

# ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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## J designated for 2021

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, J001 and J002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2021.

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](http://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. CDT April 9.

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 138th 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 9:

- 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 12, 2020, to April 9, 2021)
- Be current with all financial obligations to the American Angus Association and all of its subsidiaries when the nominating period begins.

It is encouraged to submit all necessary requirements with sufficient time for completion prior to April 9. 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 9.

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

The 138th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, during the Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Online registration for the convention will begin July 1 at [www.angusconvention.com](http://www.angusconvention.com).

## Raising the Bar conference

This year, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will host "Angus in Auburn" Raising the Bar

conference, April 8-11, 2021, in Montgomery, Ala.

Participants will tour the Auburn University campus, visit local farms and ranches, and participate in workshops while networking with fellow juniors.

Registration deadline is March 15. Visit [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) for the registration form and more information. No parents or state advisors will be allowed to attend.

## 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

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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](http://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).

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.

**Foundation scholarships**

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2021 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb.

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 scholarships permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Angus Foundation will also 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.

Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship applications are available at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

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

**Angus Beef Bulletin**

Advertising deadlines are fast approaching for the March issue of the *Angus Beef Bulletin*®. The

space reservation deadline is Feb. 1; materials deadline is Feb. 10; and the issue will arrive in mailboxes March 15-20.

The *Angus Beef Bulletin* is a four-color magazine that provides commercial cattlemen with management and marketing information. To reserve an advertising space, contact your regional manager or advertising executive.

## Angus offers regional manager internship

The American Angus Association is offering a regional manager internship this fall designed to enhance a student's abilities to build relationships, craft a promotional strategy and learn about the Angus business and cattle industry.

From assisting with herd visits to securing advertising in the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*, to providing insight to producers and more, the regional manager intern will gain valuable hands-on, real-world experience in the Angus business. Applicants should have a basic understanding of the cattle industry, be eager to learn and willing to travel.

College juniors or seniors studying animal science, agricultural business or other agricultural-related majors are encouraged to apply. Candidates should be outgoing, able to work well with all types of people and a self-starter.

The internship is based out of the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

To apply, submit a cover letter

and résumé to [careers@angus.org](mailto:careers@angus.org) by April 1, 2021.

## #RestaurantChallenge

They've been there as we celebrated big milestones, or to make the everyday special. They provide us comfort away from home or simply make a busy weeknight manageable. Restaurants are also such an important part of our beef industry economics, and it's no secret they're hurting right now.

The *Certified Angus Beef*® brand recently launched a campaign to start a movement to support our restaurants and the small business owners, chefs, servers and all the others who make a career out of serving others. They need us. Visit <http://challenge.certifiedangusbeef.com>, to see how you can help. 

MCBRIDE ANGUS FARM  
**ANNUAL BULL + FEMALE SALE**  
LIVE CLOSE 6:00 PM | TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

**MCBRIDE NIAGARA 1915 ET**  
REG #19759190 | DOB 9.2.19  
SIRE S S NIAGARA 229  
MGS S A V FINAL ANSWER 0035  
TOP 3% SF | TOP 10% SB

**MCBRIDE ENHANCE AA**  
REG #19560664 | DOB 9.7.19  
SIRE SYDGEN ENHANCE  
MGS A A R TEN X7008 S A  
TOP 2% SB | TOP 3% SC

**Selling**  
TWENTY-FIVE  
**15 TO 17-MONTH-OLD BULLS**  
20 FEMALES, INCLUDING 3-IN-1'S, FULL PAIRS AND BRED COWS

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