

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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National Cattle Evaluation

Updates to online expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) were released Dec. 13, 2019, and included updated percentile tables, breed averages and revised Main and Supplement sire listings. Visit www.angus.org/nce/ for more information.

View convention coverage

Angus MediaSM and the communications team were on hand to cover the Angus Convention Nov. 2-4 in Reno, Nev.

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®. For more news from the convention, visit the Angus newsroom at www.angus.org/Media/News.

NWSS Angus Bull Sale

The 2020 National Western Angus Bull Sale will be Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in the Beef Palace Arena during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. All consignments will be genomic tested; possess a complete set of expected EPDs and dollar value indexes (\$Values); and must be free of any genetic conditions recognized by the American Angus Association.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2019, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

For more information about the sale, contact Jeff Mafi, sale manager, at 816-344-4266.

Foundation Heifer to sell at NWSS

A sale feature, selling Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at 1:15 p.m., just prior to the 2020 National Western Angus Bull Sale, is the 2020 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which offers buyers the opportunity to bid on one lot with three options.

Three heifer calves from the mating between Thomas Patricia 9705 and KCF Bennett Consent Y75 hit the ground at Knoll Crest

Farm in Red House, Va., in late September. The buyer will have the opportunity to choose between three embryo transfer (ET) heifer calves after genomic testing is done and genomic-enhanced EPDs (GE-EPDs) are calculated.

This special heifer package goes to support the Angus Foundation's unrestricted funds. A video of the Angus Foundation Heifer package can be viewed at www.angusfoundation.org.

For more information contact Rod Schoenbine, Angus Foundation director of development, at 330-464-9793 or rschoenbine@angus.org.

Ranchers' Rendezvous at Spruce Mountain

One-of-a-kind auction items, food, fun and Angus cattle will complement stunning ranch views Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at Spruce Mountain Ranch in Larkspur, Colo. Tom and Lois Ames, Spruce Mountain Ranch, are hosting "Ranchers' Rendezvous at Spruce Mountain," to raise money in support of the Angus Foundation.

The event will start at 5:30 p.m., following the Angus Roll of Victory (ROV) Bull Show and Angus Bull Sale during the NWSS. The Spruce Mountain Ranch and Angus Foundation live auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend as bus transportation to and from Spruce Mountain Ranch will be provided. Registration is requested and has been extended to Jan. 13, at www.angusfoundation.org. For more information contact

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Apply for 2020 BLI

Applications for the 13th annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI), June 15-19, 2020, 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 way to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry, now and in the future.

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

BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online at www.angus.org/event/BLIEntryForm.aspx. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15.

For more information, contact the Events & Education Department at 816-383-5100 or Madeline Bauer, events coordinator, at mbauer@angus.org.

Buy one, get one custom cattle tags

Looking for an affordable way to identify your herd? Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, blank tags and prenumbered tags for cattle producers across the United States. Anyone can order ear tags, applicators, syringes and accessories.

Producers can buy one tag and get one free through Feb. 13. The buy one get one is for tags only. It does not include text, logo printing or

Harsh hired as Southeast regional manager



Will Harsh has been selected as the American Angus Association regional manager for Region 13, which consists of Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. He joins the Association from Oklahoma State University (OSU), where he was the purebred beef range manager.

"We're thrilled to add another past junior Angus member as a regional manager," says David Gazda, American Angus Association director of field services. "His hands-on experience in his previous roles will be an asset to the Angus team."

Prior to his role at OSU, Harsh was a ranch hand at J&J Cattle Company. He was also herdsman with his family's Angus operation with the responsibility for the well-being of the cow herd, including management of the overall herd health, breeding and calving programs. He graduated from OSU with an animal science degree in May of 2018.

"My grandparents raise registered Angus cattle, my mother was employed with the Ohio Angus Association and our family actively raises registered Angus," Harsh says. "So, it was only natural that I was raised within the 'Angus family' and had the good fortune to be an active member of the National Junior Angus Association. I credit those leadership development experiences both inside the show ring and outside it, competing in contests, and enhancing my communication skills with shaping me into the person I am today."

Harsh was active in the Ohio Junior Angus Association, where he served as reporter and vice president, and participated in several National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) conferences and events.

set up fees. All sizes of visual tags, including blanks and pre-numbered are included. To qualify producers must include their bulls or female sale named and date in the comments when ordering. The discount will be applied to the invoice.

Visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association.

Important dates for Pathfinder

Launched in 1978, the Pathfinder® Angus Program identifies superior females in the breed based on performance records submitted through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). To qualify, cows must be actively enrolled in AHIR, producing her first calf near the herd's average age for first calving. Second, her first three calves must post a minimum average weaning weight

ratio of 105 in a contemporary group with a minimum of five herd mates of the same sex. Lastly, calves must be sired by a registered Angus bull.

All data on females must be received by the end of the business day on Jan. 31, 2020, to be eligible for 2020 Pathfinder status. Official Pathfinder status will be announced on Feb. 6, 2020.

MaternalPlus incentives

A whole-herd reporting initiative, MaternalPlus®, began at the Association in 2012 with the aim to increase the suite of cow productivity selection tools available to Angus members and their commercial customers. Members already submitting 100% of their weaning weights each year, heifer breeding records and dam disposal codes, should consider signing up for MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting and reap additional benefits.

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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 first weight submitted)	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership with Angus Journal 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	Arthrogryposis 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).

Benefits include:

- Calving ease direct, birth weight, and weaning weight EPDs on unregistered calves.
- Increased accuracy of heifer pregnancy EPDs that are now included in \$M.
- Additional herd management reports.
- Cash-back rebates on American Angus Association fees.

It's simple. It's AHIR® for the whole herd. To learn more about MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting, visit www.angus.org/MaternalPlus or your AAA Login.

Wildorado available online

A small town in search of a future finds hope in a young cowboy and his class of high school ag students. Facing the odds, they become one of the first student-led cattle companies in the nation. Wildorado, an *I Am Angus*® documentary, aired Dec. 26, on RFD-TV. To see the film, visit www.angus.org/wildorado.

Black Books available

Members, get your two free 2020 Angus Black Books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. Orders of more than two are available for \$3.25 each. Each book is customized with the Association's logo and contact information on the back cover.

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

Looking for an internship?

The American Angus Association offers several opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading

beef cattle association and branded-beef program.

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.

Look for deadlines, requirements and application details online at www.angus.org/careers. Applications are due Feb. 1.

Apply to attend YCC

The Angus Foundation will nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2020 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry 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, found at www.angusfoundation.org, should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 10, 2020. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.


Purchase photos online

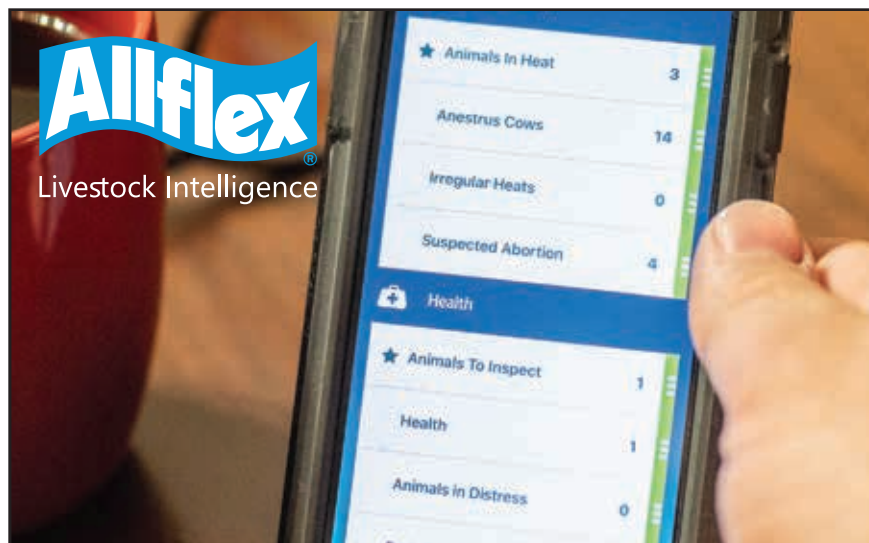
While in the show ring or covering events, Angus Media and Communications staff capture thousands of photos. Many can be found at <https://photo.angus.org>. Contact the Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information.

The Angus Report online

To keep up with digital and video trends, *The Angus Report* moved

online Nov. 25. The same educational and informative content will be provided, but in shorter segments. Subscribe to the YouTube channel

— Angus TV — and watch www.angus.org/angustv to stay updated on industry information. 



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