

MEMBERSHIP TIPS

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Did you know?

This month I've reached out to the Member Services team for input on some helpful tips to assist our membership. I hope you can find value in these useful suggestions.

Rules

You must be a member of the American Angus Association to register Angus cattle. However, you do not have to be a member of the Association to own or transfer ownership of registered Angus cattle. Those who have registered Angus transferred to their non-member codes are known as Affiliate Members. Affiliate members of the Association are not entitled to the privileges of registration.

The Association rules require fees to accompany the work, and fees are non-refundable. Rule 102 states work submitted shall be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.

If you are an agent on an account or parent of a junior member, when a signature is required, be sure to

sign your own name instead of the member's name. As an agent or a parent, you have the authority to sign your name on behalf of the membership. Signatures are checked and verified, and if they don't match, the work will be suspended. Please do not sign someone else's name.

A DNA sample and subsequent parentage markers are required for all artificial insemination (AI) sires and all donor dams used for embryo transfer. If you plan to use a bull by AI, remember all AI sires must be tested for all genetic conditions monitored by the Association. In addition, all registered animals and each animal owned by a member participating in any Association program may be subjected to a DNA test to verify accuracy of parentage.

the service type (AI or natural), bull registration number and service dates are required. Without this information, transfers will be held in suspense.

It is not possible to record breeding information dated after the sale date. You may need to provide your buyer with a bull permit to cover any extended pasture service beyond the sale date.

When a seller transfers an animal and the buyer stores registrations electronically, the registration will automatically default to the buyer's selected preference. If you transfer an animal and the buyer does not store electronically, a hard copy registration paper will print and be returned to you as the seller unless you indicate you would like the Association to mail the hard copy paper directly to the buyer for a nominal fee.

Transfers

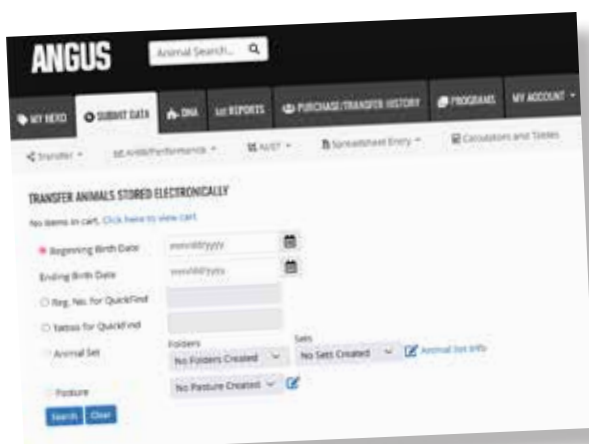
An incomplete buyer address slows down processing of transfers. It may even result in your animal to be transferred to the wrong individual. Please provide full mailing addresses for your buyers.

Service information is required on transfers for any female 12 months of age or older by indicating either open or bred. If she was bred,

Miscellaneous

Phenotypic traits submitted on an animal are now listed on the pedigree, both on pedigree lookup, as well as on printed certificates.

It is acceptable to fold your registrations to fit in smaller envelopes when mailing them back to the Association. This will save you on postage fees.



When linking accounts, the definition of immediate family shall be defined as husband and wife, parent and child, parent and stepchild, brother and sister, grandparent and grandchild, grandparent and stepgrandchild, and stepbrother and stepsister of the owner(s) of record of an animal.


You do not have to register an animal prior to sending in DNA samples or weight data.

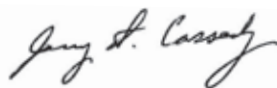
When submitting weights on paper, remember to use the calving, weaning and yearling report forms to report weights. When weights are not reported on the proper forms, information needs to be transferred, which can result in unnecessary errors or the weight information may be missed altogether.

Submitting weight data on a single calf will not generate expected progeny differences (EPDs), as this would not be a proper contemporary group. Create a proper contemporary group of same-sex calves (two or more) of similar age that are managed alike and exposed to the same environment. Wean them together and weigh them on same date, and submit their data at the same time to generate EPDs.

If you have a hard copy registration paper, it cannot also be stored electronically. With a hard copy registration, you will be able to see the animal in your inventory in AAA Login, but you are not able to transfer it online. To store a hard copy paper electronically, return the paper to the Association and it will be stored electronically at no additional fee.

Duplicate registration certificates can be requested. However, the request must be in writing (email) and cannot be taken over the phone.

It is perfectly acceptable for an eligible voting member to nominate himself or herself to be a delegate at the Annual Convention of Delegates. 



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Editor's note: For more helpful hints, contact the Member Services department at 816-383- 5100 or email me directly at jcassady@angus.org.



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