

Log on to the Association

The American Angus Association offers members a new service via the Internet.

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The latest American Angus Association Web site feature allows members to log in via the Internet to view their Angus data. In its first six weeks, more than 1,500 members took advantage of the service.

The Web site allows active regular, life and junior members to create a password-protected profile to log in and to view their registered herd inventories, artificial insemination (AI) certificate inventories, expected progeny difference (EPD) data, Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data and much more.

New features, such as submitting registration and performance data online and ordering supplies, will continue to be added in the next few months. For quick access to the member login Web site, visit www.angusonline.org.

This service is free and is available 24 hours/day. Data is updated daily. The information you view on the Web site is always from the previous business day. You can verify the currency of the information by noting the "as of" date, which is displayed on all search-results pages.

For example, if the Association receives registration data from you on Monday, and the registration information has no errors, the newly registered animals can be viewed on the Web site on Tuesday, usually by 8 a.m.

Following are instructions and screen captures of the Association member login area.

Fig. 1 shows the login page, which is located at www.angusonline.org. On this page, members can enter their member codes and passwords. New users will need to click on the "Sign me up!" link, then complete and submit the new-user form shown in Fig. 2. The form cells denoted with asterisks are required fields; you must

Fig. 1: Member login page available at www.angusonline.org



Fig. 2: Page for creating membership profile



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Fig. 3: The main menu provides access to AI certificate inventories, herd inventories, herd EPDs, and membership and account information

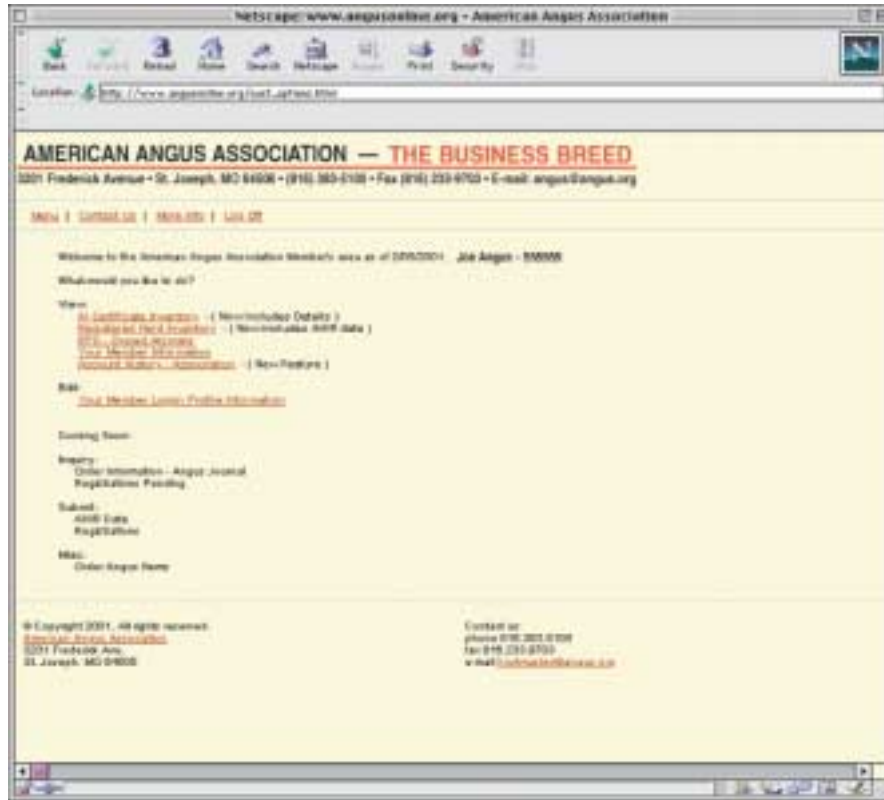
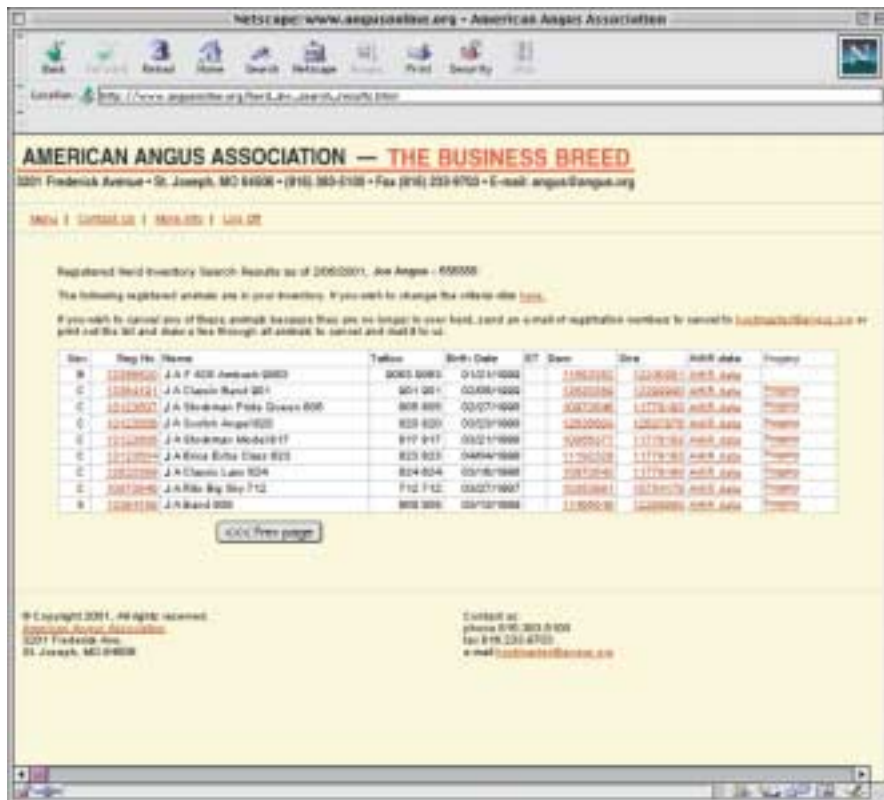


Fig. 4: The results screen of a herd-inventory search provides links to individual EPD/pedigree pages and AHIR data



enter your member information in order for the form to be accepted.

After completing the form, click on the “Create” button to send your data to the Association. Once the profile information is verified, you will receive within one business day — via e-mail — your password for login.

The Association also mails a letter to the member who created the profile at the membership address on file with the Association. The letter confirms the profile creation and provides the initial password providing access.

If you have more than one member code in your family, you should create a profile for each one.

Once your password is received and you log in, there are several links available to view your herd’s various records. Fig. 3 shows the main menu from where you access your information.

Explore the links

AI Certificate Inventory

This link can access all available AI certificates in your inventory or look for all available certificates for a specific bull.

Once the list of certificates in inventory is accessed, you can click on the number in the “Available” column to see the last 12 months of activity on each bull. This will itemize purchased or transferred AI certificates. If you have used any AI certificates for registration, you can click on the link labeled “Details” to find the actual animals registered from the certificates.

Registered Herd Inventory

This link allows you to view all the Angus cattle you have registered or had transferred to you. Clicking “Registered Herd Inventory” will pull up a screen requesting some simple search criteria. You can narrow the report by specifying bulls, cows or steers or by specifying a tattoo number.

There is also a “sort by” option that allows you to sort your animals by registration number, name, birth date or tattoo in ascending or descending order.

Selecting all animals and submitting the request will pull up a screen, similar to Fig. 4, listing all the animals in your herd inventory.

There are several things you can do from this page. You can click on the

individual's, dam's or sire's registration number to take you directly to a page listing that animal's current EPDs and three-generation pedigree (see Fig. 5).

You can click on the "AHIR data" link. This will take you to a page listing the animal's EPDs and any AHIR information — such as weights, adjusted weights, ratios, heights, adjusted heights and ultrasound data — that may be on file with the Association (see Fig. 6).

For the cows in your inventory with progeny, you can click on the "Progeny" link. This will take you to a page listing the cow's production record, including data such as calving interval; average birth, weaning and yearling ratios; and average ultrasound ratios. It also lists all of the cow's progeny — registered or unregistered. From here you can access each calf's performance data by using the links provided.

If there are animals listed in your herd inventory that are no longer in your herd, the page contains instructions for e-mailing or mailing corrections to the Association for processing.

EPD – Owned Animals

This link will return the most current EPDs of all your owned animals. Like the herd inventory search, selecting "EPD – Owned Animals" on the main menu will pull up a search-criteria page. You can narrow the scope of the report generated by specifying gender and beginning and ending birth-year range.

You also can choose whether you want the results sorted by registration number, name, birth date or tattoo. Define your search and submit it to access information similar to that shown in Fig. 7 on page 284.

The results screen can be printed in landscape format on standard 8½-by-11-inch paper.

From the results screen, you also can click on the individual's name to access a page listing the animal's current EPDs and three-generation pedigree.

Your Member Information

This link accesses the membership information currently on file with the Association. It lists the member's herd location, mailing address, membership expiration date and phone numbers (see Fig. 8 on page 284).

If any information needs to be corrected, the member can type a note in

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Fig. 5: The EPD/pedigree pages include ownership information, a three-generation pedigree with hot links to individuals in the pedigree and EPD information

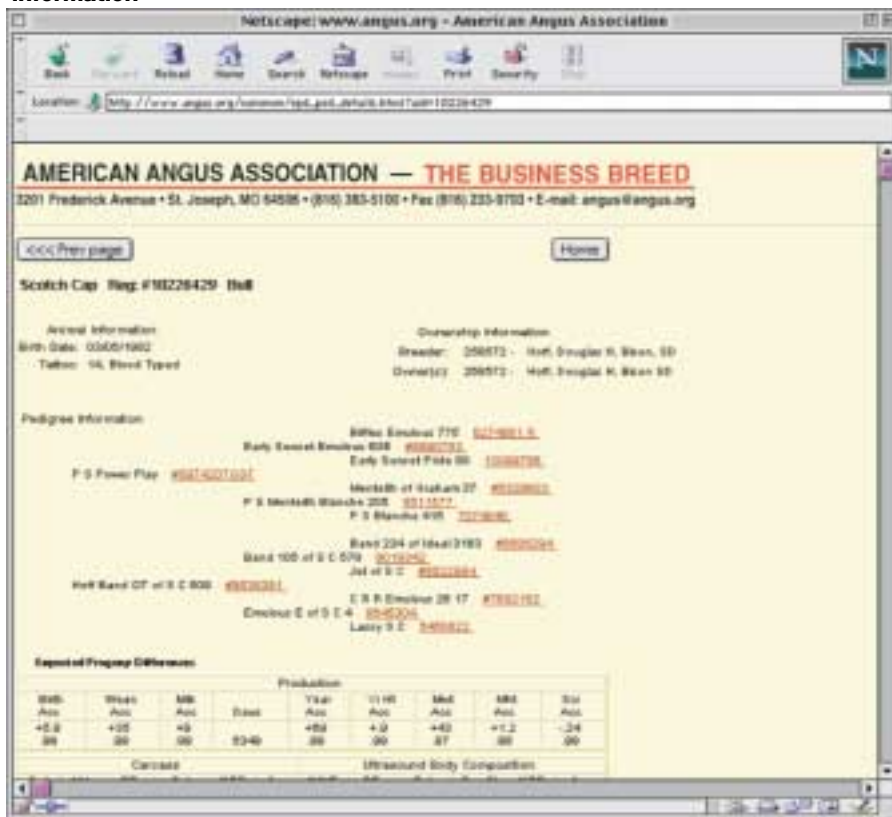


Fig. 6: The AHIR data link provides AHIR information submitted to the Association

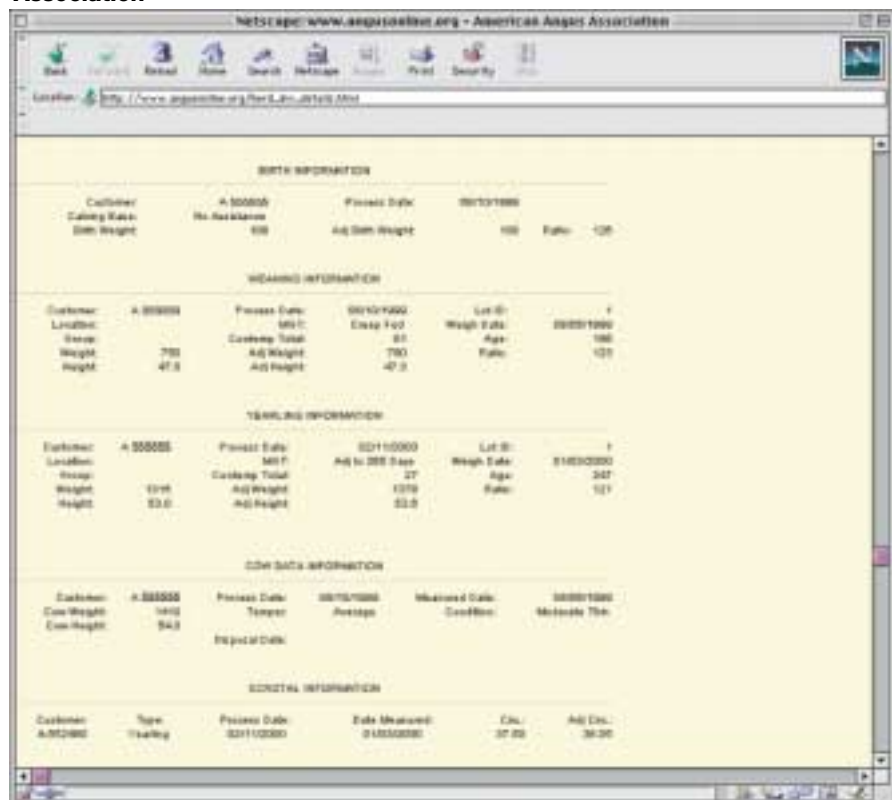
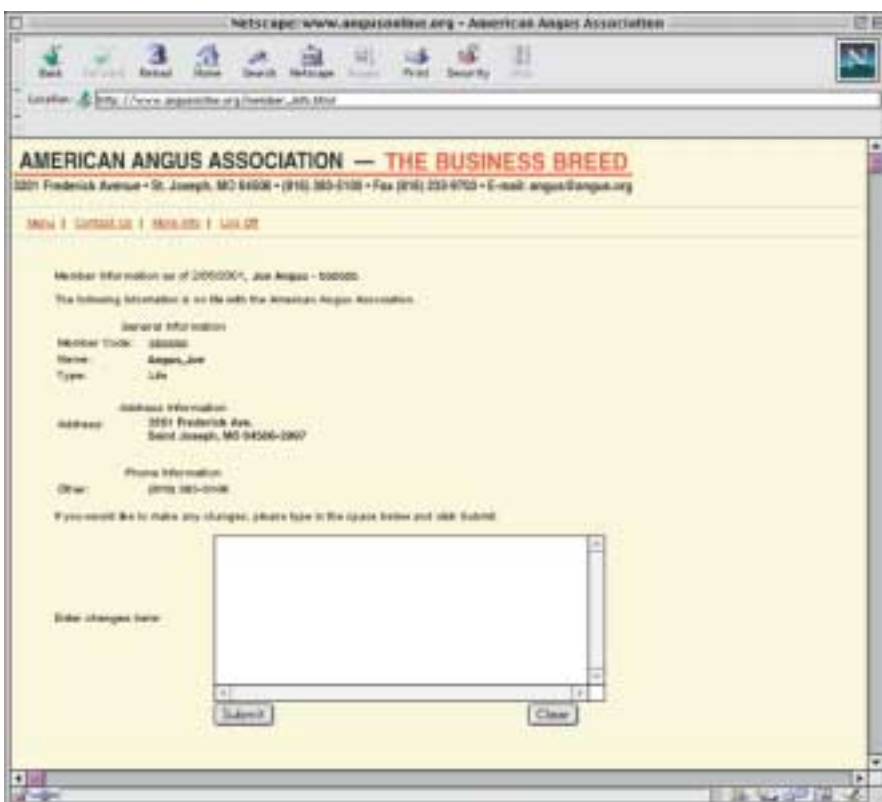


Fig. 7: Results of an “EPD – Owned Animals” search



Fig. 8: Member Information relays the information that is currently on file with the Association



the field provided and click the submit button. The Association will process the change.

Account History – Association

This link accesses the member’s account history with the Association for the past 12 months. It shows the date orders were processed at the Association, the number of registrations or transfers received, and the number of registrations or transfers that are being held pending further information (see Fig. 9). It also indicates if any other items were ordered, how much the entire order was and the balance due.

You can click the file number link to get a breakdown of the order total (see Fig. 10).

Future enhancements to this site will include a way for the member to see exactly what animal was registered with this order. It also will provide a way to view the reasons that registration and transfers are held in the office.

In addition to viewing their account history with the Association, a recently added feature will allow members to view their account history with the *Angus Journal*. Members can view any orders for advertisements, subscriptions, Web marketing services or special services. The account histories will show activity during the last 12 months.

Your Member Logon Profile Information

This link pulls up the information that was used to establish the account and password (see Fig. 11). You can use this to update your e-mail address, phone number and address information.

You also can use this to change your existing password. The Association assigns a random password when you initially sign up, but we recommend you change it to something you will remember more easily. We also recommend you change your password on a regular basis.

Once you change your password, you will have to use that password to log in.

If you forget your password, click “Forgot Your Password” on the original login screen to access the page shown in Fig. 12. Fill in your member code and click “Submit.” The Association will send the account password to the e-mail address listed in the membership profile.

Usage tips

Be as complete as possible when requesting your profile. We verify this information against what we have in our records. Incomplete information will delay activation of your profile.

You will notice as you go through each page that the links across the top stay the same. You always can click on the “Menu” link to get back to the page that lists all the

options you have available.

On any search page, you always can click the “Clear” button to reset the information to the way it was when you first accessed the page.

When you are finished using the site, follow the “Log Off” link. This will end your session.

Throughout the member login site, if a word or phrase is dark red and underlined, the user can click on it, and the program

will take the user to another page of information. At any time, click on the “Menu” link at the top of any page to get back to the main menu.

More features will be added to this site over the next several months.

If you have questions or need assistance in using this new service, e-mail hostmaster@angus.org. Comments also are welcome.



Fig. 9: An account-history search provides access to activity from the last 12 months

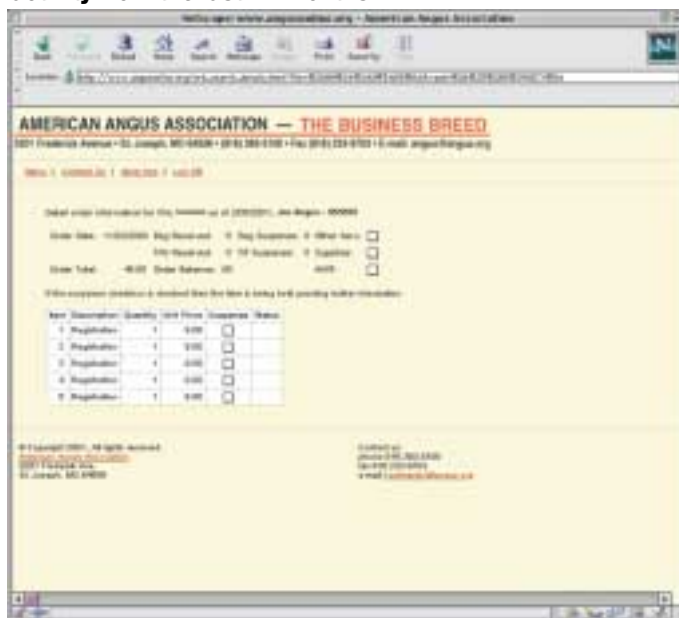


Fig. 10: Detailed order information breaks down an order by item

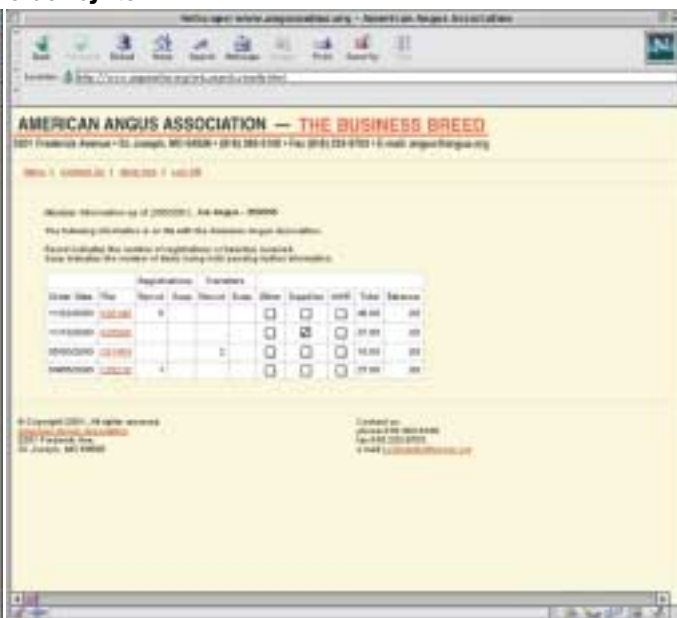


Fig. 11: Members can change their account passwords on the Member Profile screen

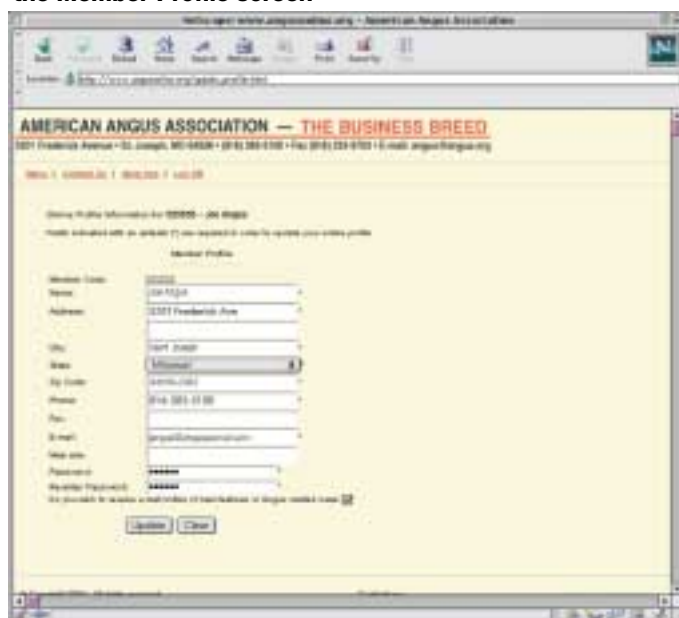


Fig. 12: This screen allows you to request that the Association e-mail your password to the address in the profile

