

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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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.

Nominate delegates

Preparations are being made for the American Angus Association's 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Orlando, Fla. 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 7, according to the bylaws.

The nomination period is April 10-June 9. 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 9, 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.

Online registration for the convention will begin July 1 at www.angusconvention.com.

Inventory Reporting enrollment opens May 1

Inventory Reporting enrollment for Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) is open from May 1 to July 15. The fee is \$2 for each female enrolled. This fee covers the AHIR 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.

For members enrolling for the first time, current herd inventory can be established within your AAA Login account. For members who enrolled last year during this time period,

your inventory needs updated and all females to meet requirements to reenroll. For members who enrolled in July, now is a good time to enter the fall calving information for the females in your herd. For those interested in MaternalPlus®, weaning weights and heifer breeding records are also required.

All members enrolled in the Inventory Reporting option will have the opportunity to earn the MaternalPlus designation. In addition, members who are enrolled in the Inventory Reporting program will receive the Functional Longevity research expected progeny difference (EPD) when released.

For more information call 816-383-5100 or email angus@angus.org.

National Junior Angus Show

The 2023 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will take place July 1-8 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 "Guardians of the Plains."

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.

Check the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) website, www.angus.org/NJAA, for information on contest and cattle deadlines.

To support the NJAS, reach out to your regional manager or the Events and Junior Activities Department.

At a glance

May	
1	Scholarship deadlines: Auxiliary, Angus Foundation and Commercial Cattlemen
June	
1	Application deadline for Century Awards
15	Early registration deadline for LEAD
July	
1-8	National Junior Angus Show, Guardians of the Plains
4	Angus Foundation Golf Tournament

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, 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.

Pathfinder Report

The American Angus Association 2023 Pathfinder® Report became available early February. Outstanding females and bulls are listed in the report, and, more importantly, the breeders who are keeping Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) of performance are identified as owners of Pathfinder Cows and Pathfinder Sires. The 2023 report includes 7,862 cows and 264 sires.

The online report and more information can be found at www.angus.org/performance/pathfinderinformation.

LEAD registrations due

The 2023 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, themed “Kickin’ it in Cali,” is set for Aug. 3-6 in Modesto, Calif. The National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA participants 14-21 years old. Early registration for juniors is \$250 and is due June 15, after which registration increases to \$300. Space is limited, so register early.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa/home/conferences for details and to register.

Angus Media names president



The Angus Media board of directors recently named Clay Zwilling president of the organization to guide the company as it delivers industry-leading education, information and marketing to the beef industry.

Most recently, Zwilling was the COO for Walton Webcasting, where he helped develop the organization during a time of rapid growth. Prior to that, he was the CEO of the National Swine Registry working with the executive committee, breed boards and membership to create and execute their vision and mission. Zwilling started his professional career with Farm Credit Illinois

as the director of marketplace education and development.

“Angus breeders are stewards of both their herds and family ranches, as well as the Angus legacy,” Zwilling says. “Angus Media plays an important role in telling their stories and giving them cutting-edge, cost-effective marketing tools to achieve their goals.”

Zwilling brings diversified livestock experience to Angus Media, but his roots are in the beef business. He grew up raising cattle and knows that background from other segments of the livestock industry is additive, giving him additional perspective.

Zwilling will assume his duties as president on May 8 and will relocate to the Saint Joseph, Mo., area with his wife, Deanna, and their 2-year-old daughter, Allie.

Angus Foundation Golf Tournament

The 2023 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be hosted Tuesday, July 4, at Indianhead Golf Club in Grand Island, Neb., in conjunction with the NJAS.

The 18-hole tournament registration begins at 6:30 a.m., with a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.

After the tournament, a *Certified Angus Beef* (CAB®) lunch will be provided, awards will be presented to teams and players, and sponsors will be recognized.

Several sponsorship opportunities are available. The sponsorship deadline is June 3. Player registration is \$100, or NJAA members may register for \$75. Register by June 20 to avoid a \$10 late registration fee.

For more information about the golf tournament, contact Kris Sticken with the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100, or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

Angus Foundation Silent Auction

The 2023 Angus Foundation Silent Auction will be hosted July 3-8 at the NJAS in Grand Island, Neb.

The silent auction features a variety of items donated by state junior and adult Angus associations, individual farms and businesses. Proceeds from the silent auction go to the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research activities of the American Angus Association.

Those attending the NJAS, be sure to stop by the Angus Foundation Silent Auction and place your bid.

The Angus Foundation Silent Auction will be offering online bidding through AngusLive again this year. Be sure to check on the Angus Foundation website or AngusLive for the link closer to the date of sale. The auction will close July 8 at 9 a.m.

Individual donations to the silent auction are accepted year-round. Call 816-383-5100 to let the Angus Foundation know about your silent auction items.

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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 <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) cal.....regular registration fee plus	\$10
Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus	\$50

BREEDER'S REFERENCE Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

SYMBOL MEANING

#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	@	Clone-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	*	Parentage qualified to both parents and the mating
^	Cell clone		
%	Split-ET		

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.

DNA TESTING FEES

ANGUS GSSM POWERED BY NEOGEN[®]

Neogen [®] Angus GS SM (includes Parentage).....	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)	\$18
Add Coat Color	\$5
Add AM Test.....	\$8
Add NH Test.....	\$8
Add CA Test.....	\$8
Add OS Test.....	\$8
Add DD Test.....	\$10
Add M1 Test.....	\$10
Add OH Test.....	\$8
Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....	\$10
Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only)	\$4.50

ZOETIS[®] GENOMIC TESTS

Zoetis [®] HD50K (includes Parentage)	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)	\$18
Add Coat Color	\$5
Add AM Test.....	\$8
Add NH Test.....	\$8
Add CA Test.....	\$8
Add OS Test.....	\$8
Add DD Test.....	\$10
Add M1 Test.....	\$10
Add OH Test.....	\$8
Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....	\$10
Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only)	\$4.50

OTHER DNA TESTS

Parentage	\$18
Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)	\$45
Coat Color Test.....	\$18
Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) Test.....	\$22
Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH) Test.....	\$22
Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA) Test.....	\$22
Osteopetrosis (OS) Test.....	\$22
Developmental Duplication (DD) Test.....	\$22
Myostatin (M1) Test.....	\$22
Oculocutaneous Hypopigmentation (OH) Test.....	\$18
Dwarfism (D2) Test.....	\$22

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.

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).

New conversations live

The Angus Conversation Season 2 will wrap up this month. Listen to all the latest episodes:

- Corah, Nichols: Will Breed Associations, Land Grants Become Obsolete and Other Life Lessons
- The Packer or the Producer — Who Has the Power to Improve Beef Quality?

Use the QR code to find these recent segments or subscribe on your favorite podcast platform to be sure you never miss an episode.



2023 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2023 Angus Convention in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 3-6, at Rosen Shingle Creek. 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.

Angus Foundation — A Legacy Built

In celebration of George Grant bringing Angus bulls to America, the Angus Foundation has launched the "A Legacy Built" campaign, which asks Angus members to give \$150 to build unrestricted donations for programs such as scholarships, youth conferences, educational programs and research. A member can donate through the Angus Foundation website at www.angusfoundation.org, by mailing a check to the Angus Foundation or by a monthly pledge during Angus events.

