

# ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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## 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 12 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. 11, 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 137th Annual Convention of Delegates during the Angus Convention Nov. 7-9 in Kansas City, Mo.

## 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.

## 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 [www.bifconference.com](http://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](http://www.angus.org/movingforward).

## Feeding Quality Forum

The *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Feeding Quality Forum is set for Aug. 25-26 as a virtual event. Visit [www.feedingqualityforum.com](http://www.feedingqualityforum.com) for registration details and an updated event 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.

## Talon Internship accepting host 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 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 2021 are due to the Angus Foundation and Events

## At a glance

### August 2020

1 Board candidate résumés due

11 Ballots must be received in Association office by 4:30 p.m.

25-26 Feeding Quality Forum virtual event

### September 2020

15 Talon Internship Program host applications due

and Education Department by Sept. 15. For more information and both the breeder and intern application, please visit [www.angus.org/Foundation/WhatWeDo/Youth/TalonYouth.aspx](http://www.angus.org/Foundation/WhatWeDo/Youth/TalonYouth.aspx), or contact the Events and Education Department.

## 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® (Angus Herd Improvement Records) for the whole herd. To learn more about MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting, visit [www.angus.org/MaternalPlus](http://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](http://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) and 840 radio frequency identification (RFID) tags for cattle producers all across the United States. For producers having a sale, Custom Cattle Tags is your source for sale tags

## 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](http://www.anguslive.com), the auction is set for Nov. 11-12. Proceeds will support the Auxiliary's mission, including breed promotion, beef education and youth development through various 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](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

## 2020 ANGUS CONVENTION

### Register for Convention

Registration for the 2020 Angus Convention, set for Nov. 7-9 at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo., is open. 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](http://www.angusconvention.com).

## 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](http://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

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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](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).

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](http://www.angus.org).

**Sale day kit**

Producers planning a fall sale can request a sale-day 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 free, but will include the cost of shipping.

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