

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Make plans for Angus Convention

Registration for the 2022 Angus Convention, set for Nov. 4-7 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, is open.

This year's Angus Convention, hosted with the 139th Annual Convention of Delegates, offers cattlemen the opportunity to network with old and new friends throughout the trade show and participate in 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 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 *Angus Conversation* podcast now available

Challenges and opportunities, traditions and progress — the Angus breed is full of topics that beg to jump off the page.



The Angus Conversation, a new podcast from the *Angus Journal*, recently launched as a way to bring breeders dynamic discussions with fellow cattlemen, industry leaders and new voices.

In its inaugural season, episodes will go live every other week on all the major podcast platforms now through December. A second season will start in the spring.

During generally 45-minute to hour-long shows, co-hosts Mark McCully, Brett Spader and Miranda Reiman engage in roundtable-like conversations with people from across *The Business Breed*. Guests will discuss breeding objectives, new technology, tangible tools, marketing and more.

To find past episodes, show notes and ways to give feedback, visit www.theangusconversation.com.

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Full Circle Online Auction

The American Angus Auxiliary will host its annual Full Circle Online Auction, a national Angus consignment sale, Nov. 10 at www.anguslive.com.

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.

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.

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 e-newsletter and audio

Get the latest Angus news and industry information delivered to your inbox on a daily basis, or choose to receive a weekly roundup — the *AJ Weekly*.

The *AJ Daily* is an e-newsletter tailored for Angus breeders and 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.

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.

LEAD 2022 — Angus takes the Triple Crown

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members gathered from all corners of the country for the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference July 28–31 in Lexington, Ky. Juniors experienced a weekend full of farm tours and leadership workshops while making lifelong connections within and beyond the Angus community.

The LEAD conference is designed to expose NJAA members to different parts of the industry by visiting new regions of the country every year.

This year, juniors learned about the agriculture industry in Kentucky and related career opportunities. Additionally, juniors grew their leadership skills through workshops and engaged in networking activities.

The weekend kicked off with breakout sessions led by the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) that challenged attendees to be bold leaders through interactive games and workshops. Juniors also visited Boyd Beef Cattle and Branch View Angus, where members learned about different cattle operations, freeze branding and how to use electronic identification in cattle. James Coffey, Branch View Angus, emphasized the advantage juniors have by being raised in the cattle industry.

“Whether you stay in the industry or you go into something different, you will always have an agriculture background that will serve you the rest of your life,” Coffey said. “I encourage every NJAA member to leverage that agriculture upbringing to future success.”

Attendees were also introduced to a variety of industries in the state, covering careers within and beyond the cattle sector. The group visited the Keeneland racetrack, Blue Grass Stockyards, Hallway Feeds and Tarter Industries. Tours provided valuable learning opportunities that showed juniors different facets of the agriculture industry.

The LEAD conference wrapped up with speaker A’ric Jackson, who spoke about different leadership styles and the importance of using individual strengths to have an influence. As attendees reflected on the eventful week, former NJAB Chairman Alex Cozzitorto reminded the group of the value of attending the LEAD conference.

“By attending the LEAD conference, you are investing in learning the leadership skills that are going to put you ahead in life and help you become future industry leaders,” Cozzitorto said.

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

#BEEFBASH is Back

It’s been three years since Certified Angus Beef hosted an in-person #BEEFBASH. This year’s Certified Angus Beef Annual Conference will be in Phoenix, Ariz., from Sept. 28–30. Hundreds of brand partners are invited, from packers and food distributors to grocery stores, restaurants, chefs and ranchers to gather in the desert to learn, eat and celebrate the best beef has to offer. More than 100 awards are given during the three-day span, some of which recognize Angus ranchers and quality-focused feedyards. Look forward to the October *Angus Journal* to reveal the 2022 Certified Angus Beef producer awards.

Black Books available

Order 2023 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 \$4.50 each.

To order, call 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.

Apply to host Talon intern

Angus breeders interested in hosting a Talon intern during the summer or fall of 2023 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

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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) cal.....regular registration fee plus \$10
- Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus \$50

BREEDER'S REFERENCE Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

SYMBOL MEANING

#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	@	Clone-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	*	Parentage qualified to both parents and the mating
^	Cell clone		
%	Split-ET		

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.

DNA TESTING FEES

ANGUS GSSM POWERED BY NEOGEN[®]

- Neogen[®] Angus GSSM (includes Parentage)\$37
- Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$18
- Add Coat Color.....\$5
- Add AM Test.....\$8
- Add NH Test.....\$8
- Add CA Test.....\$8
- Add OS Test.....\$8
- Add DD Test.....\$10
- Add M1 Test.....\$10
- Add OH Test.....\$8
- Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$10
- Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only).....\$4.50

ZOETIS[®] GENOMIC TESTS

- Zoetis[®] HD50K (includes Parentage).....\$37
- Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$18
- Add Coat Color.....\$5
- Add AM Test.....\$8
- Add NH Test.....\$8
- Add CA Test.....\$8
- Add OS Test.....\$8
- Add DD Test.....\$10
- Add M1 Test.....\$10
- Add OH Test.....\$8
- Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$10
- Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only).....\$4.50

OTHER DNA TESTS

- Parentage.....\$18
- Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$45
- Coat Color Test.....\$18
- Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) Test.....\$22
- Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH)Test.....\$22
- Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA) Test.....\$22
- Osteopetrosis (OS) Test.....\$22
- Developmental Duplication (DD) Test.....\$22
- Myostatin (M1) Test.....\$22
- Oculocutaneous Hypopigmentation (OH) Test....\$18
- Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$22

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.

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).

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.

Angus genetic experts present to a world stage

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) staff took their research beyond borders at the World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production (WCGALP) in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, July 3-8. Three Association staff members, five current or former interns and several external collaborators represented AGI at WCGALP, one of the largest global livestock genetics events.

AGI President Kelli Retallick-Riley discussed the evolution of genomic selection.

Andre Garcia, AGI geneticist, presented on single-step genomic evaluation and research which concluded changes in the set of core animals only marginally affected animal ranking.

AGI Geneticist Duc Lu spoke about Angus advancements in pulmonary hypertension.

Additionally, the current and former interns and external collaborators presented research conducted alongside the Association.

"The research conducted by the Association and AGI impacts the breed internationally," Retallick-Riley said. "We continue these research efforts to better serve our membership and the global Angus population." **A**