

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Rule 504 reminder for bulls born after Jan. 1, 2018

In the September 2018 meeting of the American Angus Association Board of Directors, the Board voted to update Rule 504 from the Breeder's Reference Guide (the updated portion of the rule is noted below). Bulls born on or after Jan. 1, 2018, are reaching breeding age, and according to Rule 504, these bulls must be tested for the full suite of conditions to qualify for artificial insemination (AI) certificates.

Rule 504: DNA-Marker-Typing

A record of the DNA-marker type, or blood type if identified before January 1, 2001, of all bulls that are the source of semen for the purpose of Artificial Insemination must be

filed with the Association before calves that are sired artificially by such bulls shall be eligible for registration or before "Out of Herd" AI Service Certificates may be obtained from the Association. ***The full suite of known commercially available tests for the genetic conditions monitored by the American Angus Association will be required for all bulls, born on or after January 1, 2018, that are the source of semen for the purpose of Artificial Insemination.***

Return delegate ballots

It's time to vote for the members you wish to represent you as state and district delegates at the American Angus Association Annual Convention of Delegates this November. Delegate nominations received by the June 7 deadline were used to prepare state/district ballots with the names of eligible nominees. Ballots were mailed in early July to all eligible voting members.

All ballots must be received in the Association office no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT Tuesday, Aug. 6, to be counted. To ensure a valid ballot, vote for no more than the designated number of delegates listed at the top of the ballot and remember to sign the document before mailing.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 136th

Annual Convention of Delegates during the Angus Convention Nov. 2-4 in Reno, Nev.

Candidate résumés

Association active life or regular members seeking election to the Association Board of Directors should submit their intent to run to CEO, Mark McCully at mmccully@angus.org. Candidates may send a short biography, along with a photo, to *Angus Journal* Editor Julie Mais by Aug. 1 at jmais@angus.org. 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.

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.

2020 NWSS Angus Bull Sale

The 2020 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is set for 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, in Denver, Colo. Changes to entry requirements, format and venue include:

- All bulls must be genomic-trait tested and sell with a complete

Register for Convention

Registration for the 2019 Angus Convention, set for Nov. 2-4 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev., is open. 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.



suite of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$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 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. in the Beef Palace Arena 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.

BIF coverage online

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) recently hosted its Annual Meeting and Research Symposium June 18-21 in Brookings, S.C.

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 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 as well as educational scholarships.

The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair

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market value in excess of \$100.

Auction categories include Angus memorabilia/collectibles, games/toys, vacation packages, home décor, cattle services, embryo/semen packages 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.

Talon Internship accepting host breeder applications

The Angus Foundation, in conjunction with the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Endowment Fund, is currently accepting host breeder applications for the Talon Internship Program.

The internship program is designed to pair Angus youth with an Angus breeder to develop a mentor/mentee relationship throughout the course of a summer. This

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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).

relationship provides an educational experience that will increase the knowledge and understanding for raising registered-Angus cattle and the beef cattle industry for the mentee. Intern(s) will be compensated by the Angus Foundation through the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Endowment Fund.

Applications for Angus breeders interested in hosting interns in the summer of 2020 are due to the Angus Foundation and Events and Education Department by Sept. 15. For more information and both the breeder and intern application, please visit www.angusfoundation.org/fdn/Events/FdnTalon.html, or contact the Events and Education Department.

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 your AAA Login.

Black Books available

Order 2020 AngusSource® Black Books before Aug. 2, 2019. 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.

Registration open for ARSBC

Make plans now to attend the 2019 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle symposium (ARSBC) Aug. 20-21 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Considered the premier national event in beef cattle reproductive management, the meeting has a long history of providing the latest information on the application of reproductive technologies and includes a range of topics related to cow herd reproduction — such as nutritional interactions, management and male fertility.

The program is a joint effort of the University of Tennessee and the Beef Reproduction Task Force, which includes reproductive physiologists from land-grant universities who work together on reproductive management education.

This year's conference will feature a variety of topics surrounding beef reproductive health, including synchronization, heifer management and development, genomic selection and more.

The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in beef cattle reproduction, including producers, technicians, veterinarians and

professionals in related industries.

More information can be found on the meeting website, www.appliedreprostrategies.com. Use the "Meeting Info" link's pull-down menu to access a detailed breakout of presentations, speaker bios, and information on availability of continuing education credits, as well as links to online registration and hotel reservations.

Purchase photos online

While in the show ring or covering events, Angus Media staff capture thousands of photos. Many can be found at <https://photo.angus.org>. The Association recently released new prices and offers digital downloads, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, keychains and more.

Contact the Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or call 816-383-5100 for more information.

Affordable ID

Looking for an affordable way to identify your herd? Visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association. Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, blank tags and prenumbered tags for cattle producers across the United States. Anyone can order ear tags, applicators, syringes and accessories.

Feeding Quality Forum

The Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Feeding Quality Forum



Landers hired as regional manager for Colorado and Nebraska

Angus breeders in Colorado and Nebraska welcomed Levi Landers of Minden, Neb., as the territory's new regional manager for Region 7 for the American Angus Association on July 22.

Regional managers are the boots-on-the-ground for the Association and serve throughout 13 membership regions across the United States. As a partner for Angus breeders and others who rely on Angus genetics, Landers will be responsible for helping cattle producers identify herd goals, learn new programs and services, and drive quality within their operations.

Landers brings 15 years of publication and breed experience with him having worked for the *Western Ag Reporter* and most recently the American Hereford Association.

is set for Aug. 27-28 in Amarillo, Texas. The two-day event boasts educational opportunities and the schedule allows for networking time, including the evening banquet to celebrate the 2019 FQF Industry Achievement Award honoree. An optional packing plant tour is planned, with limited space reserved for early registrants. Visit CABcattle.com for registration.

Sale/field-day kit

Producers planning a summer field day or a fall sale can request a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the American Angus Association. Go online and visit The Angus Brand at <https://shop.angus.org> to find educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs. Printed literature is still free, but will now include the cost of shipping. 