

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Mark McCully named CEO

The American Angus Association Board of Directors announced Mark McCully as the new CEO of the American Angus Association, effective June 10. McCully brings nearly 19 years of experience with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) to the table, most recently serving as vice president of production.

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Look for delegate ballots

Ballots to elect delegates and alternates to the 2019 Annual Convention of Delegates will be mailed July 3, 2019.

Active life and active regular members who qualified as eligible voting members will receive a ballot for their state/district.

Signed ballots must be received in the Association office no later than Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019, by 4:30 p.m. CDT. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

For more information, see Article

III Section 3.8. Election of Delegates in the Association bylaws.

Register for Convention

Registration for the 2019 Angus Convention, set for Nov. 2-4 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev., opens July 1. Hosted with the 136th Annual Convention of Delegates, the Angus Convention offers hands-on education, face-to-face networking and entertainment.

The Angus Genomics Symposium and Innovation Workshop series from Neogen as well as Angus University will be featured again this year. The event also features a John Deere grand prize giveaway and *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand meals throughout the weekend.

A concert featuring Lubbock's own Flatland Cavalry is set to take place on Sunday, Nov. 3. Take in the young Texas Country band's classic renditions and heartfelt ballads at the conclusion of the Angus Convention.

To register, find hotel block information and more, visit www.AngusConvention.com.

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.

EPDs and \$Values updated

Updates to National Cattle Evaluation online expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) were released May 31, and included updated percentile tables, breed averages, revised main and supplement sire listings and genomic percentile ranks. In addition, changes and updates to the economic models and assumptions to predict \$Values as well as the addition of the maternal weaned calf value (\$M) took place. Visit www.angus.org/index for more information.

Changes planned for 2020 NWSS Angus Bull Sale

The 2020 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is set for Thursday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Beef Palace Auction Arena on the Hill. Changes to entry requirements, format and venue include:

- All bulls must be genomic-trait tested and sell with a complete suite of EPDs and \$Values.
- No minimum EPD requirements.
- Any bull that is a potential carrier for any genetic condition recognized by the Association must be tested free of that condition(s) by the entry deadline of Nov. 15, 2019.
- A non-refundable entry fee of \$400 must accompany the

Association honors recent retirees



Debi Wilson, Saint Joseph, Mo., retired from the American Angus Association in April. Wilson served in various capacities during her 25-year career with the Association, but most recently served as a staff accountant.

After 16 years with the American

Angus Association, Diane Strahm, Saint Joseph, Mo., retired in June. Strahm leaves the Association as the executive administrative assistant.



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

- application at time of entry.
- All bulls must be calved after Jan 1, 2017. All bulls born before Jan 1, 2019, must have a complete breeding soundness exam within 30 days of the sale date.
- All bulls must be enrolled in Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) with official weights processed prior to the sale book deadline, Nov. 15, 2019.
- All bulls must conform to health regulations of the NWSS and American Angus Association.
- All bulls must be entered in the NWSS Open Bull Show or in the Pen and Carload Show.

This year there will no longer be a show to establish sale order. All bulls will be evaluated at time of check-in and sale order will be established by sale management and two outside industry professionals. The bulls will be displayed at 12:30 p.m. in a specific location on the Hill and the sale will start promptly at 2 p.m. leading off with the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. With the new format, pen and carload bulls are encouraged to participate in this year's event.

The sale will be co-managed by Jeff Mafi, Mark Sims and Alex Tolbert. The auctioneer will be Jim Birdwell, Fletcher, Okla.

For more information, contact Jeff Mafi, sale manager, at 816-344-4266; an Association regional manager; or the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5147.

Show for the Purple

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and their families will "Show for the Purple" as they head to Louisville, Ky., for the 2019 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 14-20.

The NJAS is the world's largest single-breed beef show and an

annual highlight for hundreds of Angus youth and their families. Visit www.angus.org/njaa/shows.aspx for more details.

LEAD is Aug. 1-4

The 2019 LEAD conference, themed "Angus: Live from Nashville," is set for Aug. 1-4 in Nashville. The National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA participants 14-21 years old. Late registration deadline is July 15.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa/Conferences.aspx for details.

BIF coverage online

South Dakota State University (SDSU) hosted the 2019 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium June 18-21 at the University Comfort Suites and Convention Center in Brookings, S.D.

The Angus Media team provides online coverage of the event at www.bifconference.com. Visit the Newsroom for summaries, proceedings, PowerPoint® presentations and audio of this year's sessions. Coverage also features award winners, including the BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year and Commercial Producer of the Year.

Angus Media has provided online coverage of the event since 2002. An archive of that coverage is available on the site.

Full Circle Online Auction

The American Angus Auxiliary will host its annual Full Circle Online Auction, a national Angus consignment sale.

The Full Circle Online Auction is an innovative, web-based consignment market that offers

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Angus breeders, families and allied industries the opportunity to both sell and buy, while making a substantial contribution to help ensure the sustainability of the Auxiliary's ongoing support of the Angus breed and its youth.

Hosted by www.anguslive.com, the auction will be Nov. 6-7. Proceeds will support the Auxiliary's mission, including breed promotion, beef education and youth development through programs, awards and scholarships.

The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair market value in excess of \$100. Auction categories include Angus memorabilia/collectibles, games/toys, vacation packages, home décor, cattle services, embryo/seed packages, cattle services and other useful items.

Consignors can donate 100% to the Auxiliary or can choose to receive 50% of the gross revenue their lots generate, as well as recognition in the sale promotion to be launched at the NJAS and the online site.

For a consignment contract and more information, visit www.angusauxiliary.com/fullcircleonlineauction.html.

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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	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).

MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting

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 EPDs on unregistered calves.
- Increased accuracy of heifer pregnancy EPDs that are now included in \$M.
- 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 AAA Login.

Black Books available

Order 2020 AngusSource® Black Books before Aug. 2, 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, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org. Books will be shipped by Oct. 15. 