MEMBERSHIP TIPS

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Electronic Calving Book

Did you know you are able to enter calving information electronically through your Association Login account and within the Angus Mobile app on your smartphone?

Calving information is critical to collect, as it sets your contemporary groups and initiates the records for the lifetime of the animal. However, calving season is always a hectic, uncertain time with nightly calving shifts and unpredictable weather issues. To make calving data entry easier for producers, the American Angus Association offers tools to assist with this stressful season.

Producers have the option to enter calf data into the Calving Book online within their AAA Login account or on their smartphone through the Angus Mobile app. Once the data is entered, the Current Calf Inventory feature allows you to access this calving data anywhere you go, even if your calves aren't registered yet. Current Calf Inventory is accessible in AAA Login under the My Herd > Animal Lists tab or on the Angus Mobile app.

You can search for calves by

registration number, birth year, tattoo/tag, animal set or pasture location. From there, you can drill into more information for each calf, including dam and sire information, as well as Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data.

Login online tool

When a producer chooses to submit Electronic Calving Book records in AAA Login, a screen is displayed with a listing of all of the current dams. This list is sorted by the dam's tag. You also have the option to click on the table headers to sort by other columns. You can select a dam to enter a calf and any subsequent birth data, or you can enter a dam tag/tattoo and click "Get Dam" by Tag/Tattoo or "Add Dam."

At this point the calving entry screen is displayed. Fill in all of the applicable fields for the animal. Fields indicated with an asterisk (*) are required entry fields.

After entry is complete for the animal, choose "Save" to save the calving entry to your cart. Remember, saving a calving entry to the cart does not submit the animal to the Association for processing. You have to perform the Cart Checkout process to submit the calving entries to the Association. If there are errors and the calving entry cannot be saved, the errors will be displayed on the screen, and the user can make the appropriate changes to correct the errors and choose "Save" again to revalidate and save to your cart.

Once the entry is error-free, the information is saved in your cart and the dam selection page is returned to your screen. When all calves have been entered and saved, choose "Proceed to Cart." This option can

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Producers are allowed to check out the cart even if the calving season is not complete. You will be prompted to indicate whether or not these birth weights reflect the final calves to be reported for this



contemporary group. The contemporary group will not be set until you select "yes" after all calving book records are sent in.

be chosen at any time throughout the entry process to view/edit/delete your entries. The Cart will list all of your entries with the fee for each calf displayed. You can select an entry for editing by choosing the edit icon, and you can also click on the "Delete" icon to delete a calving book entry that was previously saved to the cart.

To submit the calving book entries to the Association for processing, choose "Checkout." A new page will be displayed asking for additional information needed before your order can be processed.

Fill out all of the required fields and choose "Submit Order." This will process your order and will display a page with your order confirmation number. The calving entries are usually processed the next business day, which means they will show up in your Association Login account within two business days.

Angus Mobile App tool

Association Login lets you keep your records in one place accessible online and via your smartphone, thanks to the free Angus Mobile app. With spring calving season upon us, the Current Calf Inventory keeps track of your calf crop's records, including the records of unregistered calves. The Current Calf Inventory feature was developed as a way for producers to access the records of calves after submitting calving book records and before weaning.

Producers can access the AHIR[®] information and drill into the pedigree for the sire and the dam on the search results. Search results can also be exported into Excel for custom data sorting.

Summary

It has been said you can never keep too many records. Keeping accurate records is a convenient benefit of using tools like Association Login and the Angus Mobile app. These electronic options for submitting calving information are easy to learn and convenient for all producers to use.

Whether you are in the calving pen, warming up in the cab of the farm truck or back in the house that evening, take a moment to enter your calving information as the season unfolds. This will assure accuracy with data recording and make your recordkeeping tasks much easier.

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