

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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National Angus Show

The National Angus Show will be hosted during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., this November. The schedule for the event is as follows:

Thursday, Nov. 12

- Junior and open cattle can begin arriving at noon

Friday, Nov. 13

- Junior cattle in place by 11 a.m.
- Open cattle in place by noon

Sunday, Nov. 15

- Junior Angus Show

Monday, Nov. 16

- Open Angus Show
- Cattle released after breed show

The NAILE will be closed to the general public this year. Participants

will be allotted a number of badges based on the number of cattle they are showing and must wear a wristband to access the grounds.

Face coverings will be required for all in attendance, and everyone entering the facility will be required to submit a COVID-19 waiver.

All cattle will be required to have a USDA 840 electronic identification (eID) tag and will be required to have a negative ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) or PCR (polymerase chain reaction) BVD-PI (bovine viral diarrhea persistent infection) test collected by an accredited veterinarian.

New program explained in November AU webinar

The next Angus University (AU) webinar, "Investing in Inventory," will be Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. CST.

Beginning in January 2021, Angus producers will have the option to participate in an inventory-based reporting system. Staff will explain the details of the program, incentives and how making the switch can make a difference in your herd.

To register for the webinar, visit bit.ly/investingininventory. To view past webinars, visit www.angus.org/Education/AngusEducation.aspx.

Black Books available

Order 2021 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 and can be customized free of charge with purchase of 100 or more. Customized orders may

include your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover, while standard orders feature the Association's logo.

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

Historic Angus Herd Award

Active members who have been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more are eligible to apply for the Association's Historic Angus Herd Award. Awards are presented throughout the year.

The herd must be owned by the original member or their immediate family, and documentation of herd records must be provided. Qualifying herds are presented an official certificate and recognized in the *Angus Journal*.

Download an application or view a listing of recipients honored since the program was started in 1988 at www.angus.org.

Angus Convention virtual registration deadline nears

Due to gathering restrictions created by COVID-19, the American Angus Association has reformatted the 2020 Angus Convention. Modifications were necessary to balance the health of attendees and the need to conduct the business of the Association.

The event will be a two-day in-person meeting Nov. 8-9 featuring the Annual Convention of Delegates and educational sessions. A ticketed awards dinner and fundraiser will be hosted Sunday, Nov. 8.

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and attendees will be offered, but registration is required. Virtual registration closes at 5 p.m. on Nov. 6.

Guests who register online can partake in virtual education sessions throughout the two-day event. Association leadership will provide updates and educational workshops. Each day will be headlined with keynote speakers to inspire attendees to advance their operations (see pages 84-85).

The candidate forum and state caucuses will proceed as scheduled and will be webcast for those not in attendance.

The 137th Convention of Delegates will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9. If Association members are unable to attend in person, they can attend virtually, and voting delegates will have a virtual participation option.

Those who want to attend virtually must register Nov. 6 by 5 p.m.

For more information, refer to the insert mailed with this issue, or visit www.angusconvention.com.

Annual Awards Dinner

Enjoy an evening of awards, appreciation and food at the 137th Angus Annual Meeting Awards Dinner Nov. 8. Learn firsthand from past participants how programs and events sponsored by the Angus Foundation have influenced them, and recognize those who have made a difference in the industry.

The Association will recognize Roll-of-Victory (ROV) Show Program winners, Angus Heritage Foundation inductees, Century Award recipients and American Angus Auxiliary honorees, as well as crown a new Miss American Angus.

For \$75, attendees can enjoy dinner and bid on auction items to grow the Angus Fund to support the Angus Foundation's mission. Sign up with

your convention registration. For those participating virtually, please call your regional manager to place a bid. For more information, visit www.angusconvention.com.

Full Circle Online Auction

The American Angus Auxiliary will host its fifth-annual Full Circle Online Auction Nov. 11-12. Hosted by www.anguslive.com, the auction is an innovative, web-based consignment market offering 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.

For more details, see page 165 in the October *Angus Journal* or visit www.angusauxiliary.com.

NWSS postponed

The Western Stock Show Association board and National Western Stock Show (NWSS) management made the call to postpone the 115th NWSS by one year and to resume the event in January 2022. The COVID-19 pandemic does not allow for the NWSS to host the annual event and comply with the health and safety guidelines. For information, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Cattlemen's Congress replaces NWSS for 2021

The American Angus Association announces plans to hold its Super ROV Show typically associated with the NWSS during the newly created Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The tentative Angus schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- Bases Loaded Sale

Thursday, Jan. 7

- Jr. Angus Show
- Denim and Diamonds Sale

Friday, Jan. 8

- Super ROV Angus Bull Show
- National Angus Bull Sale

Saturday, Jan. 9

- Super ROV Angus Female Show
- Angus Foundation Female Sale
- Official Angus Foundation fundraising event

Sunday, Jan. 10

- Angus Bull and Heifer Pen Shows
- Hotel room blocks, entry deadlines and more information will be released in the coming weeks.

Bull Sale will go on, entries due Nov. 13

Angus members are invited to consign bulls to the 2021 National Angus Bull Sale now scheduled for Friday, Jan. 8, during Angus events at the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City.

Upon entry, all bulls must possess a genomic profile, along with a complete set of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values). Any bull that is a potential carrier for a genetic condition recognized by the Association must be tested free of that condition(s).

Those with Pen of Three or Pen of Five entries will be encouraged to participate as well. Participants may designate an individual at time for entry or consign a "Pick of the Pen."

A special advertising section will be available for consignors in the December 2020 *Angus Journal*.

For more details or to request an entry packet, contact Jeff Mafi, 816-344-4266 or jmafi@angus.org; Alex Tolbert, 706-338-8733 or atolbert@angus.org; your regional manager;

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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	Arthrogyrosis 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 Jaclyn Upperman, American Angus Association Events and Education Department, at 816-383-5147.

Angus Foundation Heifer

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package will kick off the National Angus Bull Sale. The sale will be Friday, Jan. 8, at the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City.

This year's heifer offering presents a special opportunity to bid to purchase a choice of the 2020 crop of heifers from Benoit Angus, Esbon, Kan.

The offering includes 30 days of insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Batavia, Ill.; transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.

See page 148 for more information.

Talon Internship student applications due Dec. 1

The Angus Foundation, through the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Endowment Fund, will pair motivated youth with host Angus ranches to give a valuable, hands-on, educational experience for an eight- to 10-week term during summer 2021. Applications are available online and due back to the Angus Foundation by Dec. 1.

College sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students and recent college graduates who do not exceed the age of 25 on date of application and are majoring in an agriculture-related field of study, will be eligible to apply for this paid internship position.

The late Cam Cooper of Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont., set up the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund through her estate. The internship

partnership will benefit the ranch and the intern by providing an educational experience and enthusiastic fresh perspective for both.

For more information and to apply, visit www.angusfoundation.org.

Affordable ID

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the 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.

Looking for an internship?

The American Angus Association offers opportunities for college students to further their education and gain experience with the world's leading beef cattle association. Paid summer internships offer goal-oriented students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing knowledge of agriculture and the beef industry. The internships being offered are:

Angus Media: This writing-intensive opportunity offers the chance to participate in producing publications, including the *Angus Journal*, *Angus Beef Bulletin*[®], *Angus Beef Bulletin EXTRA*, *Angus Journal Daily* and social media. The internship can be tailored to the intern's interests, but many duties can be anticipated, including traveling to industry events. Experience in news and feature writing, editing and photography are strongly suggested.

Communications: From print stories to video scripts, photography, graphic design and more, the intern will gain valuable ag communications experience. Applicants should have strong writing and design skills and completed coursework in news and feature writing, editing, and design. Experience in photography, video and social media would be helpful.

Events and Education: The intern will assist in planning and executing youth events hosted by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including preparations, correspondence and coordination for junior shows and events. Applicants should be self-starters, detail-oriented and outgoing, with the ability to work well with others. Livestock and event planning experience is a plus. Travel to the 2021 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference and other events is expected.

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI): Students pursuing their master's degree or doctorate in animal breeding and genetics should apply for the AGI summer internship. The intern will have the opportunity to work with one of the world's largest beef genomic databases. The internship will be focused on research involving data analysis, so candidates should have experience in analyzing animal breeding data sets and genomic data.

Send résumé, cover letter and references to careers@angus.org by Feb. 1, 2020. Visit angus.org/careers for full internship descriptions and requirements.

CAB communications internship deadline Dec. 1

To thrive in a career takes seasoning beyond the classroom.

Certified Angus Beef[®] (CAB[®]) brand interns draw on their writing skills and creativity to share stories with stakeholders across the beef supply chain. The producer communication internship is meant for college juniors and seniors, and application is open until Dec. 1.

The opportunity provides practice in photography, videography, website management and more across the brand's multimedia channels allowing students to learn more in their areas of interest. Selected students gain real-world experience to benefit journalism, public relations, marketing and other careers in the beef industry.

Interns are valued team members and regular contributors to the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*. They assist with social media, website management, photography and video production. They're responsible for interviews, photography, video and writing stories sent to ag media and published on the brand's website and social media pages.

While interns must work independently to meet deadlines, the team works to develop their skills by providing feedback on projects.

The team will select from a pool of motivated students to fill the summer 2021 or school year 2021-2022 terms. Summer interns often work from the brand's Wooster, Ohio, office 40 hours per week throughout the duration. Spring and fall interns work 10 hours per week from their remote location.

Application should include résumé, cover letter, and an online or uploadable portfolio of work. Find more information and directions for submission at www.cabcattle.com/internship/. 