

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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National Cattle Evaluation

Updates to online expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) were released Dec. 11, 2020, and included updated percentile tables, breed averages and revised Main and Supplement sire listings. Visit www.angus.org/nce/ for more information.

Hair shed research EPD

The American Angus Association and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) have released a research EPD for hair shedding (HS). This report lists artificial insemination (AI) permitted bulls with accuracy values of greater than or equal to .40 for the trait. To learn more and download the report visit www.angus.org/performance/ahirdefault.aspx#hs.

Important dates for Pathfinder

Launched in 1978, the Pathfinder® Angus Program identifies superior females in the breed based on performance data submitted through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). To qualify, a cow must be actively enrolled in AHIR and 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 herdmates 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, 2021, to be eligible for 2021 Pathfinder status. Pathfinder status will be announced on Feb. 4, 2021.

Inventory Reporting AHIR data

The new Inventory Reporting option for submitting AHIR® data is now open for enrollment. The deadline for spring enrollment is Jan. 15. Herd inventory can be established within your AAA Login account.

The fee is \$2 for each female. Requirements for active females include reporting a calf (birth date, sex, dam information), reason for no calf or disposal code for the cow.

All members enrolled in the Inventory Reporting option will have the opportunity to earn the MaternalPlus® designation. For more

information, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or angus@angus.org.

View Annual Meeting coverage

Angus Media and the communications team were on hand to cover the 137th Angus Annual Meeting Nov. 7-9 in Kansas City, Mo.

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. If you are a paid registered attendee, you can watch the recorded sessions by clicking on the link emailed to you following the meeting.

Cattlemen's Congress

The American Angus Association will host its Super Roll of Victory (ROV) Show typically associated with the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) during the newly created Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Angus schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- Bases Loaded Sale, 5 p.m., Heritage Center

Thursday, Jan. 7

- Jr. Angus Show, 8 a.m., Jim Norick Arena
- Denim and Diamonds Sale, 5 p.m., Super Barn Sale Arena

Friday, Jan. 8

- Super ROV Angus Bull Show, 9

At a glance

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| 6-10 | Cattlemen's Congress Super ROV Shows |
| 8 | National Angus Bull Sale |
| 9 | "Oklahoma Stars" Angus Foundation Gala |
| 15 | AHIR Inventory Reporting spring enrollment deadline |
| 31 | Data deadline for 2021 Pathfinder status |

- a.m., Jim Norick Arena
- Sale of Angus Foundation Heifer Package, 1 p.m., Super Barn Sale Arena
- National Angus Bull Sale, 1 p.m., Super Barn Sale Arena
- Angus Foundation Female Sale, 3 p.m., Super Barn Sale Arena
- A Night at Remington Park, Angus Sale, 5 p.m., Remington Park

Saturday, Jan. 9

- Super ROV Angus Female Show, 8 a.m., Jim Norick Arena
- Oklahoma Stars Angus Foundation Gala

Sunday, Jan. 10

- Angus Bull and Heifer Pen Shows, 8 a.m., Performance Arena

The Skirvin Hilton at 1 Park Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla., will serve as Angus headquarters hotel for the Cattlemen's Congress. Visit <http://bit.ly/CC-hotel> to reserve a room.

National Angus Bull Sale

The 2021 National Angus Bull Sale will be Friday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. in the Super Barn Sale Arena during the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla. All consignments will be genomic tested; will possess a complete set of 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, 2020, will have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

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

Angus Foundation Heifer

The Angus Foundation Heifer

Package will kick off the National Angus Bull Sale. The sale will be Friday, Jan. 8, at the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City.

This year's heifer offering presents a special opportunity to purchase a choice of the 2020 crop of heifers from Benoit Angus, Esbon, Kan.

The offering includes 30 days of insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Batavia, Ill.; transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.

The Nebraskan Livestock Show cancelled

The Nebraskan Livestock Show, planned as an NWSS alternative in January, has been cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic guidelines enacted in Nebraska and other states.

CAB webinar: carcass data & grids

Anyone interested in learning more about how cattle make money on a value-based grid, or how to interpret a harvest sheet should register for the upcoming Certified Angus Beef LLC webinar. "Understanding Grid Marketing and Carcass Data," is slated for Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Central. Paul Dykstra, assistant director, supply management and analysis, will lead the free virtual program. Register at www.cabcattle.com/webinars.

A Rare Breed series premiers

Land and cattle, equipment and buildings — they've all been passed down through cattle families throughout history. There's the worn bull sale sign tucked up in the barn

or the century-old fishing cabins by the river — those mean something to the families who have handed them down. However the most important "thing" passed on from one generation to the next isn't a thing at all. It's the quest to always get better.

Sundays in January, watch *A Rare Breed: Legacies of Excellence*, a five-part mini documentary series on cattle families who help supply and tell the story of the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB) brand. Videos will be featured each Sunday evening on the CAB Cattleman Connection channels on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Visit CABcattle.com for more information.

Colvin Scholarship applications due Jan. 15

Both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply for their share of nearly \$30,000 that will be awarded from the Colvin Scholarship Fund. Applications close Jan. 15.

Students who are pursuing degrees in agriculture or related fields are eligible for one of five undergraduate scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,500, and those involved in advanced study of high-quality beef production or building beef demand can apply for the \$7,500 graduate award. Visit www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/colvin/index.php/ to apply.

CAB award nominations due soon

Each year during the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Annual Conference, the brand celebrates cattlemen and women who are focused on high-quality beef production. Nominations are being sought for the Commitment to Excellence awards for the seedstock,

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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	Arthrogyrosis 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).

commercial and feedyard categories, with a Jan. 17 deadline. To read the qualifications or to submit a name, visit www.cabcattle.com/nominate/.

Angus Beef Bulletin

Advertising deadlines are fast approaching for the February issue of the *Angus Beef Bulletin*. The space reservation deadline is Jan. 3; materials deadline is Jan. 10; and the issue will arrive in mailboxes Feb. 15-20.

Redesigned in 2018, the *Angus Beef Bulletin* is a four-color magazine that provides commercial cattlemen management and marketing information.

To reserve an advertising space, contact your regional manager or advertising executive. You can view back issues online at www.angusbeefbulletin.com/extra/abb-back-issues.html.

Black Books available

Request your two free 2021 Angus Black Books now. The pocket-sized books include a calendar and space to keep management records on your cow herd. Additional books are available for \$3.25 each. To order, call 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.

Affordable ID

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the Association.

Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, Tissue Sampling Units (TSUs) and 840 radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags for cattle producers all across the United States. For producers having a sale, Custom Cattle Tags is your source for sale tags.