

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Nominations due June 9

Delegate nominations for the American Angus Association's 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates are due June 9.

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 7.

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 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.

At a glance

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

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

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.

Inventory Reporting enrollment ends July 15

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 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

Inventory Reporting will have the opportunity to earn the MaternalPlus designation. In addition, members 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), themed "Guardians of the Plains," will take place July 1-8 in Grand Island, Neb.

Juniors have the opportunity 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.

Go to www.angus.org/NJAA for more information. To support the NJAS, reach out to your regional manager or Events and Junior Activities Department.

Transfer assistance

If you know of a junior who has purchased or raised a heifer to show, make note of 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. Late transfers are never accepted.

Angus Foundation Silent Auction

The 2023 Angus Foundation Silent Auction will be hosted July 3-8 at the NJAS in Grand Island, Neb., featuring 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. Online bidding will be offered through AngusLive again this year. Check 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.

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 begins with registration at 6:30 a.m. and a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.

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

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, call 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

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.

Changes to Field Staff

Familiar faces take on new roles with the Angus regional manager team.



Levi Landers was named the director of field services in May. Landers will lead the Angus regional manager team, the largest field staff of any beef breed association in the United States.

“I look forward to working with the experienced Angus regional managers team helping our Association members,” he says. “There’s nothing we like more than visiting about good cattle and seeing our breeders succeed.”

Landers has served the cattle industry for nearly 20 years. Since 2019 he has been the Association regional manager for the states of Nebraska and Colorado. Prior, Landers started his career with the *Western Ag Reporter* and was a field manager for the American Hereford Association.

Landers replaces veteran regional manager David Gazda, who has worked for the Association for 35 years, seven of those as director of field services. Gazda has chosen to step back solely into the regional manager role for Region 2, consisting of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Will Harsh will be replacing Landers as the regional manager for Region 7, serving Colorado and Nebraska. Harsh previously served Region 13 and has been a valuable resource for Angus breeders. Harsh’s new role began May 29.



The National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA participants 14-21 years old. Early registration is \$250 and is due June 15, after which registration increases to \$300. Space is limited, so register early. The late entry deadline is July 1.

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

BIF Symposium

The 2023 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium is set for July 3-6 in Calgary, Canada.

Visit <https://beefimprovement.org/symposium> prior to the conference for more information.

Watch for coverage in the *Angus Journal*, *Angus Beef Bulletin*®, *AJ Daily*, *Angus Beef Bulletin EXTRA* and www.angusjournal.net.

CAB interns experience a summer of beef

The best way to a productive career is through experience. Internships provide valuable insight for students to gain an understanding of what to expect after college. This summer, CAB is adding three interns to its communications team. Maddy Rohr will serve as the producer communications intern, Savannah Peterson joins the public relations team and Will Todd will work on brand communications.

CAB brand grass-fed product

This May, CAB launched a grass-fed product, in collaboration with Niman Ranch, to offer chefs and consumers a high-quality grass-fed beef. The niche offering aligns with the brand’s work to continually meet consumer preferences, while simultaneously growing demand for premium beef.

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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.....	\$3 <i>(per first weight submitted)</i>
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership w/ <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription.....	\$130
Lifetime membership.....	\$1,500 <i>(optional to pay in three \$500/year installments)</i>
Junior annual membership <i>(less than 21 years of age)</i>	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf.....regular registration fee plus \$10	
Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus \$50	

DNA TESTING FEES

ANGUS GSSM POWERED BY NEOGEN[®]

Neogen [®] Angus GS SM <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$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 <i>(Hair or TSU Only)</i>	\$4.50

ZOETIS[®] GENOMIC TESTS

Zoetis [®] HD50K <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$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
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OTHER DNA TESTS

Parentage.....	\$18
Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$45
Coat Color Test.....	\$18
Arthrogyposis 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

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	Arthrogyposis 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).

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.

Consistent with all branded products, the grass-fed beef must meet CAB's ten specifications. Superior Angus genetics are key to achieving the level of marbling and quality in the grass-fed beef system.

At less than 1% of the total CAB supply, the *Certified Angus Beef*[®] brand Grass-Fed by Niman Ranch product will be an exclusive offering for food distributors, restaurants and grocery stores.

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. "A Legacy Built" asks every Angus member to give \$150 to the Angus Foundation to build unrestricted donations for Angus programs such as scholarships, youth conferences, educational programs and research. A member can donate through the Angus Foundation website at www.angusfoundation.org, mail a check to the Angus Foundation or by a monthly pledge during Angus events.

Don't miss the conversation

Mark your calendars for the new season of *The Angus Conversation*. The first episode of Season 3 is set to drop August 15, with a few special editions released throughout the summer.

Go to www.theangusconversation.com or any major podcast platform to check out Seasons 1 and 2. From bovine congestive heart failure to gene editing, there's plenty of conversation on hot topics in the Angus industry. Several episodes feature breeders sharing advice and tips, and you can catch up while you wait for new conversations. 

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