

# ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS



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## Delegate nominations

Preparations are being made for the Association's 2018 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Columbus, Ohio. 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 6 (see eligibility requirements on page 231 of this issue).

The nomination period is April 9-June 8. 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 no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT on June 8, 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 petition, please return it promptly.

## Foot score update

The American Angus Association and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) released the industry's first-ever foot score research expected progeny differences (EPDs) to members Jan. 30. Since then, the AGI team has

been gathering feedback from the industry. The response has been very positive.

As more foot-score data flows into the database, it will help increase accuracy. An updated research EPD could be published if enough data is submitted.

If you have not had a chance to look at these research EPDs, visit [www.angus.org/nce/documents/FootScoreResearchSires-013018.pdf](http://www.angus.org/nce/documents/FootScoreResearchSires-013018.pdf). For more information contact the Association's Performance Programs Department.

## Report new leaders

State and regional associations should submit officer listings 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.

## Pathfinders posted

The online searchable version of the 2018 Pathfinder® Report is online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

Started in 1978, the Pathfinder program was created in an effort to identify superior cows in the

breed based on their records of performance from Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder Cows are listed as Pathfinder Sires in the report. For more information go to [www.angus.org/performance/PathfinderInfo.aspx](http://www.angus.org/performance/PathfinderInfo.aspx).

## MaternalPlus incentives

The Association is excited to announce a cash-back incentive program for herds enrolled in MaternalPlus®. The Association recognizes good data reporting takes commitment and wants to show the membership its appreciation for ranchers reporting cow and heifer production data with the end goal being to create a selection tool for cow longevity.

### What's the incentive?

- Introductory 5% cash back on Association fees once a producer completes the first year's re-enrollment.
- 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 AHIR fees submitted and paid for in the previous 12 months.

Visit your AAA Login account and enroll your herd in MaternalPlus.

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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 weaning weight) . . . . .	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate . . . . .	\$10
Regular annual membership . . . . .	\$80
Regular annual membership with <i>Angus Journal</i> 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	Arthrogyriosis 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).

A \$3 cow enrollment fee will be assessed for each cow still in the herd. The fee replaces the AHIR fee normally paid on the calf for its birth or weaning weight.

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit [www.angus.org/Performance/MaternalPlusInfo.aspx](http://www.angus.org/Performance/MaternalPlusInfo.aspx).

**Scholarship apps due**

The Angus Foundation will award a number of **general undergraduate and graduate student scholarships** this year at the 2018 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Madison, Wis.

Eligibility requirements for 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 award graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Application and guidelines for the Angus Foundation graduate and undergraduate scholarships are available at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). The application deadline is May 1.

**Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA scholarship applications** are also due May 1 and require a separate application (available on website).

Applicants should carefully read and follow the scholarship guidelines and requirements their application **must** meet to be determined eligible for consideration. Applying is no guarantee of receiving a scholarship.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

**Affiliate scholarship**

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

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

Awards will be distributed in July 2018. 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## Madison hosts 50th

The NJAA will celebrate a major milestone in 2018 as it hosts the 50th NJAS in Madison, Wis.

The 50th NJAS, themed "Livin' the Dream in 2018!" will take place July 7-13, 2018, at the Alliant Energy Center. Participants will notice a change in the schedule, which begins on Saturday and ends on Friday.

## 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.

Contact the Events and Education Department for applications.

## 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, blank tags and prenumbered tags for cattle producers across the United States.

## 2018 Angus Convention

The 2018 Angus Convention will be Nov. 3-5 at the Greater Columbus (Ohio) Convention Center. Registration and hotel blocks 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.


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

## Angus Sales TV launched

Filmed promotional materials allow a farm or ranch to connect with their audience in a more engaging and productive way. Angus Media has launched a new video addition, Angus Sales TV, to assist producers in extending their promotional dollars with the addition of videography to their sale books and elsewhere.

Angus Sales TV is a portfolio of video services ranging from video shoots, editing, posting and

promotion. Now, as prospective customers flip through an online sale book, they can click on an image of an offering to see the lot's video launch instantaneously.

For more information regarding Angus Sales TV, contact Brett Spader at 816-383-5100, ext. 205, or [angussalestv@angus.media](mailto:angussalestv@angus.media). 

## At a glance

### APRIL 2018

**15** Atlantic Nat'l Regional Preview Jr. Show and ROV Super-Point Show entry deadline

**18-20** Women Connected, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

**20-21** American Angus Auxiliary Spring Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.

### MAY 2018

**1** All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Jr. and Open Show entry deadline

**1** Eastern Regional and Northwest Regional Preview ownership and entry deadline

**1** Deadline for Gold Award and Outstanding Leader applications

**1** Deadline for scholarship applications for Certified Angus Beef LLC, NJAA, American Angus Auxiliary, Allied Angus Breeders and Angus Foundation

**15** Ownership and early entry deadline for National Junior Angus Show

**15** Entry deadline for NJAA creative writing, photography, graphic design and cook-off contests

**25** Entry deadline for NJAA public speaking and career development contests

**25** Late entry deadline for National Junior Angus Show (online only)