

# 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 7.

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 140th 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 7:

- 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 10, 2022, to April 7, 2023)

- 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 7. Only active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT April 7 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](http://www.angus.org), referring to the applicable “Section 3.6: Determination of Eligible Voting Members” in “Article III: Convention of Delegates.”

The 140th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, during the Angus Convention in Orlando, Fla.

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

Through this new relationship, IMI Global will be providing the verification services for the USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) for IMI Global and AngusLink customers. The collaboration makes it easier and more efficient for producers to access an extensive suite of verification programs and the feeder cattle industry’s leading genetic merit evaluation tool in one enrollment.

“With tightening margins, the need for producers to differentiate their cattle and create market access with flexibility is key. At the same time, the value of superior genetics has never been greater,” says Mark McCully, Association CEO. “These two market drivers are creating tremendous opportunities for producers to describe and verify their cattle.”

Now available to IMI customers, the AngusLink Genetic Merit Scorecard® gives producers the ability to effectively communicate the genetic potential of their feeder calves to prospective buyers with three scores: Beef, Feedlot and Grid. The scores are calculated based on the Association’s extensive genetic database with more than 80 million datapoints.

In addition, AngusLink customers will also have access to IMI’s new sustainability standard, CARE Certified, which encompasses Animal Care, Environmental Stewardship and People & Community, which are all of growing importance in today’s marketplace. Other PVP claims available include AngusVerified<sup>SM</sup>, Source, Age, Non-Hormone Treated

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## Angus partners with IMI Global

For today’s cattle producers, it is more important than ever to be able to differentiate their cattle in the marketplace. Two of the leading third-party verification companies, IMI Global and the American Angus Association’s AngusLink<sup>SM</sup>, have joined forces to create an improved experience for those cattle producers, while offering more value-added opportunities.

Cattle (NHTC), Verified Natural Beef and more.

“This working relationship streamlines the process for producers by making it easier for them to enroll in all verification programs at once while also allowing them access to programs they may not have had before,” says John Saunders, IMI Global CEO. “This partnership proves that everyone involved is prioritizing innovation and collaboration in order for cattlemen all over the country to achieve success.”

## Spring 2023 Sire Evaluation Report available

From a total of 307,030 sires with progeny records in the American Angus Association database Dec. 2, 2022, the Spring 2023 Sire Evaluation Report lists 2,277 sires with the following qualifications:

1. The sire must have at least 35 yearling progeny weights in proper contemporary groups on Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).
2. The sire must have a yearling accuracy value of at least 0.40.
3. The sire must have had at least five calves recorded in the American Angus Association Herd Book since Jan. 1, 2021.

The Young Sire Supplement lists 2,039 bulls born after Jan. 1, 2019, that have at least 10 progeny weaning weights on AHIR and have a weaning accuracy of at least 0.30.

To view the latest Sire Evaluation Report online, visit [www.angus.org/nce/sireevaluation](http://www.angus.org/nce/sireevaluation).

## L designated for 2023

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, L001 and L002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2023.

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.”

## Free marketing expertise, register now

Join us for the 2023 Angus Media Marketing Summit (AMMS) in Columbia, Mo., on Feb. 26. The summit is your free opportunity to work face-to-face with the Angus Media team to elevate your operation’s print and digital marketing strategy and build a successful plan to reach your target audience.

At AMMS, you will hear from industry professionals about integrated marketing solutions that have helped cattlemen in the *Business Breed* escalate their marketing strategies and elevate their brand.

Seats are limited. To preregister or learn more visit [www.angusmediamarketingsummit.com/](http://www.angusmediamarketingsummit.com/).

## 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. 8; 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 Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show (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.

## Raising the Bar conference

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will host the “Tearin’ it up with the Tigers” Raising the Bar conference, March 30-April 2, in Clemson, S.C.

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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) cal.....regular registration fee plus \$10
- Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus \$50

**BREEDER'S REFERENCE** Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

**SYMBOL MEANING**

#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	@	Clone-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	*	Parentage qualified to both parents and the mating
^	Cell clone		
%	Split-ET		

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.

**DNA TESTING FEES**

**ANGUS GS<sup>SM</sup> POWERED BY NEOGEN<sup>®</sup>**

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- Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$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 (Hair or TSU Only).....\$4.50

**ZOETIS<sup>®</sup> GENOMIC TESTS**

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

**OTHER DNA TESTS**

- Parentage.....\$18
- Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$45
- Coat Color Test.....\$18
- Arthrogryposis 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

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).

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).

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

Registration deadline is March 1. 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.

**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](http://www.angus.org/njaa) for the complete list of dates and deadlines to mark your calendars.

**NJAA entry and rule changes**

With the 2023 show season in full swing, the NJAA wants to make junior members, parents and Angus breeders aware of some changes to the ownership deadlines that went into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

NJAA sponsored shows [Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC), Eastern Regional, Western Regional, Atlantic National, All-American Breeders' Futurity, Northwest Regional and National Junior Angus Show] are no longer accepting postmark dates for ownership.

For more information and details about this change and others for 2023, visit [www.angus.org/pub/2023-letter-to-jr-membership.pdf](http://www.angus.org/pub/2023-letter-to-jr-membership.pdf) or [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

**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 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.

### **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.

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Be part of the latest discussions in the Angus breed. Season 2 of *The Angus Conversation* kicked off Jan. 17, with new episodes going live every two weeks through May. Hear from breeders, researchers and industry experts on everything from marketing to tackling today's challenges. The podcast is available on all major podcast platforms, or by visiting [www.TheAngusConversation.com](http://www.TheAngusConversation.com).



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