

# ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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## Nominations due June 11

Delegate nominations for the American Angus Association's 2021 Annual Convention of Delegates are due June 11.

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

Signed nominations must be received by the Association no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT on June 11, 2021, 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.

## 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.

## AHIR Inventory Reporting

The second enrollment period for the new Inventory Reporting AHIR® (Angus Herd Improvement Records) option is now open. For 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 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 who enrolled in January, now is a good time to enter the spring 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.

## Submit hair shedding scores

Spring is an ideal time in most of the country to score your herd for hair shedding. The degree to which cattle shed their winter hair coat has an effect on how they are able to handle heat stress. Producers can observe and assign hair coat scores when temperatures begin to rise, and there is variation in the herd for hair shedding. The scores range from 1 to 5, with a score of 1 being completely slicked off, and a score of 5 retaining most of the winter coat.

While still in the research EPD (expected progeny differences) phase, the scores collected and submitted can be used to update the research hair shedding EPD.

## 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

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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](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org). Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

## The Grandest Show

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and their families are invited to "The Grandest Show," the 2021 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 10-17 in Grand Island, Neb.

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 126 of the April 2021 *Angus Journal* or visit [www.angus.org/njaa/home/shows](http://www.angus.org/njaa/home/shows) for more details.

## LEAD registrations due

The 2021 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, themed "Life in the Angus Lane," is set for July 29-Aug. 1 in Indianapolis, Ind. 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](http://www.angus.org/njaa/home/conferences) for details and to register.

## LEAD scholarships

Scholarships are available to NJAA members to attend LEAD conference.

Angus Foundation undergraduate scholarship applicants from Illinois and Indiana are automatically considered for the Gary Brost

LEAD Awards and will be notified if chosen for the award. The Pat Grote Memorial LEAD Award winners are determined by the winning team of the overall intermediate steak division of the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-off. The Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award is selected from those Illinois youth who registered for the LEAD conference by the early registration deadline.

The Chambers Angus Endowment Fund awards two \$500 cash awards to LEAD attendees to cover registration fees and travel with a preference for juniors from Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The Gary M Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award provides a \$500 cash award to cover registration fees and travel. Preference will be given to applicants from the western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

For both the Chambers and Stoller awards, interested applicants must submit a one-page typed essay that includes the following information: why attending LEAD conference is important to me, what I hope to gain by attending LEAD, and explanation of financial need. Mail printed essay no later than June 15 to: Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506.

## Foundation Golf Tournament

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

Player registration is open until July 1. Adult registration is \$100, and NJAA member registration is \$75. Players get 18 holes of golf, golf cart

rental, Continental breakfast and *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB)-brand lunch. Mulligans will be available at the course for \$10 each with a limit of one per player. After the registration deadline, adult players will be \$110, and junior members will be \$85.

Sponsorship options are also available to state and regional Angus associations, businesses, farms, ranches and individuals. Sponsorship deadline is June 11.

For player registration, sponsorship opportunities or more information about the golf tournament, contact Kris Sticken with the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100, or visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

## NJAS silent auction items

The Angus Foundation is seeking items to include in this year's NJAS silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction benefit the Angus Fund which provides funding for many educational, youth and research programs. Items can be dropped off Sunday, July 11.

Call 816-383-5100 to let the Angus Foundation know about your silent auction items.

## 2021 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2021 Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 6-8.

Hosted with the 138th 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](http://www.angusconvention.com) for more information.

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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](http://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).

**BIF is June 22-25**

The 2021 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium will be hosted June 22-25 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Angus Media will host online coverage of the event at [www.BIFconference.com](http://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](http://www.beefimprovement.org).

**Feeding Quality Forum**

Save the date for this year's Feeding Quality Forum in Fort Collins, Colo., Aug. 24-25. Certified Angus Beef LLC is hosting a hybrid event with both an in-person and virtual component for those who work in the cattle feeding industry or supply calves to those who do. Early registration opens June 1 at [FeedingQualityForum.com](http://FeedingQualityForum.com).

**Angus U Lunch and Learn**

Angus University will host Lunch and Learn webinars on June 1, June 8 and June 15 to address Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) questions.

Tammy Poirier, customer service representative and AIMS specialist, will cover the program. The schedule and registration information are:

- June 1: AIMS 101 — Register at <http://bit.ly/AUaims101>.
- June 8: Installation, Backups and More — Register at <http://bit.ly/AUaimsinstall>.
- June 15: Frequently Asked Questions — Register at <http://bit.ly/AUaimsfaq>. 