

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS



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BIF registration open

Online registration is available at <http://bit.ly/BIFreg18> for the 2018 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium. The event is scheduled for June 20-23 in Loveland, Colo. Colorado State University will host the event at the Embassy Suites Convention Center Hotel.

A Young Producers Symposium will kick off the agenda Wednesday, June 20. Thursday morning's general session will focus on positioning for the future of beef production, while Friday's general session will address who will own our industry. Afternoons are filled with breakout sessions focusing on a range of beef production and genetic improvement topics. The conference will wrap up with a tour of the Colorado beef industry Saturday morning.

Angus Media will provide online coverage of the event at www.bifconference.com. Visit the site now for more details on the event.

Living the Dream

The 2018 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), "Living the Dream in 2018," will take place July 7-13 in Madison, Wis. The NJAS is the world's largest single-breed beef show and an annual highlight for hundreds of Angus youth and their families. This year, attendees will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the event.

May 15 is the early-entry and ownership deadline for the cattle

show, as well as the deadline for several of the contests connected to the show. See page 104 in this issue for more details.

Nominate delegates

Preparations are being made for the 2018 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Columbus, Ohio. Forms to nominate delegates to the annual meeting were mailed to every active life and regular Association member who qualified as an eligible voting member prior to April 6 (see eligibility requirements on page 231 of the April 2018 *Angus Journal*).

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.

Summer events, deadlines

Members of the NJAA should have their calendars marked for a summer

of regional preview shows, the NJAS and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

The 2018 LEAD conference, themed "Under the Big Sky," is set for Aug. 2-5 in Billings, Mont. The National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA participants 14-21 years old. Space is limited, so register early. Visit <http://www.angus.org/njaa/Conferences.aspx> for details and to register.

See "At a glance" for additional deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

Candidate résumés

Association members seeking election to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association may send a short biography, along with a photo, to Editor Shauna Rose Hermel by Aug. 1. Biographies and photos submitted by the deadline will be published in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Meeting in November. Biographies should be approximately 500-700 words and will be shortened if necessary.

2018 Convention

The Angus Convention will be Nov. 3-5, 2018, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Offering Angus University educational sessions, Association business meetings,

At a glance

industry-leading speakers and top-notch live entertainment, the 2018 Angus Convention will offer something for every progressive cattleman and woman.

Registration and hotel blocks open July 1.

Black Books available

Place your customized Black Book order for the 2019 AngusSource® Black Books before July 31, 2018. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. Any quantity is available for \$3 each and can be customized — free of charge — with purchase of 100 or more. Customized orders may include your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover, while standard orders feature the Association's logo. The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org. Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

Submit entries online

Junior members can save time by submitting entries for shows online. Log on to www.angus.org/njaa and provide the necessary information, including a Visa® or MasterCard® number to cover entry and bedding fees. Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail. No late entries are accepted for any reason.

Need help with a transfer?

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.

Affordable ID

Looking for an affordable way to identify your herd? Visit 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. Anyone can order ear tags, applicators, syringes and accessories.

Sale-day or field-day kit

Producers planning upcoming sales or field days can request a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the American Angus Association. The kits include educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

All materials should be requested at least two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination. Contact Amber Wahlgren or Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100.

MaternalPlus® incentives

The Association is offering cash-back incentives for herds enrolling in MaternalPlus. The incentives include:

- Introductory 5% cash back on Association fees once a producer completes the first year's 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

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 NJAS creative writing, photography, graphic design and cook-off contests
- 25 Entry deadline for NJAS public speaking and career development contests
- 25 Late entry deadline for National Junior Angus Show (online only)

JUNE 2018

- 13-16 Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show and Phenotype and Genotype Show
- 14-15 Northwest Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show
- 14-17 The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity
- 15 LEAD early registration deadline

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

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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.

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).

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit 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 of the free program on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at www.angus.org and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Download Angus App

Angus Mobile is a free smartphone application for iPhone, iPad and Android devices that allows app users to update herd data no matter where they are on their farm or ranch.

Download the easy-to-navigate app and gain access to the latest news, sale reports, show results, expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values), percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.

Lifetime membership

The American Angus Association offers producers a lifetime membership option. The \$1,500 membership lasts throughout the life of the sole person named on the membership. Payments may be broken into three nonrefundable yearly installments.

Lifetime memberships can be issued to one person only, and are not meant for partnerships. The membership option may be used for a farm name, provided only one person is included on the membership. **AJ**