

# ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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## National Cattle Evaluation

Updates to online expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) were released Dec. 9, 2022, and included updated percentile tables, breed averages, and revised Main and Supplement sire listings. Visit [www.angus.org/nce/](http://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, 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. 27, 2023, to be eligible for 2023 Pathfinder status.

Pathfinder status will be announced Feb. 2, 2023.

## National Angus Bull Sale

The 2023 National Angus Bull Sale will be Friday, Jan. 6, 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, 2022, 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](mailto:jmafi@angus.org); or Alex Tolbert, 706-338-8733 or [atolbert@angus.org](mailto:atolbert@angus.org).

## Angus Foundation Heifer

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package will kick off the 84<sup>th</sup> National Angus Bull Sale, Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at the Cattlemen's Congress.

The 2023 Angus Foundation Heifer Package is donated by Coleman Angus of Charlo, Mont. The heifer, Coleman Chloe 173 (AAA+\*20076459), is the Coleman Chloe female with the highest

maternal weaned calf value (\$M) in the ranch's herd. She is backed by a pedigree represented by the operation's most notable cow families.

The offering includes 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 sale will start at 2 p.m. at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Celebrating "150 years of Angus" social event

Angus breeders and enthusiasts attending Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla., won't want to miss the 150th Celebration Social event Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.

Attendees 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 4:30 p.m. Auction will begin at 5 p.m.

## Inventory Reporting enrollment deadline Jan. 15

Inventory Reporting enrollment for AHIR Inventory Reporting is open until 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,

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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. In addition, members who are enrolled in the Inventory Reporting program will receive the Functional Longevity research EPD when released.

For more information call 816-383-5100 or email [angus@angus.org](mailto:angus@angus.org).

## Catch up on the conversation, Season 2 launches mid-January



To keep up on the latest discussions in the Angus breed,

listen now to the entire inaugural season of *The Angus Conversation*, an *Angus Journal* podcast.

Eleven episodes are available on all major podcast platforms, and cover changes in the beef business, maternal function, generational turnover and more.

Season 2 will launch Jan. 17 with memorable guests, in-depth topics and thought-provoking questions.

In the meantime, have you listened

to the most recent episodes?

- “Solving the Consumer Puzzle: CAB, Sysco and a Producer Talk About Win-Wins”
- “Is Having Great Cattle Enough? How Service, Family, Relationships Sell Bulls”
- “Keeping Cattlemen Independent: Goggins, Perrier on Securing the Future”
- “In Demand— Why Angus Breeders Are So Optimistic”

“We welcome your feedback, topic or guest suggestions, or even a thumbs up to tell us we’re on the right track,” says Miranda Reiman, senior associate editor, who co-hosts the show with Mark McCully, CEO of the American Angus Association. “And if we’re not, we’d like to know that, too. Our goal is get breeders information that makes them think, that maybe inspires some one-on-one conversations of their own.”

Feel free to contact Reiman or McCully directly, or drop a line in the comment box at [www.TheAngusConversation.com](http://www.TheAngusConversation.com). Be sure to subscribe to the podcast to never miss an episode.

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## Apply for Angus internships by Jan. 10

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 goal-oriented students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing knowledge

of agriculture and the beef industry.

The internships being offered in 2023 include working with Angus Media, Communications, Events and Junior Activities and Angus Genetics Inc., teams.

Students who wish to apply for an internship should upload their résumé, cover letter and references to the career center at [www.angus.org/careers](http://www.angus.org/careers) by Jan. 10, 2023. Visit [www.angus.org/careers](http://www.angus.org/careers) for full descriptions and requirements.

## Black Books available

Order 2023 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 \$4.50 each.

To order, call 816-383-5100 or email [blackbooks@angus.org](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

## 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.

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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 .....\$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**

- 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) cal.....regular registration fee plus \$10
- Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus \$50

**BREEDER'S REFERENCE** Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

**SYMBOL MEANING**

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

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.

**DNA TESTING FEES**

**ANGUS GS<sup>SM</sup> POWERED BY NEOGEN<sup>®</sup>**

- Neogen<sup>®</sup> Angus GS<sup>SM</sup> (includes Parentage)\$37
- Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$18
- Add Coat Color.....\$5
- Add AM Test.....\$8
- Add NH Test.....\$8
- Add CA Test.....\$8
- Add OS Test.....\$8
- Add DD Test.....\$10
- Add M1 Test.....\$10
- Add OH Test.....\$8
- Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$10
- Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only).....\$4.50

**ZOETIS<sup>®</sup> GENOMIC TESTS**

- Zoetis<sup>®</sup> HD50K (includes Parentage).....\$37
- Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$18
- Add Coat Color.....\$5
- Add AM Test.....\$8
- Add NH Test.....\$8
- Add CA Test.....\$8
- Add OS Test.....\$8
- Add DD Test.....\$10
- Add M1 Test.....\$10
- Add OH Test.....\$8
- Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$10
- Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only).....\$4.50

**OTHER DNA TESTS**

- Parentage.....\$18
- Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$45
- Coat Color Test.....\$18
- Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) Test.....\$22
- Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH)Test.....\$22
- Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA) Test.....\$22
- Osteopetrosis (OS) Test.....\$22
- Developmental Duplication (DD) Test.....\$22
- Myostatin (M1) Test.....\$22
- Oculocutaneous Hypopigmentation (OH) Test....\$18
- Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$22

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](http://www.angus.org).

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).

**"A Legacy Built" campaign**

In 1873, a Scottish Angus breeder named George Grant brought the first Angus bulls to the prairies of Victoria, Kan., to cross with native Texas longhorn cows. The results demonstrated the Angus breed's initial value in the United States. The legacy is still being built 150 years later through the Angus Foundation.

To honor the breed's history and future, the Angus Foundation is launching the "A Legacy Built" campaign. The campaign asks every member to give \$150 to the Angus Foundation, earmarked the Angus Fund, to build unrestricted donations for Angus programs.

To be a part of "A Legacy Built," members can donate through the Angus Foundation website at [www.AngusFoundation.org](http://www.AngusFoundation.org); mail a check to the Angus Foundation; or pledge support during events like Cattlemen's Congress, National Western Stock Show or the National Junior Angus Show.

**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.

**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. **AJ**