

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Nominate delegates

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 were mailed to every active life and regular member of the Association who qualified 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.

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 Julie Mais 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.

Angus surpasses 20 million registrations

The American Angus Association, headquarters of the largest beef breed association, processed its 20 millionth registration March 17, 2021.

Over the 138-year history, the Association has averaged 135,135 registrations per year, topping the charts at 406,310 registrations in 1968. In fiscal year 2020, the Association registered a total of 305,531 head, up 954 from the previous year.

"This is truly an exciting day for the American Angus Association and our members as we cross the 20 million milestone for registrations," says Jerry Cassidy, director of member services. "To think that it took 96 years for our Association to reach the 10 million mark back in 1979, we've added another 10 million registered Angus into our registry in less than half the time. This is a credit to the hard work and efforts of our members."

Registration numbers signify the data behind the animal, tracing its lineage and potential to change the direction of cow herds. Using registered Angus bulls also unlocks additional premiums for every segment of the beef industry.

"It's pretty amazing to consider the amount of work and dedication that has been invested by our members over the years to get to this point," says Mark McCully, CEO. "Breeders of registered Angus cattle have stayed committed to the value of pedigreed seedstock and enjoy tremendous demand and market share today because of it."

Inventory Reporting AHIR data

The second enrollment period for the new Inventory Reporting AHIR® (Angus Herd Improvement Records) option is now open. Members who want to enroll their herds during fall enrollment, the deadline is July 15. Current herd inventory can be established within your AAA Login account.

The fee is \$2 for each female enrolled. This fee covers the AHIR

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- 15 Inventory Reporting AHIR enrollment deadline

reporting cost for the next calf crop. Annual requirements for each female enrolled in the program include reporting a calf (birth date, sex, dam information), a reason for no calf, or a disposal code if the cow left the herd.

All members enrolled in the Inventory Reporting option will have the opportunity to earn the MaternalPlus® designation. For more information call 816-383-5100 or email angus@angus.org.

Breeding records needed

With spring breeding season upon us, remember submitting breeding records will help with the Association's ongoing cow fertility research. Submitting breeding records helps to support research for fertility haplotype validation and build on heifer pregnancy (HP) expected progeny differences (EPDs) to further expand the Association's toolkit surrounding fertility.

Please collect and submit cow ID, service sire and breeding date for each service under the Submit Data tab > AHIR Performance > Yearling Heifer or Cow Breeding Data. A downloadable spreadsheet is available under the Submit Data tab > Spreadsheet Entry > Breeding/Cow Data.

Announcement of results of member disciplinary hearing

Pursuant to Bylaw Article VIII, Section 8.4, President David Dal Porto convened a properly noticed hearing Tuesday, March 30, 2021, regarding possible misconduct by member Chris Terembes, Executive Ranch, consisting of false submissions of data to the AHIR program on 89 calves reportedly born between 2016 and 2020 and false registration of 27 of those calves,

when such calves did not in fact exist, in violation of Bylaw Section 8.1 and the 600-series rules of the American Angus Association.

Terembes attended and was represented by counsel at the hearing. Following the presentation and consideration of evidence, including documents and examination and cross-examination of witnesses, the Board of Directors, by a vote of 16-0, found Terembes guilty of the misconduct charged.

The Board further determined by a vote of 15-1 to impose the following discipline on Terembes: (1) expulsion from membership in the American Angus Association; (2) prohibition on acting as an agent on the membership account of any member of the American Angus Association; and (3) prohibition on submitting AHIR data.

All data submitted to the American Angus Association by Terembes from Jan. 1, 2016, forward has been removed from the Association's genetic evaluation. The fictitious animals have been removed from the Association registry. Subject to the Association's Rules, members in good standing may continue to register progeny of any animal solely or jointly owned by Terembes.

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Iowa to host BIF Symposium

The 2021 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting

and Research Symposium, will be hosted in person June 22-25 in Des Moines, Iowa.

This year's BIF symposium features two and a half days of educational programming and a full day of tours. The first morning's general session will cover "Beef Industry: Where is it going?" The second day's general session will discuss "Precision Livestock Technology."

The afternoon breakout sessions both days will focus on a range of beef-production and genetic-improvement topics.

The conference also features a Young Producer Symposium on Tuesday afternoon. Attendees are invited to enjoy an opening reception Tuesday evening, as well as a symposium hosted by the National Association of Annual Breeders (NAAB).

Registration for the event is now open. Continuing its tradition since 2002, Angus Media will host online coverage of the event at www.BIFconference.com. Visit the site prior to the conference for information including a meeting schedule and details, links to online registration, and an archive to coverage of previous years. Return during and after the meeting for comprehensive coverage of the event. For more information about BIF, visit www.beefimprovement.org.

Prior to and during this year's symposium, be sure to follow the event on social media channels using the hashtag #BIF2021.

Angus Day of Giving

To celebrate the arrival of the first Angus bulls at Victoria, Kan., and to grow opportunities for Angus juniors and breeders alike, the Angus Foundation is hosting its inaugural

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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	\$12
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	\$19
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	\$32

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.

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 Day of Giving on May 17, 2021.

Save the date and make plans to make your Angus Fund gift on this first-ever Angus Day of Giving. Keep an eye on social media and your inbox for more details and opportunities to grow your impact by having your gift matched.

Foundation golf tournament

The 2021 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be hosted Tuesday, July 13, at Indianhead Golf Club in Grand Island, Neb.

Funds raised at the golf tournament support key mission areas of the Angus Foundation, including youth leadership development, academic scholarships, educational resources and research for the breed.

Sponsorships are available for companies, farms, ranches and individuals. Contact Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director, to sponsor or book your team at 816-383-5100 or email tmarten@angus.org.

NJAS silent auction items

The Angus Foundation is seeking items to include in this year's National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) silent auction. Contact the Angus Foundation to let them know and plan to bring your item to the NJAS in Grand Island, Neb.

Proceeds from the silent auction benefit the Angus Fund which provides funding for many educational, youth and research programs, including LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development), Raising the Bar, our National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), as well as undergraduate and graduate scholarships for Angus youth. Items can be dropped off Sunday, July 11.

For more information or to let the Angus Foundation know about your silent auction item, contact Kris

Sticken at ksticken@angus.org or call 816-383-5100.

Black Books available

Order 2022 Angus Black Books before July 31, 2021. The pocket-sized books include a calendar and space to keep management records on your cow herd. Any quantity is available for \$3.25 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.

To order call 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org. Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

Custom cattle tags

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit 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.

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.

Applications are available online at www.angus.org/Customer/AwardsAndRecognitions 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.

The Grandest Show

The 2021 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.

Angus U Lunch and Learn

Angus University will host AngusLink Lunch and Learn webinars on May 4, May 11 and May 18. The same webinar will be offered on these days, so participants may choose the date that works best for their schedule.

Emily Vinton, commercial programs administrator, will walk attendees through the AngusLink enrollment process and address frequently asked questions, while walking producers through premium

potential, different enrollment and certification options and program pricing.

To register visit www.angus.org/university/webinars.

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.

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. 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. 