

# 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 9.

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 138th Annual Convention of Delegates, a member must be considered an eligible voting member and meet all of the following requirements by 4:30 p.m. CDT April 9:

- 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 12, 2020, to April 9, 2021)
- 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 9. The Association will mail delegate nomination forms only to active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT on April 9.

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 138th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, during the Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

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

## Delegate nomination forms

Preparations are being made for the American Angus Association's 2021 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Fort Worth, Texas. 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 9, according to the Bylaws.

The nomination period is April 12-June 11. 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 June 11, 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.

## Raising the Bar conference

This year, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will host "Angus in Auburn" Raising the Bar conference, April 8-11, 2021, in Montgomery, Ala.

The conference builds stronger leaders and creates lasting friendships while exploring secondary education options. Participants will tour the Auburn University campus, visit local farms and ranches, and participate in workshops while networking with fellow juniors.

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Registration deadline is March 15. 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.

## The Grandest Show

The 2021 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will take place July 10-17 in Grand Island, Neb.

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

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

## Transfer assistance

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines.

If a deadline is approaching and you have not 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.

## 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

## McCabe named director of performance programs



The American Angus Association recently named Esther McCabe director of performance programs.

"Esther has a passion for the success of our members and understands the real-world challenges of getting data collected," says Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO. "I know Esther will have an impact on advancing our genetic selection tools by focusing on our performance programs and working directly with Angus breeders."

McCabe is a third-generation Angus producer originally from Elk City, Kan. She has had strong ties to the Angus breed for her entire life. She credits programs, such as the Kansas Junior

Angus Association and National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), for shaping and developing her leadership skills. McCabe recently earned her doctorate from Kansas State University, where her research focused on beef cattle data analytics.

"The Angus breed has the industry's largest beef cattle performance database because of members' dedication to breed improvement with each generation," McCabe says. "I am fortunate to be joining a team focused on serving its membership. I look forward to continuing to provide programs, tools and education to support members with record reporting."

McCabe's previous experience with Zoetis and Osborn Barr Paramore, coupled with her beef cattle and data analytics research, will allow McCabe to serve as a resource for Angus members.

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.

## Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2021 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/trade school 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.

## Herds of the century

The Century Award recognizes members who have been in continuous production of registered

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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).

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/Custom/AwardsAndRecognitions.aspx](http://www.angus.org/Custom/AwardsAndRecognitions.aspx) or by contacting the Events and Education Department. This year's awards will be presented during the Awards Recognition Breakfast in Fort Worth, Texas, during the 2021 Angus Convention.

**Black Books available**

Members, get your two free 2021 Angus Black Books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. Orders of more than two are available for \$3.25 each. Each book is customized with the Association's logo and contact information on the back cover.

To order, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or email [blackbooks@angus.org](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

**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 and state Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are available at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

**Commercial cattlemen scholarship**

The Angus Foundation is extending its scholarship program to young men

and women from a commercial beef farm or ranch utilizing registered Angus genetics in their commercial cattle operation. Multiple \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded and distributed this July.

The applicant or applicant's parents/guardians must use Angus genetics in their commercial breeding program and 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 Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship application is available online and is due May 1.

## Angus offers regional manager internship

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

From assisting with herd visits to 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.

College juniors or seniors studying animal science, agricultural business or other agricultural-related majors are encouraged to apply. Candidates should be outgoing, able to work well with all types of people and a self-starter.

The internship is based out of the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

To apply, submit a cover letter and résumé to [careers@angus.org](mailto:careers@angus.org) by May 1, 2021.

## Angus U covers contemporary groups

"Crafting Contemporary Groups" will be the focus for an upcoming Angus University webinar March 30 at 7 p.m. CDT.

The webinar will cover expected progeny differences (EPDs), creating a contemporary group and inventory-based reporting. To register for the contemporary group webinar, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## AJ Daily

Get the latest Angus news and industry information delivered to your inbox on a daily basis. The *AJ Daily* is an e-newsletter tailored for Angus breeders.

Subscribe at [www.anguselist.com](http://www.anguselist.com) to stay up to date on industry news, current events and upcoming sales.

## 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, auxiliary officers, contact information and website. If you haven't received an email to update your association's listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 or at [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org).

## Sire Evaluation Report

The printed version of the American Angus Association *Spring 2021 Sire Evaluation Report* became available mid-January.

Containing the expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) released Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, the evaluation includes

2,251 sires in the main report with another 2,182 bulls listed in the Young Sire Supplement.

Active members who replied via email 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.

## Pathfinder Report

The American Angus Association 2021 Pathfinder® Report became available early February. Outstanding females and bulls are listed in the report and, more importantly, the breeders who are keeping Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) of performance are identified as owners of Pathfinder Cows and Pathfinder Sires. The 2021 report includes 8,164 cows and 264 sires.

The online report and more information can be found at [www.angus.org/performance/PathfinderInfo.aspx](http://www.angus.org/performance/PathfinderInfo.aspx). To request a printed copy, contact Brenda Weigart at the Association at [bweigart@angus.org](mailto:bweigart@angus.org) or 816-383-5144.

## #RestaurantChallenge

They've been there as we celebrated big milestones, or to make the everyday special. They provide us comfort away from home or simply make a busy weeknight manageable. Restaurants are also such an important part of our beef industry economics, and it's no secret they're hurting right now.

The *Certified Angus Beef*® brand recently launched a campaign to start a movement to support our restaurants and the small business owners, chefs, servers and all the others who make a career out of serving others. They need us. Visit <http://challenge.certifiedangusbeef.com>, to see how you can help.

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## 2021 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2021 Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 6-8.

Booth information is 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.

## 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 radio frequency identification (RFID) tags for cattle producers across the United States.

## J designated for 2021

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, J001 and J002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2021.


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."

## 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 <https://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. 



## Sauk Valley Angus Bull and Female Sale

# MARCH 27, 2021

SATURDAY • NOON (CDT) • AT THE RANCH, SOUTH OF ROCK FALLS, IL

## 70 Hand-Selected Lots Sell!

50 Service-Age Bulls and 20 Females

**Featured Sires:** Jindra Acclaim, Byergo Black Magic 3348, SVA The Donald 4030, SVA Investment 6002, Byergo Titus 6340, Deer Valley Growth Fund, Hoover Notary, SydGen Enhance

**He Sells!**



**SVA Reagan 8304** 19566123  
Sire: Jindra Acclaim • Dam: SVA Pride 4309  
CED +5 BW +3.5 WW +90 YW +172 Milk +24  
MB +.69 RE +.55 \$M +39 \$W +75 \$B +193 \$C +289

**He Sells!**



**SVA Black Granite 0030** 19877759  
Sire: SVA Black Granite 7009 • Dam: SVA Erica 5320  
CED +2 BW +3.7 WW +75 YW +132 Milk +25  
Marb 1+.53 REA 1+.33 \$M +61 \$W +64 \$B +144 \$C +248

**He Sells!**



**SVA TITUS 0025** 19879636  
Sire: Byergo Titus 6340 • Dam: SVA Pride 2071  
CED -4 BW +6.0 WW +92 YW +157 Milk +21  
Marb +.28 REA +1.14 \$M +77 \$W +76 \$B +155 \$C +278

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