

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Nominations due June 12

Delegate nominations for the American Angus Association's 2020 Annual Convention of Delegates are due June 12.

Information and instructions to nominate delegates were mailed to every active life and regular member of the Association who qualified as an eligible voting member prior to April 10.

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 breed, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Due to restrictions put in place by the City of Saint Joseph, Mo., as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association is operating with limited in-building staff. While nominations may be submitted online or by mail, it is requested

those with the capability to submit nominations online do so.

Online nominations must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT on June 12, 2020. Nominations submitted by mail must be received in the Association office by the same time and date. At that 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.

#MovingForward website

COVID-19 has changed our world. Hear stories about the Angus family coming together in times of uncertainty, and how Angus is responding at www.Angus.org/MovingForward.

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 issue of the *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.

Focus on the Future

As of May 14, the 2020 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), themed "Focus on the Future," will take place July 5-11 in Harrisburg, Pa. The NJAS

is the world's largest single-breed beef show and an annual highlight for hundreds of Angus youth and their families.

"With everything considered, we know this year's show is going to look and feel different than what we have all come to know and love about NJAS, but we also are doing everything we can to still hold the event," says Jaclyn Upperman, director of events and education.

Visit www.angus.org for the latest information, rule changes and deadline changes as they become available.

LEAD registrations due

Currently, the 2020 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, themed "Making Dreams Come True," is set for July 30 - Aug. 2 in Orlando, Fla. 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 www.angus.org/njaa/Conferences.aspx for details and to register.

Angus Foundation Golf Tournament

The 20th Annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be hosted Tuesday, July 7, at the Dauphin Highlands Golf Course in Harrisburg, Pa., in conjunction with the 2020 NJAS.

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July 2020

- 5-11 National Junior Angus Show

The 18-hole tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. After the tournament, a *Certified Angus Beef*® steak meal 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 5.

Player registration is \$100, or NJAA members may register for \$75. Register by July 1 to avoid a \$10 late registration fee.

Sponsorship and registration forms can be found at www.angus.org/Foundation/GetInvolved/Events/GolfTourney.aspx or by contacting Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director, at 330-464-9793.

Feeding Quality Forum

The *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Feeding Quality Forum (FQF) is set for Aug. 25-26 in Fort Collins, Colo. The two-day event brings together cattle feeders and their cow-calf suppliers with topics relevant to both segments of the industry.

Sessions will range from a global commodity outlook to innovations in health and trends in the beef business. The schedule allows for networking time, including the evening banquet to celebrate the 2020 FQF Industry Achievement Award honoree.

New this year is the option for a digital registration for those who prefer to attend the event without leaving their location.

Visit www.feedingqualityforum.com for more information.

2020 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2020 Angus Convention at the

Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 7-9.

Hosted with the 137th Annual Convention of Delegates, the Angus Convention offers producers and industry leaders opportunities for networking, education and breed improvement, in addition to conducting the business of the American Angus Association.

Registration and hotel blocks will open July 1. Visit www.angusconvention.com for more information.

BIF online symposium

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium will be hosted online this year the week of June 8, on the Zoom webinar platform. Register for the event, find a detailed schedule and Zoom tutorials on the BIF website, www.beefimprovement.org.

BIF award winners will be recognized during the online symposium.

MaternalPlus incentives

A whole-herd reporting initiative, MaternalPlus®, began at the Association in 2012 with the aim to increase the suite of cow productivity selection tools available to Angus members and their commercial customers. Members already submitting 100% of their weaning weights each year, heifer breeding records and dam disposal codes, should consider signing up for MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting and reap additional benefits.

Benefits include:

- Calving ease direct, birth weight, and weaning weight expected progeny differences (EPDs) on unregistered calves.
- Increased accuracy of heifer

pregnancy EPDs that are now included in \$M (maternal weaned calf value).

- Additional herd management reports.
- Cash-back rebates on American Angus Association fees.

It's simple. It's AHIR® for the whole herd. To learn more about MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting, visit www.angus.org/MaternalPlus or your AAA Login.

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.

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.

Transfer assistance

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 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

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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 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 Neuroathic 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).

Targeting the Brand webinar

"Hit the Bullseye: Breeding Bulls for the Brand," an Angus University webinar, will be hosted June 23 at 7 p.m. CST.

Kara Lee, production brand manager for Certified Angus Beef LLC, will explain changes to the Targeting the Brand program and what Angus producers can do to meet that mark for their customers. The Targeting the Brand program logo helps Angus breeders leverage high-quality seedstock genetics or feeder calves to assist customers in seeing the value of their genetic potential. The logo highlights registered Angus bulls with greater genetic potential to produce calves that meet the most challenging specifications of CAB.

Whether you're looking to breed better cattle or improve your bottom line, learn how to breed and buy bulls to hit the target.

For more information and to view past webinars, visit www.angus.org/Education/AngusEducation.aspx.

Black Books available

Order 2021 Angus Black Books before July 31, 2020. 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. 