students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing knowledge of agriculture and the beef industry.

Application deadlines for the American Angus Association and Angus Media are Feb. 1, 2018. Look for requirements and application details online at www.angus.org/General/AngusCareers.aspx.

Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship

The Angus Foundation Board of Directors approved funds to provide \$1,000 scholarships to three youth who use Angus genetics in their seedstock or commercial operations. Awards will be distributed in July 2018.

Applicants must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/ university or other accredited

institution for the fall of 2018. They can be an entering freshman or a continuing student in any undergraduate program. The applicant or applicant's parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred a registered Angus registration paper in the last 36 months.

Full details of eligibility can be found at www.angusfoundation.org. Information can be found in the resources section on the home page. The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship application was available online Dec. 1.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2018 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry program and tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Sponsorship and program nomination is granted to an active Association and NCBA member using an application process. Applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 12, 2018. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

Applications being accepted for 2018 BLI

Applications for the 11th annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) June 18-22, 2018, are now being accepted.

Sponsored by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Foundation, BLI is designed for American Angus Association members 25-45 years old as a means to provide participants insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger,

At a glance

JANUARY 2018

- 1 *I Am Angus: Fabric of Our Forebears* second airing at 7 p.m. CST
- 10 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Bull Sale
- 10-14 NWSS Angus events
- 12 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) sponsorship application deadline
- 31- Feb. 2 Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show, Phoenix, Ariz.

FEBRUARY 2018

- 1 Application deadline for Association, AGI, Angus Foundation and Angus Media internships
- 15 Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) application due
- 15 Raising the Bar (Oklahoma City, Okla.) registration deadline
- 15 MAJAC Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 15 Women Connected applications due

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- 18-20 Women Connected Conference, Excelsior Springs, Mo.
- 20-21 American Angus Auxiliary Spring Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.

more effective leaders for the Angus breed and for the beef industry now and in the future.

The Association and the Angus Foundation will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online or by contacting Caitlyn Brandt in the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5189. Feb. 15 is the application deadline.

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2018 Black Books available

You can now order 2018 AngusSource®/Beef Record Service (BRS) black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. They feature the American Angus Association logo on the back.

Producers can request two free books and purchase additional books for \$3 each. The 2018 books are available in any quantity.

To place orders, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.


Convention coverage available

The Angus Media communications team was on hand to cover the Angus Convention Nov. 3-6 in Fort Worth, Texas. From the tour hosted Friday to the Annual Convention of Delegates convened Monday morning, Angus Media captured the highlights to share with those who couldn't attend — or who attended, but couldn't get to every session they wanted.

Highlights will be published in future editions of the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin* and on upcoming episodes of *The Angus Report*. For more news from the convention, visit the convention newsroom at www.angus.org/Media/News/AngusConvention.aspx.

Look for RBCS coverage

The biennial Range Beef Cow Symposium was recently hosted in Cheyenne, Wyo., and Angus Media's team was on hand to provide coverage. The event rotates between Colorado, western Nebraska, western South Dakota and Wyoming, and focuses on beef production practices and issues in the western states.

To access summaries, speaker PowerPoint presentations and audio, visit the Newsroom online at rangebeefcow.com. 

CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age	\$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	\$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	\$27

TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date	\$5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date	\$7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date	\$12

MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) fee (per weaning weight)	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership with <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription	\$130
Lifetime membership (optional to pay in three \$500/year installments)	\$1,500
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age)	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf regular registration fee plus	\$10
Cell-clone transplant calf regular registration fee plus	\$50

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the *Breeder's Reference Guide*. Free copies are available from the Association. An online version is available through the "Rules and Forms" link at www.angus.org.

BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

SYMBOL MEANING

#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire
+	Embryo transfer calf
^	Cell clone
%	Split-ET
@	Clone-ET
*	Parentage qualified to both parents and the mating

The American Angus Association currently recognizes the following genetic conditions:

CODE MEANING

AM	Arthrogyposis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism
DD	Developmental duplication
DM	Double muscling
DW	Dwarfism
HG	Horn gene
HI	Heterochromia irides
M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
OH	Oculocutaneous hypopigmentation
OS	Osteopetrosis
RD	Red gene
SN	Syndactyly
WT	Wild type color gene

The following single-letter descriptors appearing after a genetic condition code shall have the following meaning:

- P – refers to a "potential" carrier based on an ancestor known to carry that specific mutation.
- F – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be "free" of that specific mutation.
- C – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a "carrier" of that specific mutation.
- A – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a carrier of two copies of that specific mutation. It may or may not exhibit the phenotype associated with that genetic condition.

The following letter designations describe cases in which there is more than one genetic condition present:

- XF – Free of more than one genetic condition.
- XC – Carrier of more than one genetic condition.
- XA – Affected of more than one genetic condition.
- RTF – Recessive trait free (produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect).