

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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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 8.

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 139th 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 8:

- 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 11, 2021, to April 8, 2022)
- 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 8. Only active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT April 8 will receive delegate nomination forms.

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 139th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, during the Angus Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

K designated for 2022

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, K001 and K002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2022.

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.”

Phenotypic traits on EPD/Pedigree Lookup

A recent addition to EPD/Pedigree Lookup includes a list of phenotypic traits. These are the phenotypes that have been submitted to the Association for individual animals.

For example, if an animal had phenotypes for calving ease, birth weight, weaning weight, a yearling docility score, foot claw set and foot angle recorded, the Phenotypic Traits list would include CE, BW, WW, Doc, Claw and Angle.

Angus Beef Bulletin

Advertising deadlines are fast approaching for the March issue of the *Angus Beef Bulletin*®. The space reservation deadline is Feb. 3; 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.

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Regional manager internship

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

From assisting with herd visits and 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 have a willingness to travel.

Applications are being accepted from college juniors or seniors studying animal science, agricultural business or other agricultural-related major. Candidates should be outgoing, able to work well with all types of people and a self-starter.

The internship begins in August and extends through early December. The intern would be based at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., with opportunities to travel.

Students who wish to apply should upload their résumé, cover letter and references to the career center at www.angus.org/careers by April 1, 2022. Visit www.angus.org/careers for full internship descriptions and requirements.

Angus Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo.

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.

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

Black Books available

Order 2022 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 \$3.25 each.

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

Raising the Bar conference

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will host "Angus Raids Lubbock" Raising the Bar conference, March 31-April 3, in Lubbock, Texas.

Participants will tour the Texas Tech University campus, visit local farms and ranches, and participate in workshops and networking.

Registration deadline is March 4. Visit www.njaa.info for the registration form and more information. No parents or state advisors will be allowed to attend.

NJAA dates and deadlines

The NJAA website includes all upcoming show and conference information, including entry forms and hotel information.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa for the complete list of dates and deadlines to mark your calendars.

NJAA entry and rule changes

NJAA changes that went into effect beginning Jan. 1, 2022, include:

- Online-only entries for NJAA sponsored shows and conferences, including Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC), Eastern Regional, Western Regional, Atlantic National, Northwest Regional, All-American Breeder's Futurity and the NJAS.
- All ownership dates will be based on process date, not postmark or sale date. Any registrations will need to clear on or before the ownership date. This includes embryo transfer (ET) calves or any animals that require DNA to register, so please plan accordingly.
- The cow-calf pair rule was changed during the Events and Education September Board Meeting. The change pertains to ownership restrictions of the calf at side. For more information, see the specific show rules on the NJAA website.

For additional information on these changes, visit the NJAA website at www.angus.org/njaa.

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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 (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).

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 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.

Affordable ID

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association.

Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, tissue sampling units (TSUs), sale tags and 840 radio frequency identification (RFID) tags for cattle producers across the United States.

Sale-day kit

Producers planning a sale can request a sale-day kit from the American Angus Association.

Go online and visit The Angus Brand at <https://shop.angus.org> to find educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs. Printed literature is free but will include the cost of shipping. 