

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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At a glance

FEBRUARY	
5-8	Board meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.
24	BQA workshop, Ashland, Neb.
MARCH	
1	Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation nomination deadline
APRIL	
1	Regional manager internship deadline
MAY	
1	Angus Foundation scholarships due

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 5.

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 141st 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 5:

- 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 9, 2023, to April 5, 2024)

- 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 5. Only active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT April 5 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 141st Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, during the Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

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

Spring 2024 Sire Evaluation Report

From a total of 316,065 sires with progeny records in the American Angus Association database Dec. 1, 2023, the Spring 2024 Sire Evaluation Report lists 2,260 sires with the following qualifications:

The sire must have at least 35 yearling progeny weights in proper contemporary groups on Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

The sire must have a yearling accuracy value of at least 0.40.

The sire must have had at least

five calves recorded in the American Angus Association Herd Book since Jan. 1, 2022.

The Young Sire Supplement lists 1,886 bulls born after Jan. 1, 2020, 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.

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M designated for 2024

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, M001 and M002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2024.

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."

Angus Beef Bulletin

Advertising deadlines are fast approaching for the March issue of the *Angus Beef Bulletin*®. The space reservation deadline is Feb. 7; materials deadline is Feb. 9; 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.

Automatic membership dues renewal

Automatic Dues Renewal is a service the American Angus Association is offering to annually renew regular and membership dues. This will be an automatic process using the saved payment method and selected membership type on file. You can manage your preferences or unenroll from Automatic Dues Renewal at any time.

To enroll today, sign in to your AAA Login account, and visit My Account > Manage Auto Dues Renewal.

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 willing 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, 2024. Visit the career center 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 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Madison, Wis.

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 a National Junior Angus Association (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.

NJAA dates and deadlines

The NJAA website is updated for 2024 shows and events including all entry forms and information for the following shows: Mid Atlantic Junior Angus Classic, Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Atlantic National Angus Show, Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, All-American Angus Breeders Futurity, NJAS; NJAS hotel information; NJAA general show guidelines; and Raising the Bar and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference information.

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

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.

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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.....	\$3 <i>(per first weight submitted)</i>
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership w/ <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription.....	\$130
Lifetime membership.....	\$1,500 <i>(optional to pay in three \$500/year installments)</i>
Junior annual membership <i>(less than 21 years of age)</i>	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf.....regular registration fee plus	\$10
Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus	\$50

DNA TESTING FEES

ANGUS GSSM POWERED BY NEOGEN[®]

Neogen [®] Angus GS SM <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$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 <i>(Hair or TSU Only)</i>	\$4.50

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Zoetis [®] HD50K <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
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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 <i>(Hair or TSU Only)</i>	\$4.50

OTHER DNA TESTS

Parentage.....	\$18
Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$45
Coat Color Test.....	\$18
Arthrogyrosis Multiplex (AM) Test.....	\$22
Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH) Test.....	\$22
Contractural Arachnoidactyly (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

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	Arthrogyrosis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnoidactyly
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).

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.

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.

Build a legacy

The "A Legacy Built" campaign asks every member to give a recurring gift of \$150 to the Angus Foundation or a more manageable gift of \$12.50 every month. The campaign builds unrestricted donations for Angus programs such as scholarships, youth conferences, educational programs and research.

A member can donate through the Angus Foundation website (www.angusfoundation.org), mailing a check to the Angus Foundation or making a monthly pledge during Angus events.

Custom cattle tags

Custom cattle tags and other livestock identification supplies including high-quality visual ear tags, electronic identification (eID) tags and a variety of Allflex accessories are available for purchase at <http://customcattletags.com>.

Producers can view a proof of their custom tag before placing an order. When accessing the Custom Cattle Tags website from AAA Login, members will have their shipping address automatically generated and can import stored logos from their member or ranch profile into a tag layout.

For assistance placing an order, email tagstore@angus.org or call 816-383-5100.

Get BQAd in Nebraska

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification means beef raised with respect — respect for cattle care and respect for the high-quality beef consumers want. Because in this industry, respect isn't just something, it's everything.

Don't miss the next BQA workshop Feb. 24, at Round the Bend Steakhouse in Ashland, Neb. Enjoy networking, education and a *Certified Angus Beef*[®] brand lunch. Plus, there will be a meet-

and-greet opportunity with Coach John Cook, head coach for University of Nebraska volleyball.

Visit www.CABcattle.com/RaisedWithRespect to learn more and register. Not in Nebraska? Still visit the website to find upcoming 2024 BQA workshop locations brought to you by Certified Angus Beef and Sysco.

Black Books available

Order 2024 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 \$3.50 each. To order, call 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.


Fund the Future

The Angus Foundation Fund the Future program provides Angus breeders a unique and flexible opportunity to give back from their own annual production, consignment, bull or online genetic sale. Animals offered through private treaty are also eligible.

Breeders participating in the program donate a percentage of their choice on both live or genetic sale lots. The Angus Foundation will provide the program logo and footnote to distinguish a Fund the Future lot in the breeder's sale book.

Participants will be recognized in the Angus Foundation Impact Report, the *Angus Journal* and on the Angus Foundation website.

When an offering is marked with the Fund the Future logo, buyers know a portion of its sale will be used to strengthen the breed by investing in its future. Proceeds will benefit the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted dollars for the Angus Foundation's mission of supporting Angus education, youth and research.

Contact the Angus Foundation for more information. 

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