

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Look for delegate ballots

Ballots to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Annual Convention of Delegates will be mailed July 10, 2020.

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. 11, 2020, 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 2020 Angus Convention, set for Nov. 7-9 at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo., opens July 1. Hosted with the 137th Annual Convention of Delegates, the Angus Convention offers hands-on

education, face-to-face networking and entertainment.

The Angus Genomics Symposium from NEOGEN Genomics, and Angus University, sponsored by Zoetis, will be featured again this year. The event also features four grand-prize giveaways and *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand meals throughout the weekend.

To register, find hotel block information and more, visit 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 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.

EPDs and \$Values updated

Updates to National Cattle Evaluation online expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) were released May 29, 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 pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP) EPD and Combined Index (\$C) took place. Visit www.angus.org/index for more information.

NJAS location and schedule change

The 2020 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will be hosted by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and American Angus



Association in Tulsa, Okla., on July 19-24. It was announced on May 15 that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NJAS could no longer be hosted at the original 2020 location in Harrisburg, Pa.

“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 schedule and information concerning changes to this year’s event as they become available.

BIF coverage online

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium was hosted online June 8-12.

The Angus Media team provides online coverage of the event

At a glance

July 2020

- 1 Angus Convention registration opens

19-24 National Junior Angus Show

August 2020

- 1 Board candidate résumés due
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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.

#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.

Feeding Quality Forum

The *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Feeding Quality Forum set for late August in Fort Collins, Colo., has moved virtual. Visit www.feedingqualityforum.com for registration details and an updated agenda.

Sessions range from a global commodity outlook to marketing tips for the modern times, and will offer information that connects everyone from cattle feeders to cow-calf producers.

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.

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.

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 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. 11-12. 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/semen 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 online. For a consignment contract and more information, visit www.angusauxiliary.com.

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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).

Century Award applications

The American Angus Association initiated the Century Award to recognize its members and their families who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for at least 100 years. Award recipients will be recognized at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet.

Visit www.angus.org to apply by the Sept. 1 deadline or to get more information about the award.

Historic Angus Herd award

Active members of the Association who have been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more are eligible to apply for the American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award. Awards are presented throughout the year.

To qualify, the herd must be owned by the original member or their immediate family, and documentation of herd records must be provided. Herds that qualify are presented an official certificate, signed by the Association president and recognized in the *Angus Journal*. Download a Historic Angus Herd Award application or view a listing of members who have been recognized with the Historic Angus Herd Award since the program was started in 1988 at www.angus.org. 