

# ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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## Delegate nomination forms

Preparations are being made for the American Angus Association's 2019 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Reno, Nev. Forms to nominate delegates to the annual meeting will be mailed to every active life and regular member of the Association who qualifies as an eligible voting member prior to April 5, according to the Bylaws.

The nomination period is April 8-June 7. Each eligible voting member is allowed to nominate one eligible voting member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself. The candidate should be highly involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office by mail or online submission no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT on June 7, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to all eligible voting members in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the form, please return it promptly.

## PAP research EPD

The American Angus Association and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) released a research expected progeny difference (EPD) for high altitude pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP) on Feb. 1.

The PAP EPD predicts the genetic differences in PAP score with lower scoring animals being more acceptable. PAP is an indicator for

animals with lower risk of developing high altitude disease (HAD), which in most cases results in congestive right heart failure.

This latest EPD from AGI is a first of its kind for any breed association and will help producers identify cattle less susceptible to HAD.

This research report lists AI permitted bulls with accuracy values of greater than or equal to 0.40 for the trait. To learn more and download the report visit [www.angus.org/nce/documents/PAPResearchSires-020119.pdf](http://www.angus.org/nce/documents/PAPResearchSires-020119.pdf).

## Raising the Bar conference

This year, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will be in the Little Apple March 21-24, 2019, for Raising the Bar.

The conference, funded by the Angus Foundation, is designed to build stronger leaders and create lasting friendships while exploring secondary education options. Participants will also tour farms and ranches in the area and other Manhattan attractions.

Registration deadline is March 1. No parents or state advisors will be allowed to attend.

## Phenotype and Genotype Show

The Phenotype and Genotype Show (PGS) will be hosted in conjunction with both the 2019 Western Regional Junior Angus Show (WRJAS) in Reno, Nev., and Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show (ERJAS) in Timonium, Md.

This show creates another avenue for junior members to show their heifers in an additional competition

while providing an educational opportunity to learn about the value of expected progeny differences (EPDs) as part of the process in selecting seedstock.

Animals entered in the PGS will be evaluated by a judge under a system that requires both genotypes and phenotypes to be considered. The results will be a composite score where the genotype (EPD) placings and phenotype placings will be equally weighted at 50%. For more information, visit [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

Entry and ownership deadline for WRJAS is March 1 and the ERJAS, entry and ownership deadline is May 1.

## Show for the Purple

The 2019 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will take place July 14-20 in Louisville, Ky.

More than 1,200 head of cattle are expected to compete in the show ring at this year's NJAS themed "Win, Place, Show for the Purple."

The classes offered will provide opportunities for juniors to exhibit their owned heifers, bred-and-owned (B&O) heifers, cow-calf pairs, steers, and B&O bulls.

## 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 by March 1.

## Herds of the century

The Century Award recognizes members who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 100 years or more.

Award recipients are recognized with an engraved plaque at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet, notice in the *Angus Journal*, and a list maintained on the Association's website.

Applications are available online at [www.angus.org/Customer/AwardsAndRecognitions.aspx](http://www.angus.org/Customer/AwardsAndRecognitions.aspx) or by contacting the Events and Education Department. This year's awards will be presented during the Awards Recognition Breakfast in Reno, Nev., during the 2019 Angus Convention.

## Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2019 NJAS in Louisville, Ky.

The 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 Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will 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 NJAA member and must

currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines 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.

## Auxiliary scholarships

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

Applications are available at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

## Affiliate scholarship

The Angus Foundation will provide \$1,000 scholarships to three youth who use Angus genetics in their seedstock or commercial operations. Awards will be distributed this July.

The applicant or applicant's parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months.

Full details can be found at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship application is available online and is due May 1.

## Feeding Quality Forum

The *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Feeding Quality Forum is set for Aug. 27-28 in Amarillo, Texas.

It's the second year of a format change from the historic one-day event to two, which includes additional educational opportunities

## At a glance

### MARCH 2019

- 1 Nominations for Advisors of the Year due
- 1 Nominations Honorary Angus Foundation recipients due
- 1 Raising the Bar conference registration deadline
- 1 WRJAS Phenotype and Genotype Show entry and ownership deadline

21-24 Raising the Bar conference

### MAY 2019

- 1 American Angus Auxiliary scholarship applications due
- 1 Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- 1 ERJAS Phenotype and Genotype Show entry and ownership deadline

and an expanded target audience.

"We really wanted to bring together those quality-minded cattle feeding industry participants and their cow-calf suppliers," says Kara Lee, CAB production brand manager. "We're planning to cover everything from markets and consumers trends to technical sessions on implanting and health monitoring."

The schedule allows for networking time, including the evening banquet to celebrate the 2019 FQF Industry Achievement Award honoree.

An optional packing plant tour is planned, with limited space reserved for early registrants.

Watch [CABcattle.com](http://CABcattle.com) for registration information.

## G designated for 2019

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in

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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).

conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, G001 and G002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2019.

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 (BRG).

To access the BRG from [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), click on "Member Services," in the pull-down menu under "Member Center."

**Transfer assistance**

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer that he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines. If a deadline is approaching and you haven't received the transferred registration, the Association can help.

Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason or circumstances.

**Report new leaders**

State and regional Angus associations should submit officer listings to the Association by May 1 for listing on [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). Listings may include association name, current officers, contact information and website. If you haven't received a form to update your association's listing, contact Amber Wahlgren or Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5200 or at [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org).

State auxiliary information is requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

**Sire Evaluation Report**

The printed version of the American Angus Association *Spring*

2019 Sire Evaluation Report became available mid-January. Containing the EPDs and dollar value indexes (\$Values) released Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, the evaluation includes 2,386 sires in the main report with another 2,401 bulls listed in the Young Sire Supplement.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the report received it automatically. To request a copy, contact Brenda Weigart at the Association at [bweigart@angus.org](mailto:bweigart@angus.org) or 816-383-5144.

## 2019 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2019 Angus Convention at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev., Nov. 1-4.

Booth information is also available at [www.angusconvention.com](http://www.angusconvention.com).

Registration and hotel blocks will open July 1.

The convention offers producers and industry leaders opportunities for networking, education and breed improvement in addition to conducting the business of the American Angus Association.

## Sale/field-day kit

Producers planning a summer field day or a fall sale can request

a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the American Angus Association. Go online and visit The Angus Brand at [www.shop.angus.org](http://www.shop.angus.org) to find educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs. Printed literature is still free, but will now include the cost of shipping.

## Custom cattle tags

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit [www.customcattletags.com](http://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 RFID tags for cattle producers across the United States.

## MaternalPlus incentives

The Association is offering cash-back incentives for herds enrolling in the MaternalPlus® program.

Incentives include:

- Introductory 5% cash back on Association fees once a producer completes the first year's enrollment.
- An extra 2.5% cash back each subsequent year a re-enrollment is completed until 150,000 females are enrolled in

the program.

Association fees eligible for the cash-back rebate include membership, registration, transfer and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) submitted and paid for in the previous 12 months.


To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or AAA Login.

## The Angus Report

The Angus Report delivers Association and industry news each week on RFD-TV. Catch the original broadcast at 7:30 a.m. CDT Monday morning. Each program is rebroadcast Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Inside Angus eNewsletter

Would you like to receive Association news and highlights directly to your inbox? Subscribe to the Inside Angus eNewsletter, your bi-monthly connection to the American Angus Association at [bit.ly/insideangus](http://bit.ly/insideangus). 

## Longevity awards

The American Angus Association recognized employees for their years of service during its Christmas party and Longevity Awards Banquet Nov. 30 in St. Joseph, Mo.

Pictured (front row, from left) are Allen Moczygemba, American Angus Association CEO; Janet Shackelford, 50 years; Laura Shoots, Peggy Richardson, Jacqueline McGinness, 20 years; Jennifer Harman, 10 years; and Ginette Gottswiller, 25 years. Pictured (back row, from left) are Andy Blumer, 5 years; Monica Ford, 20 years; and Melissa Hanway, 5 years. Honorees not pictured: David Gazda, 30 years; Doneta Brown, 20 years; and Erin Fleenor, Jaclyn Upperman and Sarah Woods, 5 years.

