

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 11 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. 10, 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 138th Annual Convention of Delegates during the Angus Convention Nov. 6-8 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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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.

Feeding Quality Forum

Feeding Quality Forum is set for Aug. 24-25, in Fort Collins, Colo. Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) is hosting a hybrid event with both an in-person and virtual component for those who work in the cattle feeding industry or supply calves to those who do.

In-person registration is \$200 until registration closes Aug. 8. In-person student registration is \$50 until Aug. 8. Visit www.FeedingQualityForum.com to register.

BIF coverage online

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium was hosted June 22-25 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Angus Media team provides online coverage of the event at www.bifconference.com.

Visit the Newsroom for summaries, proceedings and webinar videos 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 is set for Nov. 11. 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 and other useful items. Consignment deadline is Aug. 10.

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 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and online. For a consignment

contract and more information, visit www.angusauxiliary.com.

For any questions about the auction, contact Cortney Holshouser at kncholshouser@aol.com or 919-796-2346.

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.

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.

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.

Apply to host Talon intern

Angus breeders interested in hosting a Talon intern during the summer or fall of 2022 can now apply. The Talon Internship is part of the legacy of the late Cam Cooper of the Talon Ranch in Twin Bridges, Mont. The internship program offers hosts the opportunity to mentor young people interested in learning and actively participating in farm or ranch activities. Through the generous estate gifts from Cam, the interns are paid through her fund at the Angus Foundation.

For more information and to apply, visit the Talon Youth Internship page at www.angusfoundation.org under the "What We Do" tab. Host applications are due to the Angus Foundation by Oct. 31.

Black Books available

Order 2022 Angus Black Books now. 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. To order, call 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.

AJ Daily e-newsletter and audio

Get the latest Angus news and industry information delivered to your inbox on a daily basis.

The *AJ Daily* is an e-newsletter tailored for Angus breeders. The *AJ Daily* now offers an audio version of the daily email.



Register for Convention

Registration for the 2021 Angus Convention, set for Nov. 6-8 in Fort Worth, Texas, is open. Hosted with the 138th Annual Convention of Delegates, the Angus Convention offers hands-on education, face-to-face networking and entertainment.

For more information on this year's convention, see page 74.

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

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Subscribe at www.anguselist.com to stay up to date on industry news, current events and upcoming sales.

FCMG additional copies available

Cattlemen can now order additional copies of the 2021 Feeder-Calf Marketing Guide (FCMG), published in June as a supplement to the *Angus Beef Bulletin*.

The FCMG fosters understanding of the quality beef supply chain and how those purchasing registered Angus bulls can capitalize on the genetics and take advantage of the programs and services available to them. With articles ranging from what creates value to how to pick a feedyard — as well as directories to feedlots and auction markets — the FCMG is a resource to keep at your fingertips year-round.

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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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| # | 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

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| 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).

Additional copies are available. Send your request to Angus Media, FCMG Orders, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506 or email FCMG@angus.org. Request a bid for larger volumes for distribution at a sale or local auction market.

Beef Leaders Institute

Sixteen young American Angus Association members from across the country gathered June 14-17 for the 2021 Beef Leaders Institute (BLI). The program is hosted by the American Angus Association and funded by both the Angus Foundation and CAB.

The program's goal is to provide the complete pasture-to-plate experience from the selection of genetics to breeding, registration, packing and retail. BLI is designed to provide members ages 24 to 45 with the resources to seek insight into all segments of the beef industry, in hopes of creating more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry.

"We believe there is no better learning opportunity than through hands-on learning," said Caitlyn Brandt, events and industry partnership manager at the American Angus Association. "BLI is a great opportunity for young cattlemen and women to network and really get to learn about how the moving parts of the industry intertwine."

Stops on the tour for participants included Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.; Tiffany Cattle Co. in Herrington, Kan.; and CAB brand headquarters in Wooster, Ohio.

Additional coverage of BLI will be available in the September issue of the *Angus Journal*. 