

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Make plans for Angus Convention

Registration for the 2021 Angus Convention, set for Nov. 6-8 in Fort Worth, Texas, is open.

After a year of virtual events, the power of in-person events will be a highlight of this year's Angus Convention, hosted with the 138th Annual Convention of Delegates. Cattleman can network with old and new friends throughout the trade show and participate in educational sessions and convention tours.

Take advantage of learning from industry professionals during Angus University-sponsored breakout sessions and participate in hands-on education by attending a session in the cattle demonstration area.

The event also features four grand-prize giveaways and the opportunity to meet and mingle with others during several of the receptions featuring *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) brand meals.

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

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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.

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

Hair shed research EPD

The Association and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) have released a research expected progeny difference (EPD) for hair shedding (HS).

This report lists artificial insemination (AI) permitted bulls with accuracy values of greater than or equal to .40 for the trait.

Early summer hair shedding is an indicator trait for heat tolerance and tolerance to fescue toxicosis. Hair shedding is evaluated on a 1-5 visual appraisal scale, where 5 is a full winter coat and 1 is completely slick. While there is some variability

in shedding patterns between individuals, cattle tend to shed from front to back and top to bottom.

So, compared to a 5 (0% shed), a 4 (25% shed) has lost her winter coat around her head and neck. A 3 (50% shed) has additionally lost hair along her topline and farther down her brisket. A 2 (75% shed) is usually only holding hair on her flanks and around her belly, and a 1 indicates 100% shed out.

To learn more and download the report, visit www.angus.org/Performance#hs.

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 are 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 at their operation 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.

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.

AJ Daily and AJ Weekly

The *AJ Daily* and *AJ Weekly* e-newsletters got fresh new looks.

Subscribe today to stay up to date on beef industry news, current events and upcoming Angus sales. Visit <http://anguselist.com> to subscribe.

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. Click on the link provided in the email to “listen now” or subscribe to the *AJ Daily* wherever you listen to podcasts.

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.

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.

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.

Angus U to cover calf stress and health

Angus University will host a webinar on minimizing stress to maximize health Sept. 21. Sponsored by Diamond V, the webinar will cover gut health and innate immunity and minimizing feedlot, shipping and weaning stress.

Mark your calendars for Oct. 26 and Dec. 7 for future Angus University webinars.

For more information and to register, visit www.angus.org/University/Webinars.

LEAD conference: Life in the Angus lane

Nearly 100 Angus juniors gathered in Indianapolis, Ind., for the 2021 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference from July 29-Aug. 1, to expand their knowledge of the beef cattle industry and make new connections with other breed enthusiasts. Angus juniors buckled up and experienced “Life in the Angus Lane” by attending farm visits, industry workshops and leadership development activities.

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) hosts many leadership conferences for its juniors every year. By hosting conferences in different locations around the nation, the NJAA exposes junior members to other parts of the country and

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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	\$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

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).

helps them experience agriculture in new ways. Juniors have opportunities to foster relationships within the industry.

Juniors kicked off the weekend with breakout sessions with the National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB) and a guest speaker, Craig Huse, president and co-owner of Huse Culinary. The group also had the opportunity to visit with the leaders of Sankey Angus, Sunrise Sunset Farms and Horstman Cattle Company about topics such as embryo transfer, herd management and more. Cody and Lindsay Sankey of Sankey Angus emphasized the importance of the opportunity of attending the LEAD conference.

The conference allowed members to explore other aspects of agriculture. Elanco, Corteva and Cargill hosted sessions about each of their companies to help juniors to understand a different side of agriculture. Although the conference is focused on the beef cattle industry, the group also visited Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks, Ind., to learn about crops, dairy cattle and the pork industries.

As juniors finished the final lap of the conference, they reflected on the influence their weekend spent in Indianapolis would have on their future.

More on the LEAD conference will be in the October *Angus Journal*. **AJ**