

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.

Make plans for Angus 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. Angus University will host breakout sessions, sponsored by Zoetis, which will cover topics including marketing, bull development, genetics, reproduction and more.

The event also features a Bridgeview Mfg. grand prize giveaway valued at \$30,000 — the Bale King 5300 three-bale processor. John Deere and Priefert/Tru-Test are also offering grand prize giveaways, and attendees will enjoy *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.

Angus Foundation Kickoff at Convention

Join a fun and entertaining evening at the Angus Foundation Kick-Off party Friday, Nov. 1. Learn firsthand from past participants how programs and events sponsored by the Angus Foundation have enhanced their lives.

For \$75 attendees can enjoy *hors d'oeuvres*, entertainment and bid on auction items to raise unrestricted funds to support the Foundation's mission. Sign up with your convention registration.

2020 NWSS Angus Bull Sale entry form available

Entry forms for the 2020 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Bull Sale are now available. The sale will be hosted in Denver during the NWSS, Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Arena. In conjunction will be the selling of the Foundation Heifer Package.

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 prior to the 2 p.m. sale.

The entry deadline is Nov. 15, and entry fees are \$400. Entry forms are available from Jaclyn Upperman, Events and Education Department, 816-383-5147. For further information contact your regional manager, Upperman or Jeff Mafi, sale manager, at 816-344-4266.

Angus Foundation Heifer Package

This year's Angus Foundation Heifer package is a special offering. Rather than selling a single high-quality heifer, buyers will have the opportunity to bid on one lot with three options.

Due on Sept. 25, three heifer calves are set to hit the ground at Knoll Crest Farm in Red House, Va. Buyers will have the opportunity to choose between three embryo transfer (ET) heifer calves from the mating between Thomas Patricia 9705 and KCF Bennett Consent Y75.

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 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.

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 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.

NAILE entries due Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2019 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) this November, make sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium books and entry forms are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the website at www.livestockexpo.org.

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

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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.

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,

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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).

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.

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.

The latest in repro

Angus Media coverage of the 2019 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle workshop hosted in Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 20-21, is available online at www.appliedreprostrategies.com. Visit the Newsroom for summaries of presentations ranging from advancements in synchronization strategies to nutritional development of young bulls. The newsroom also features proceedings papers, PowerPoint presentations and audio of the speakers. 