

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS



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Nominations due June 8

Delegate nominations for the American Angus Association's 2018 Annual Convention of Delegates are due June 8.

Forms to nominate delegates were mailed to every active life and regular Association member who qualified as an eligible voting member prior to April 6. Instructions for a new online nomination process were included (see "Membership Tips" in the May 2018 *Angus Journal* for details).

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.

All nominations must be received in the office no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT 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.

Living the Dream

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and their families will be "Living the Dream in 2018" as they head to Madison, Wis., for the 50th National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The Wisconsin and Illinois Angus associations, Angus auxiliaries and junior Angus associations will host the event at

the Alliant Energy Center July 7-13.

The NJAS is the world's largest single-breed beef show and an annual highlight for hundreds of Angus youth and their families. See page 104 of the May 2018 *Angus Journal* or visit <http://www.angus.org/njaa/shows.aspx> for more details.

LEAD registrations due

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.

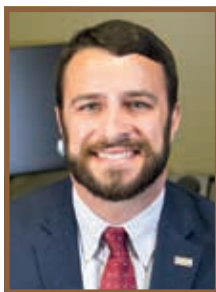
Early registration for juniors is \$250 and is due June 15, after which registration increases to \$275. Space is limited, so register early. Visit

Engel hired as director of Angus Link

The American Angus Association hired New Jersey native Christopher Engel as director of Angus Link™, the organization's feeder-cattle program to be unveiled this summer.

Engel will be instrumental in leading the development of business strategies; managing the Angus Link field staff; developing relationships with Angus breeders, commercial producers and the fed-cattle sector; and executing key program tactics.

The ultimate goal of the feeder-calf program is to strengthen the link between the Association and commercial cattlemen, a strategic priority set by the board of directors in 2016. Establishing a feeder-cattle program built on the use of quality registered Angus genetics provides a direct connection between quality feeder calves and the registered Angus bulls that sire calf crops.



Christopher Engel

"With Chris's leadership and cattle industry expertise, the Angus Link program will bring extra dollars to Angus producers' bottom line," said Association CEO Allen Moczygemba. Engel is a 2011 Clemson University graduate who holds a bachelor's degree in animal and veterinary science. After graduation, he served as a sales representative for Helena Chemical Co. In 2015, he made the transition to Merck Animal Health as a territory manager and was quickly promoted to a brand specialist and then senior brand specialist in cattle marketing.

"The Angus breed is synonymous with quality cattle in pastures and at the packer," said Engel, who began his role April 16. "I am eager to extend the Angus Link message to our commercial and fed-cattle industry partners."

<http://www.angus.org/njaa/Conferences.aspx> for details and to register.

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 *Angus Journal* 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.

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, industry-leading speakers and top-notch live entertainment, the 2018 Angus Convention will offer

At a glance

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

JULY 2018

- 7-13 50th National Junior Angus Show, Madison Wis.
- 15 Late LEAD registration deadline

AUGUST 2018

- 2-5 LEAD: Angus Under the Big Sky

something for every progressive cattleman and woman.

Registration and hotel blocks open July 1.

BIF is June 20-23

Colorado State University will host the 2018 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium June 20-23 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center Hotel in Loveland, Colo.

A Young Producers Symposium will kick off the agenda Wednesday, June 20. Thursday and Friday general sessions will focus on positioning for the future and who will own the 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

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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 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).

Colorado beef industry Saturday morning.

Online registration is available at <http://bit.ly/BIFreg18>. Angus Media will provide online coverage of the event at www.bifconference.com. Visit the site now for more details on the event.

MaternalPlus incentives

The Association is offering cash-back incentives for herds enrolling in MaternalPlus®. 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 the cash-back rebate include membership, registration, transfer and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) fees submitted and paid for in the previous 12 months.

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit www.angus.org or AAA Login.

Black Books available

Order 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.

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