

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Apply for 2020 BLI

Applications for the 13th annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI), June 15-19, 2020, are now being accepted.

Sponsored by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Foundation, BLI is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a way to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry, now and in the future.

The Association will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation from their home and the beginning and ending points.

BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online at www.angus.org/event/BLIEntryForm.aspx. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15.

For more information, contact the Events & Education Department at 816-383-5100 or Madeline Bauer,

events coordinator, at mbauer@angus.org.

Buy one, get one custom cattle tags

Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, blank tags and prenumbered tags for cattle producers across the United States. Anyone can order ear tags, applicators, syringes and accessories.

Producers can buy one tag and get one free through Feb. 13. The buy one, get one is for tags only. It does not include text, logo printing or set-up fees. All sizes of visual tags, including blanks and pre-numbered are included. To qualify, producers must include their bull or female sale name and date in the comments when ordering. The discount will be applied to the invoice.

Visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association.

H designated for 2020

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, H001 and H002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2020.

Using the international letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For information about permanent ID (Rule 105) and naming animals (Rules 102 and 107), access the Breeder's Reference Guide.

To access the Breeder's Reference Guide from www.angus.org, click on

"Member Services," in the pull-down menu under "Member Center."

Check voting eligibility

American Angus Association members wanting to participate in the Board of Directors election and other business this fall need to meet four eligibility requirements before 4:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) April 10.

According to Association bylaws, only eligible voting members can nominate, be nominated, vote or be elected in the annual election of delegates. To participate in the electoral process and other business during the 137th Annual Convention of Delegates, a member must be considered an eligible voting member and must meet all of the following requirements by 4:30 p.m. CDT April 10:

- Active regular or life membership (dues paid in full)
- 18 years of age or older
- Registered at least one animal or completed at least \$250 of business with the Association or Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) within the preceding 12 months from when the nomination period begins (from April 8, 2019, to April 10, 2020)
- Be current with all financial obligations to the American Angus Association and all of its subsidiaries when the nominating period begins.

The fourth requirement is new this year and is the result of a bylaw amendment approved by delegates at the 136th Annual Convention of Delegates in Reno, Nev.

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It is encouraged to submit all necessary requirements with sufficient time for completion prior to April 10. The Association will mail delegate nomination forms only to active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT on April 10.

Contact the Association at 816-383-5100 with any questions, or reference the bylaws of the Association online at www.angus.org, referring to the applicable "Section 3.6: Determination of Eligible Voting Members" in "Article III: Convention of Delegates."

The 137th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, during the Angus Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Online registration for the convention will begin July 1 at www.angusconvention.com.

AngusLink in your sale catalog

AngusLinkSM promotional ads are available for Angus breeders to use in their sale books. AngusLink combines USDA Process Verified Programs (PVP) with a genetic merit scorecard that gives buyers confidence in your customer's calves. Go to www.angus.org/pub/SaleBookInserts.aspx to download an ad that fits the size you need for your catalog.

STAR conference

The State Training and Angus Retreat (STAR) conference will be March 26-28, at the American Angus Association office in Saint Joseph, Mo. This two-day conference was created to strengthen the communication between the state and national associations, as well as allow state officers and advisors the opportunity to gain knowledge while also receiving training on various leadership skills.

Marten Hired as Angus Foundation Executive Director



Thomas Marten joined the Angus Foundation as executive director Jan. 2. He is responsible for leadership and oversight to the growth and development of the Angus Foundation. Marten joins the organization from the FarmHouse Foundation, where he served as the director of the FH Excellence Fund.

"I'm very excited to have Thomas joining our organization to lead the Angus Foundation," says Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO. "Thomas comes with a strong résumé of philanthropy and fundraising, and couples that with a background and passion for agriculture."

Prior to his former role at FarmHouse, Marten was the FarmHouse director of advancement after serving as the executive director of the Stark County Farm Bureau in Toulon, Ill. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural sciences from Southern Illinois University and grew up on a diversified farm in Illinois.

"I am honored and excited to join Team Angus and work with our many loyal donors to continue to increase the incredible impact the Angus Foundation is making in growing leadership, investing in research and providing opportunities for the next generation of cattlemen and cattlemen in the Angus breed," Marten says. "It is evident farmers and ranchers across the United States are passionate to support the continued success of the Angus breed. I look forward to bringing my experiences in non-profit development and leadership to the Angus Foundation."

In the past the conference was only open to state officer positions. This year STAR is open to all NJAA members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1. New material for those that have attended in the past will be discussed. The registration deadline is Feb. 15. Entry form and schedule can be found at www.njaa.info.

Raising the Bar conference

This year, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will be "Climbing to New Angus Peaks" at the Raising the Bar conference, April 16-19, 2020, in Denver.

The conference builds stronger leaders and creates lasting friendships while exploring secondary education options. Participants will tour the Colorado State University (CSU) campus, visit local farms and ranches and will participate in workshops while networking with fellow juniors.

Registration deadline is March 15. Visit www.njaa.info for the registration form and more information. No parents or state advisors will be allowed to attend.

Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2020 NJAS in Harrisburg, Pa.

Eligibility requirements for the general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

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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\$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 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

- # 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 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).

Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org.

The application deadline is May 1. For more information, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

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.

Wildorado available online

A forgotten town finds hope in a young cowboy and his class of high school ag students. Defying the odds, they become one of the first student-led cattle companies in the nation. The newest Association documentary features the Wildorado Cattle Company of Wildorado, Texas. Wildorado, an *I Am Angus*® documentary, premiered on RFD-TV and the Angus TV YouTube Channel on Dec. 26, 2019.

To view the film and read the December *Angus Journal* article, visit www.angus.org/wildorado. 