

MEMBERSHIP TIPS

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Show season — recipe for success

The smell of fresh shavings and shredded bark; the sounds of fans, blowers and young people; the undeniable hustle and bustle — yes, show season is upon us.

This can be a very hectic time of year, but it doesn't have to come with unnecessary stress. Parents of livestock exhibitors know that livestock shows have their own set of uncertainties. However, there are things you can control that will reduce the incidence of stressful situations. You have gone through all the required details of preparing your animal for competition. Don't let a small detail at the last minute come between an enjoyable competition and not being allowed to participate.

Proof of ownership

Most shows require the exhibitor to present the official original registration certificate in order for the animal to be eligible for competition. With the advent of electronic storage of registration certificates, proof of ownership can be established by electronic pedigree lookup on the American Angus Association website, thus proving ownership remotely without the original certificate.

Some shows may allow this electronic lookup, however several do not. Knowing which shows require an original certificate and which ones

allow the pedigree lookup feature to serve as official proof of ownership will serve you well.

"I need my registration paper, now!"

With a 24-hour turnaround of business here at the American Angus Association, the submission of an application for registration can be a quick process. However, you must take into account the time frame required for the registration to process as well as the mailing of the certificate to the owner.

Many things can hold up a registration application, such as genetic condition testing or the need for an artificial insemination (AI) certificate. If everything is in order, a registration application can process in one 24-hour period, and the original registration certificate would then be available to be sent the next day. Furthermore, if you have misplaced your original registration

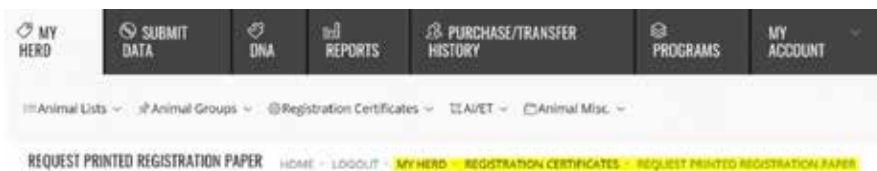
certificate or it has been destroyed, you can order a duplicate original certificate for a nominal fee.

If your papers are stored electronically, and you need one pulled out of storage for exhibition, simply go to your AAA Login account and select the "My Herd" tab, then select "Registration Certificates," and click on "Request Printed Registration Paper" (see Figure 1).

Required permanent ID

Perhaps the single most frustrating situation staff from the American Angus Association are involved with is when someone takes the time and expense to get show cattle prepared for competition and arrive at the show without correct proper permanent identification. This is a primary expectation for those electing to be in the seedstock business and follows one of our most basic rules (see Rule 105 and Rule 803 in the *Breeder's Reference*

Figure 1: Request Printed Registration Paper



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Guide). Please take time to verify your animals have a correct, legible tattoo in both ears prior to loading into the trailer.

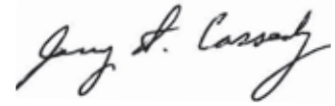
Show rules

As we travel across the country and attend the various events offered for exhibition, one quickly realizes that the rules (ownership deadlines, entry deadlines, issue date deadlines) vary from one event to another, and no two are exactly alike. Know the rules for each show you plan to attend, and know what is required prior to

making the trip. This will assure your eligibility once you arrive.

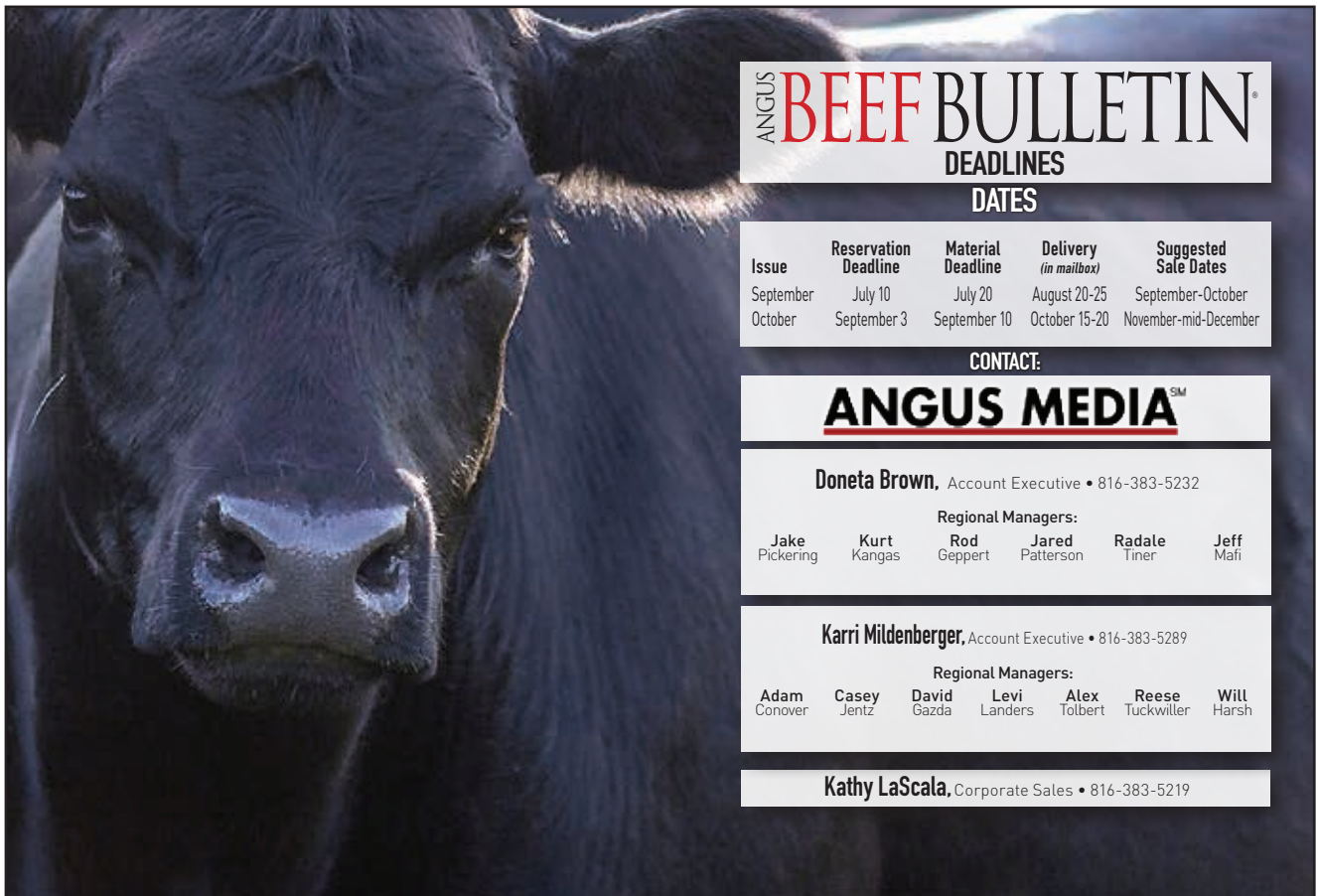
There are many reasons to participate in showing livestock such as gaining positive values, responsibility, networking and great work ethic. Learning life lessons such as time management, confidence, patience and attention to detail all benefit our youth. Education regarding genetics, nutrition and animal husbandry are necessary life skills for future Angus breeders. However, there are plenty of uncertainties with exhibiting

livestock. Control what you can control, and leave the rest to the judge. 



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