

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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National Cattle Evaluation

Updates to online expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) were released Dec. 10, 2021, and included updated percentile tables, breed averages, and revised Main and Supplement sire listings. Visit www.angus.org/nce/ for more information.

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 Jan. 28, 2022, to be eligible for 2022 Pathfinder status. Pathfinder status will be announced Feb. 3, 2022.

AHIR Inventory Reporting

The enrollment period for AHIR® Inventory Reporting is open from Nov. 1 through Jan. 15. The fee is \$2 for each female enrolled. This fee covers the AHIR reporting cost for the next calf crop.

Annual requirements for each female enrolled in the program include reporting a calf (birth date, sex, dam information), a reason for no calf or a disposal code if the cow left the herd.

For members enrolling for the first time, current herd inventory can be established within your AAA Login account. For members who enrolled last year during this time period, your inventory needs updated and all females to meet requirements to reenroll. For members who enrolled in July, now is a good time to enter the fall calving information for the females in your herd. For those interested in MaternalPlus®, weaning weights and heifer breeding records are also required.

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

For more information call 816-383-5100 or email angus@angus.org.

Phenotypic traits on EPD/Pedigree Lookup

A recent addition to EPD/Pedigree Lookup includes a list of phenotypic traits. These are the phenotypes that have been submitted to the Association for individual animals.

For example, if an animal had phenotypes for calving ease, birth weight, weaning weight, a yearling docility score, foot claw set and foot angle recorded, the Phenotypic Traits list would include CE, BW, WW, Doc, Claw and Angle.

National Angus Bull Sale

The 2022 National Angus Bull Sale will be Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at 2 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 \$Values and must be free of any genetic conditions recognized by the American Angus Association.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2021, 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 about the sale, contact sale managers Jeff Mafi at 816-344-4266 or jmafi@angus.org; or Alex Tolbert at 706-338-8733 or atolbert@angus.org.

Angus Foundation Heifer

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package will kick off the National

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Angus Bull Sale. The sale will be Friday, Jan. 7, at the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla.

This year's heifer offering presents a special opportunity to bid to purchase a pick of five heifers from Tehama Angus Ranch, Gerber, Calif.

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.

Oklahoma Stars

The Angus Foundation is hosting the Oklahoma Stars event Wednesday, Jan., 5, 2022, at the Will Rogers Theatre in Oklahoma City during Cattlemen's Congress.

Angus breeders and enthusiasts will enjoy an evening of fellowship, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and items sold to advance the Angus Foundation's mission of youth, education and research in the Angus breed. RSVP is not needed and the event is casual, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Angus University Bull Buying sessions

Mark your calendars for two opportunities to learn more about bull buying strategies.

Join the in-person session Jan. 6 at 9 a.m. during Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla. Angus staff and industry leaders will tackle what to consider when buying a bull. From fertility to nutrition, three 20-minute sessions are sure to answer questions and help you feel more prepared.

Jan. 25 Angus University will host the "Bull Buying Blueprint" webinar.

Experts will share their strategies and answer questions during a live Q&A. To learn more visit www.angus.org/University/Webinars.

Angus offers summer internships

The American Angus Association offers opportunities for college students to further their education and gain experience with the world's leading beef cattle association. Paid summer internships offer students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing industry knowledge. The internships being offered are:

Angus Media: Two writing-intensive opportunities — one focused on the seedstock audience and one focused on the commercial audience — offer the chance to participate in producing publications, including the *Angus Journal*, *Angus Beef Bulletin*, *Angus Beef Bulletin EXTRA*, *AJ Daily*, editorial websites and social media. The internship can be tailored to the intern's strengths but many duties can be anticipated, including traveling to industry events. Experience in news and feature writing, editing and photography are strongly suggested.

Communications: From print stories to video scripts, photography, graphic design and more, the communications intern will truly gain valuable agricultural communications experience. Applicants should have strong writing and design skills and completed coursework in news and feature writing, editing and design. Experience in photography, video and social media would be helpful.

Events and Education: The intern will assist in planning and

executing youth events hosted by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including preparations, correspondence and coordination for junior shows and events. Applicants should be self-starters, detail-oriented, outgoing and work well with others. Livestock and event-planning experience is a plus, but not required. Travel to the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference and other events is expected.

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI): Students pursuing their master's degree or doctorate in animal breeding and genetics should apply for the AGI summer internship. The intern will have the opportunity to work with one of the world's largest beef genomic databases. The internship will be focused on research that involves data analysis, so candidates should have experience in analyzing animal breeding data sets and genomic data.

Students interested in applying should upload their résumé, cover letter and references to the career center at www.angus.org/careers by Jan. 10, 2022. Visit www.angus.org/careers for full internship descriptions and requirements.

Regional manager internship

The American Angus Association's field services team is offering a fall internship designed to enhance a student's abilities to build effective relationships, craft a promotional strategy and learn about the Angus business and cattle industry.

From assisting with herd visits and securing advertising in the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*

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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

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| Applications for animals less than 4 months of age | \$12 |
| Applications for animals 4-10 months of age | \$14 |
| Applications for animals 10-12 months of age | \$19 |
| Applications for animals more than 12 months of age | \$32 |

TRANSFERS

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| 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

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| 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

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| # | 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

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| 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).

to providing insight to producers and more, the regional manager intern will gain valuable hands-on, real-world experience in the Angus business. Applicants should have a basic understanding of the cattle industry, be eager to learn and have a willingness to travel.

Applications are being accepted from college juniors or seniors studying animal science, agricultural business or other agricultural-related major. Candidates should be outgoing, able to work well with all types of people and a self-starter.

The internship begins in August and extends through early December. The intern would be based at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., with opportunities to travel.

Students who wish to apply should upload their résumé, cover letter and references to the career center at www.angus.org/careers by April 1, 2022. Visit www.angus.org/careers for full internship descriptions and requirements.

Help Establish Ardyce's Apron

The late Ardyce O'Neill made waves in the Angus breed and helped launch the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Cook-Off during the NJAS.

To continue her legacy, Angus breeders and friends can make a memorial gift to establish the Ardyce's Apron Award for the overall junior winners of the Cook-Off.

Gifts can be sent to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Avenue, Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Gifts will grow the Auxiliary's Award Fund with the Angus Foundation, which has

recognized and honored outstanding Angus junior members since its creation in 2008.

AJ Daily and AJ Weekly

Subscribe today to the *AJ Daily* and *AJ Weekly* e-newsletters to stay up to date on beef industry news, current events and upcoming Angus sales. Visit <http://anguselist.com> to subscribe.

Black Books available

Order 2022 Angus Black Books now. The pocket-sized books include a calendar and space to keep management records on your cow herd. Any quantity is available for \$3.25 each.

To order call 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.

NJAA dates and deadlines

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) website will be updated Jan. 2 to include all upcoming show and conference information including entry forms and hotel information.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa for the complete list of dates and deadlines to mark your calendars.

NJAA entry and rule changes

The NJAA will have a few changes go into effect beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

- Online-only entries for NJAA sponsored shows and conferences including MAJAC, Eastern Regional, Western Regional, Atlantic National, Northwest Regional, All-American Breeder's Futurity and the NJAS.
- All ownership dates will be based on process date, not postmark

or sale date. Any registrations will need to clear on or before the ownership date. This includes embryo transfer (ET) calves or any animals that require DNA to register, so please plan accordingly.

- The cow-calf pair rule was changed during the Events and Education September Board Meeting. The change pertains to ownership restrictions of the calf at side. For more information, see the specific show rules on the NJAA website.

For additional information on these changes, visit the NJAA website at www.angus.org/njaa.

CAB award nominations due soon

Each year during the 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, commercial and feedyard categories, with a Jan. 17 deadline.

To read the qualifications or to submit a name, visit www.cabcattle.com/nominate/.

Nominate individuals

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the NJAA Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and recognizes the time, effort and dedication nominated adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is

also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100. Nominations for both honors are due to the Events and Education Department by March 1.

Affordable ID

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

Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, tissue sampling units (TSUs), sale tags and 840 radio frequency identification (RFID) tags for cattle producers across the United States.

Sale-day kit

Producers planning a sale can request a sale-day kit from the American Angus Association.

Go online and visit The Angus Brand at <https://shop.angus.org> to find educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs. Printed literature is free but will include the cost of shipping. 