

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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AGI new testing bundle

Angus Genetics, Inc. will now offer genetic condition bundle testing options for members at an affordable price. Members will be able to test individual animals for the whole suite of genetic conditions monitored by the American Angus Association as well as coat color for a low-cost price.

For \$45, members can receive the suite of genetic condition tests including AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, OH, M1, and D2 along with coat color. If testing alongside an Angus GS or HD 50K™ for Angus, members can receive the full suite of genetic conditions along with coat color for an additional \$18; that is a total of \$55 for a genomic profile test plus genetic conditions results. Members choosing to only test for certain conditions will continue to pay the posted stand-alone or add-on price as represented on www.angus.org/AGI/SeedStockOptions.aspx.

Rooms available for NWSS

The American Angus Association has reserved a block of rooms at the Hilton Denver City Center for lodging during the NWSS. Reservations must be made by Dec. 21 to secure a room at the discounted rate. All rates are \$134 per night, with a \$20 charge for each additional person in the room.

The hotel is located at 1701 California St., Denver, Colo., 80202. Call 303-297-1300 to reserve a room.

NWSS Angus Bull Sale

The 2019 National Western Angus Bull Sale will be Wednesday, Jan.

16, 2019, at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (EPDs).

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2018, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

For more information about the sale, contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846.

Member Services updates

The American Angus Association Board of Directors approved for staff to create an option for members to have hard copy transferred certificates mailed directly to the buyer for \$3 per transferred certificate. This option will now be available for all to utilize starting with the current fall sale season. The \$3 fee began on Oct. 1.

The Board of Directors approved to adopt and utilize a best practices statement (see below) and to increase the DNA parentage correction fee to \$5 beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

Parentage best practices

When submitting calves with unknown parentage, or if you use multi-sire pastures, it is highly recommended to test the calf for parentage prior to registering. At the time the DNA sample on the calf is submitted for parentage testing, the calf will be assigned a temporary number (BIR Number). Then provide

all possible sires by creating a sire group (see below).

This will allow the DNA to direct the system to the correct sire, allow us to make the correction on the calf's weight data file, and then you can submit the registration application and register the calf correctly. This procedure will ultimately save you time and a lot of extra effort.

To create a sire group, go to Member Login/My Herd/Animal Groups/Create Sire Group. In the "Sire Group Identifier" box, type in the name for your sire group. An example would be 2018 sires, North Pasture, etc. Click on "Add New Sire" and type in the registration numbers for your sires. Click on "Save" when finished. If you need to add additional sires, you can do that by clicking on "Add Additional Sires."

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 RFID tags for cattle producers across the United States.

MaternalPlus incentives

The Association is offering cash-back incentives for herds enrolling in the MaternalPlus® program.

Incentives include:

- Introductory 5% cash back on Association fees once a producer completes the first year's enrollment.

- An extra 2.5% cash back each subsequent year a re-enrollment is completed until 150,000 females are enrolled in the program.

- Association fees eligible for the cash-back rebate include membership, registration, transfer and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) submitted and paid for in the previous 12 months.

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit www.angus.org or AAA Login.

Black Books available

Members, get your two free 2019 Angus Black Books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. Orders of more than two are available for \$3.25 each. Each book is customized with the Association's logo and contact information on the back cover.

To order, contact the Association at 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.

I Am Angus airs Dec. 24

I Am Angus: The Art of Greatness is a documentary exploring the meaning of greatness through the portraits of five icons in the Angus cattle industry.

The documentary premieres Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. on RFD-TV. Visit angus.org/IAmAngus for more information.

Looking for an internship?

The American Angus Association offers several opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association and branded-beef program.

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. Look for deadlines, requirements and

application details online at www.angus.org/careers/.

Apply to attend YCC

The Angus Foundation will nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2019 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry and tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Sponsorship and program nomination is granted to an active Association and NCBA member using an application process.

Applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 11, 2019. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

Include Foundation in end-of-year giving plans

Charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation in support of its education, youth and research programs are appreciated regardless of the time of year the gift is made by the donor. Oftentimes, however, charitable giving decisions are made at year's end once an individual or couple knows their income tax situation for that respective calendar (tax) year.

The 2018 Angus Foundation fiscal year may have ended Sept. 30, but it's not too late to get in a donation for the 2018 tax year. Your tax-deductible charitable financial gifts by Dec. 31 will help enrich the lives of Angus youth by empowering them to develop lifelong leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. Donors can also choose to invest in education or research and support those specific tenets of the Foundation mission. You can give

At a glance

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24 *I Am Angus: Art of Greatness* airing on RFD-TV, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 2019

1 *I Am Angus: Art of Greatness* airing on RFD-TV

11 YCC Sponsorship application deadline

16 NWSS Angus Bull Sale

16-19 NWSS Angus events

30 - Feb. 1 Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show

online at www.angusfoundation.org using your Visa® or Mastercard® or contact the Angus Foundation.

As a reminder, one should pay attention to timing when it comes to year-end gifts. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, 501(c)(3) charities such as the Angus Foundation will recognize the U.S. Postal Service's postmark denoted on the outside of the carrier envelope used by the donor in transmitting the gift to the charity.

To qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash gifts, this means your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the Angus Foundation in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Gifts can be made online at www.angusfoundation.org.

For more information, contact Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5163 or Director of Development Rod Schoenbine at 330-464-9793.

Uruguay to host World Secretariat

Uruguay will host the next World Angus Secretariat March 18-29, 2019.

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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).

The meeting will include a field trip visiting the major studs in the country from March 18-23.

Following the field trip will be conferences, country presentations, cattle and stud shows as well as jury and sales at the Convention Center in Punta del Este. A related commercial and services exhibition will be hosted in conjunction with the conference from March 25-28.

The Aberdeen Angus Breeders Society of Uruguay (SCAAU) is responsible for organizing the event. For more information, visit www.angusuruguay.com.

The Angus Report

The Angus Report delivers Association and industry news each week on RFD-TV. Catch the original broadcast at 7:30 a.m. CDT Monday morning. Each program is rebroadcast Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at www.angus.org and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, keychains and more. Contact the Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information. 