



Association Highlights

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Pathfinder deadline is Feb. 14

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department for inclusion in the *2003 Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 14.

Gloria Hurlbut and the rest of the Performance Programs Department appreciate your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data into the office in a timely manner.

Spring Sire Evaluation Report available

Data from the American Angus Association spring 2003 *Sire Evaluation Report* has been available online for a few weeks; the printed version of the report is now available as well.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2002 report will receive the spring 2003 report automatically. All other members and all commercial producers who want a

printed report will be required to request it. Breeders who would like a quantity of printed reports to have on hand for their sale or event are welcome to do so. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Schafer at (816) 383-5144 or bshafer@angus.org.

Submit breeding records through AHIR

Another tool to assist Angus breeders with management and selection in their herds has been implemented, with the inclusion of breeding records in the AHIR program. The records will build a database that will be used to examine reproductive performance in the cow herd, ultimately providing the information to generate useful genetic predictions for reproductive traits.

Breeding information can be entered by the breeder on the Member Logon site, through the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) package or submitted on paper forms to AHIR.

Artificial insemination (AI) breeding dates, pasture breeding dates and applicable management information can be provided on the entire cow herd and replacement heifer group. The Member Logon site also has an option to print a calving and weaning report, which will have the projected calving date and most likely sire printed.

Implementation of this program, combined with accurate and complete disposal information, will account for the production of each female in a breeder's herd. The ability to track a cow's lifetime productivity and tie that information to profitability indicators will assist in the development of cow herd economic factors in registered Angus herds of all sizes. For more information on AHIR breeding records, refer to Member Logon at www.angus.org or contact the AHIR Department at (816) 383-5100.

NCBA highlights on the Web

If you couldn't attend the 2003 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show, in Nashville, Tenn., you can still see news and highlights from the event on the Web. Angus Productions Inc. (API) provides online coverage of the event at www.4cattlemen.com.

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., sponsors the Web site, which includes a schedule of activities, summaries of Cattlemen's College presentations, reports of various council and committee meetings, along with pictures and announcements of award winners.

Making a credit card payment?

When mailing work to the Association, breeders who pay fees with a Visa or MasterCard should double-check their account numbers and make sure the expiration date is listed on the forms before mailing. Having this information and making sure it is correct are necessary for the completion of work in a timely manner. If you have questions about paying with a credit card, contact the Member Services Department.

Junior entry booklets mailed

Every National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member should have received an

ASSOCIATION FEES

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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 major 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 weaning weight)	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$30
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*. Copies are available free from the Association.

BREEDERS' REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	%	Split-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	@	Clone-ET
^	Cell clone		

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information packet detailing 2003 junior shows, contests and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. This 40-page booklet contains the rules, entry forms and information Angus youth need to participate in regional preview shows, regional shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the LEAD Conference this year.

If you are a junior member who's

planning to participate in these events and who hasn't received a packet, contact the Junior Activities Department.

Check 'Next Generation' for junior information

Be sure to look for details on junior activities and deadlines in the "Next Generation" column. Included in this issue is information on:

- ▶ the 2003 Western Regional;
- ▶ the 2003 NJAS;
- ▶ the 2003 LEAD Conference;
- ▶ nominating Advisors of the Year and

- Honorary Angus Foundation recipients;
- ▶ Angus Foundation scholarships; and
- ▶ Auxiliary scholarships.

Association can help with junior transfer

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadlines for a specific show are fast approaching, the Association can help. Contact the American Angus Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.



BREEDERS' REFERENCE

In keeping with the open policy of the American Angus Association, a "Breeders' Reference" is published periodically in the Angus Journal to inform members of Angus cattle that have been determined free of genetic defects, those that have been determined carriers of genetic defects or genetic factors, and those that have been determined carriers of nontraditional blood.

- ▶ The bull **RS 0602 of DHD Trav 6807X4G9** (Reg. No. 13862855) produced a calf that was determined to be a dwarf. The bull was born March 16, 2000.
- ▶ The cow **High Valley 9C40 of 3H4** (Reg. No. 13437917) produced a calf that was determined to be a dwarf. The cow was born Sept. 4, 1999.

Section II Rule 2(g) paragraph 2 of the Association Rules, as published in the March 2002 "Breeder's Reference Guide," states:

Calves sired artificially by non-owned bulls that transmit dwarfism, osteopetrosis, syndactyly or double muscling are not eligible for registration if they are conceived artificially 60 or more days after first notification of the bull transmitting said genetic defect is published in the Angus Journal or breed publication.

Any pedigrees containing carriers of dwarfism have the letter "D" following the registration number to denote the documented defect.

A comprehensive "Genetic Defects & Factors" listing will be published in the March 2003 issue of the *Angus Journal*. It was last published in the January 2003 issue. Updates are listed when available as "Breeders' Reference" listings and can be located via the "Reference" department in the "Table of Contents."

