

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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At a glance

JANUARY	
10	Applications due for Young Cattlemen's Conference
15	Structured Sire Evaluation (SSE) nominations due
15	AHIR enrollment ends
16	Season 4 of <i>The Angus Conversation</i>
FEBRUARY	
5-8	Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.

National Cattle Evaluation

Updates to online expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) were released Dec. 8, 2023, and included updated percentile tables, breed averages, and revised Main and Supplement sire listings. Visit www.angus.org/nce/ for more information.

Breeder nomination to test sires

The Structured Sire Evaluation (SSE) program is open for sires to be nominated by members. Members who are interested in having a sire(s) included in the program need to complete the nomination form by Jan. 15, 2024.

Visit www.angus.org for more information about the program and the nomination form.

AHIR Inventory Reporting enrollment deadline Jan. 15

Inventory Reporting enrollment for Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) enrollment 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, 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.

Members who are enrolled receive access to the Functional Longevity (FL) research EPD on their herd.

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

Automatic membership dues renewal

Automatic Dues Renewal is a service the American Angus Association is offering to annually renew regular and membership dues. This will be an automatic process using the saved payment method and selected membership type on file. You can manage your preferences or unenroll from Automatic Dues Renewal at any time.

To enroll today sign in to your AAA Login account, visit My Account > Manage Auto Dues Renewal.

Learn more in this issue's "Membership Tips" on page 74.

Pathfinder: submit data on females

Launched in 1978, the Pathfinder® Angus Program identifies superior

females in the breed based on performance data submitted through 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. 26, 2024, to be eligible for 2024 Pathfinder status. Pathfinder status will be announced Feb. 1, 2024

Catch up on the conversation



Season 4 of *The Angus Conversation*, an *Angus Journal* podcast, kicks off

Jan. 16. Listen to the new season anywhere you get podcasts, or visit www.theangusconversation.com.

Catch up on these episodes from season 3:

- **Get More Bidders:** Harsh, Long Say Sale-Day Prep Starts Now
- **'We'll Figure It Out'** — Bruner, Hall Jump Headfirst Into Direct-to-Consumer Beef Marketing
- **Remaining Relevant:** Stucky, Yon on Access to Data, Coordination and Competition

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www.theangusconversation.com



Build a legacy

The "A Legacy Built" campaign asks every member to give a recurring gift of \$150 to the Angus Foundation or a more manageable gift of \$12.50

every month. The campaign builds unrestricted donations for Angus programs such as scholarships, youth conferences, educational programs and research.

A member can donate through the Angus Foundation website (www.angusfoundation.org), mailing a check to the Angus Foundation or making a monthly pledge during Angus events.

For the profit-minded cattleman



Each month the *Angus Beef Bulletin* team brings you new *Angus at Work* podcast episodes.

Share with your commercial customers or get tips for your own herd. Listen anywhere you get podcasts, or follow the QR code.

Catch up on current episodes:

- **Considerations for Successful Heifer Development** with Lee Jones
- **A Packer's Perspective on Consumer Beef Demand** with Glen Dolezal
- **Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD) Signs and Treatment** with Shawn Blood

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Custom cattle tags

Custom cattle tags and other livestock identification supplies are available for purchase online at <http://customcattletags.com>. Through the end of Jan. 2024, members and others can use code "ANGUS10" for 10% off their order of high-quality visual ear tags, EID tags and a variety of Allflex accessories.

Producers can view a proof of their custom tag before placing an order. When accessing the Custom Cattle Tags website from AAA Login, members will have their shipping

address automatically generated and can import stored logos from their member or ranch profile into a tag layout.

For assistance placing an order, email tagstore@angus.org or call 816-383-5100.

Get BQAd in Nebraska

Beef Quality Assurance certification means beef raised with respect — respect for cattle care and respect for the high-quality beef consumers want. Because in this industry, respect isn't just something, it's everything.

Don't miss the next BQA workshop Feb. 24, at Round the Bend Steakhouse in Ashland, Neb. Enjoy networking, education and a Certified Angus Beef® brand lunch. Plus, a meet-and-greet opportunity with Coach John Cook, Head Coach for University of Nebraska volleyball.

Visit CABcattle.com/RaisedWithRespect to learn more and register. Not in Nebraska? Still visit the website to find upcoming 2024 BQA workshop locations brought to you by Certified Angus Beef and Sysco.

Apply for Young Cattlemen's Conference

Each year, the Angus Foundation supports tomorrow's beef leaders by sponsoring one individual to represent the Angus breed as they attend the Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC).

The educational event, spearheaded by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), is planned for May 30 through June 6, 2024. Applications for the Angus Foundation's spot on the trip can be found on the Angus Foundation website and are due Jan. 10, 2024.

YCC is a program developed for up-and-coming producers who are interested in seeing every

part of the supply chain from production to marketing to Capitol Hill. The primary objective is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and women and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry while building their professional network.

The sponsored attendee will have registration and travel costs covered by the Angus Foundation. Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 50 and in good standing with American Angus Association and a member of NCBA.

For more information and to download the application, visit www.angusfoundation.org.

Black Books available

Order 2024 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 \$3.50 each.

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

Fund the Future

The Angus Foundation Fund the Future program provides Angus breeders with a way to ensure a bright future for the breed. The initiative gives the breeder a unique and flexible opportunity to give back from their own annual production, consignment, bull or online genetic sale. Animals offered through private treaty are also eligible.

Breeders participating in the program donate a percentage of their choice on both live or genetic sale lots. The Angus Foundation will provide the program logo and footnote to distinguish a Fund the Future lot in the breeder's sale book.

Participants will be recognized in the Angus Foundation Impact

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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.....	\$3 <i>(per first weight submitted)</i>
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership w/ <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription.....	\$130
Lifetime membership.....	\$1,500 <i>(optional to pay in three \$500/year installments)</i>
Junior annual membership <i>(less than 21 years of age)</i>	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf.....regular registration fee plus	\$10
Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus	\$50

DNA TESTING FEES

ANGUS GSSM POWERED BY NEOGEN[®]

Neogen [®] Angus GS SM <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$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 <i>(Hair or TSU Only)</i>	\$4.50

ZOETIS[®] GENOMIC TESTS

Zoetis [®] HD50K <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$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 <i>(Hair or TSU Only)</i>	\$4.50

OTHER DNA TESTS

Parentage.....	\$18
Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$45
Coat Color Test.....	\$18
Arthrogyrosis 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

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).

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.

Report, the *Angus Journal* and on the Angus Foundation website.

When Angus breeders see an offering marked with the Fund the Future logo, they know a portion of its sale will be used to strengthen the breed by investing in its future. Proceeds will benefit the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted dollars for the Angus Foundation's mission of supporting Angus education, youth and research.

Contact the Angus Foundation for more information.

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.

Nominate individuals

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the National Junior Angus Association (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. **[A]**