

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Angus Foundation sale lot donation program

The Angus Foundation recently launched the Fund the Future program, designed to provide Angus breeders a unique and flexible opportunity to give back from their own annual production sale, consignment sale, bull sale or online genetic sale. Animals offered through private treaty are also eligible. Proceeds will benefit the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted dollars for the Angus Foundation's mission of supporting Angus education, youth and research.

The program asks breeders to donate a percentage of their choice on both live or genetic sale lots. The Angus Foundation will provide



the program logo and footnote to distinguish a Fund the Future lot in the breeder's sale book. Participants in the Fund the Future campaign will be recognized in the Angus Foundation Impact Report, the *Angus Journal* and on the Angus Foundation website. When Angus breeders see an offering marked with the Fund the Future logo, they know a portion of its sale will be used to invest in the future of the breed.

For more information or to participate in the Fund the Future initiative, visit www.Angus.org/Foundation/GetInvolved/FundTheFuture.

For more information, contact Jaelyn Upperman, Angus Foundation executive director, at jupperman@angus.org.

Bull Sale entries due Nov. 15

Angus members are invited to consign bulls to the 2023 National Angus Bull Sale Jan. 6, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Okla., at Cattlemen's Congress.

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 American Angus Association must be tested free of that condition(s).

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

A special advertising section will be available for consignors in the January 2023 *Angus Journal*. The entry deadline is Nov. 15.

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; or Caitlyn Brandt, Events and Junior Activities Department, at 816-383-5147.

Angus Foundation Heifer Package

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package will kick off the 84th National Angus Bull Sale, Friday, Jan. 6, at the Cattlemen's Congress.

The 2023 Angus Foundation Heifer Package is donated by Coleman Angus of Charlo, Mont. The heifer, Coleman Chloe 173 (AAA+*20076459), is the Coleman Chloe female with the highest maternal weaned calf value (\$M) in the ranch's herd. She is backed by a pedigree represented by the operation's most notable cow families.

The offering includes 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.

The sale will start at 2 p.m. at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

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AHIR Inventory Reporting

Inventory Reporting enrollment for Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) Inventory Reporting is open from Nov. 1 to Jan. 15. The fee is \$2 for each female enrolled. This fee covers the AHIR reporting cost for the next calf crop. Annual requirements for each female enrolled in the program include reporting a calf (birth date, sex, dam information), a reason for no calf, or a disposal code if the cow left the herd.

For members enrolling for the first time, current herd inventory can be established within your AAA Login account. For members who enrolled last year during this time period, your inventory needs updated and all females to meet requirements to reenroll. For members who enrolled in July, now is a good time to enter the fall calving information for the females in your herd. For those interested in MaternalPlus®, weaning weights and heifer breeding records are also required.

All members enrolled in the Inventory Reporting option will have the opportunity to earn the MaternalPlus designation. In addition, members who are enrolled in the Inventory Reporting program will receive the Functional Longevity research EPD when released.

For more information call 816-383-5100 or email angus@angus.org.

Get In on the Conversation

There's a lot to talk about in the Angus business. The Angus Conversation, an *Angus Journal* podcast, launched in August to foster discussions on important topics in the breed.

Listen to the latest episodes anywhere you get your podcasts:

- Willis, Noble: Commercial Cattlemen Want It All

- A Good Bull vs. a Great Bull and Other Insight from Jarold Callahan

- From Data Submission to Depreciation: September '22 Board Highlights

"We've covered a lot of ground already from marketing cattle on the rail all the way through to importance of phenotypes in the genetic evaluation," says Miranda Reiman, The Angus Conversation co-host. "I hope you see this as your podcast — one that features people, like you, with the sole purpose of growing dialogue and talking about things you care about."

To suggest guests or topics or reach out to any of the hosts, submit ideas in the comment box at www.TheAngusConversation.com. If you enjoy an episode, be sure to rate it or subscribe to never miss out.

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or visit www.theangusconversation.com



Angus summer internships

The American Angus Association will offer internships in summer 2023. Information will be available online Nov. 1. College students looking for experience in media, communications, events or genetics can visit the Angus career center at angus.org/careers to submit a cover letter, résumé and three references by Jan. 10, 2023.

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.

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.

Talon Internship student applications due Dec. 1

The Talon internship program provides college-aged students the opportunity to spend their summer on an Angus operation gaining valuable, hands-on experience. Interns will gain extensive ranching knowledge while complementing their skills as advocates for the beef industry. Applications for the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program student internship are due Dec. 1.

The late Camron "Cam" Cooper of the Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont., developed the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund in 2009 to be a one-of-a-kind educational experience for students. College sophomores,

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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).

juniors, seniors and graduate students under the age of 25 and majoring in an agricultural-related field of study are eligible to apply.

Students interested in participating in the program can learn more and apply at bit.ly/AngusFoundationTalonProgram.

CAB communications internship applications due Nov. 15

In a fast-paced and dynamic communications space, CAB seeks three students aspiring for opportunities beyond the classroom and through the beef supply chain. Ideal candidates are college students majoring in agricultural communications, public relations, journalism, marketing or related areas.

The **producer communications intern** will engage farm and ranch audiences. This intern will write news releases, feature stories, and create content for the brand's rancher-facing social media accounts, website and email copy. Background knowledge and experience in agriculture is preferred.

The **communications intern** will support business and consumer audiences. This intern will write news releases, feature stories, and create visual content with photos and videos for the brand's consumer-facing social media accounts, website and seasonal campaign efforts.

The **public relations intern** will monitor brand mentions and emerging issues in trade and top-tier media, generate media pitches and pitching strategies, and support any events as they arise. The secondary focus will be to create content for the brand newsroom.

If this sounds like you or a student you know, please share the opportunity and find more information at www.CertifiedAngusBeef.com/recruiting.

