

# ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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## Important dates for Pathfinder

Launched in 1978, the Pathfinder® Angus Program identifies superior females in the breed based on performance data submitted through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). To qualify, a cow must be actively enrolled in AHIR, producing her first calf near the herd's average age for first calving. Second, her first three calves must post a minimum average weaning weight ratio of 105 in a contemporary group with a minimum of five herdmates of the same sex. Lastly, calves must be sired by a registered Angus bull.

All data on females must be received by the end of the business day Jan. 28, 2022, to be eligible for 2022 Pathfinder status. Pathfinder status will be announced Feb. 3, 2022.

## National Angus Bull Sale

The 2022 National Angus Bull Sale will be Friday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. in the Super Barn Sale Arena during the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma

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City, Okla. All consignments will be genomic-tested; will possess a complete set of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values); and must be free of any genetic conditions recognized by the American Angus Association.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2021, will have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

For more information about the sale, contact sale managers Jeff Mafi, at 816-344-4266 or [jmafi@angus.org](mailto:jmafi@angus.org); or Alex Tolbert, 706-338-8733 or [atolbert@angus.org](mailto:atolbert@angus.org).

## Angus Foundation Heifer

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package will kick off the National Angus Bull Sale. The sale will be Friday, Jan. 7, at the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla.

This year's heifer offering presents a special opportunity to bid to purchase a pick of five heifers from Tehama Angus Ranch, Gerber, Calif.

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.

## Save the Date — Oklahoma Stars

Angus breeders and enthusiasts attending Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla., won't want to miss the Oklahoma Stars event

Wednesday, Jan., 5, 2022, at the Will Rogers Theatre in Oklahoma City.

Attendees will enjoy an evening of fellowship, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and items sold to advance the Angus Foundation's mission of youth, education and research in the Angus breed. RSVP is not needed and the event is casual with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

## 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 or fall 2022. 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 the 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., who was a supporter of agriculture's youth, set up the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund through her estate. The internship partnership will benefit both 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](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

## Regional manager internship

The American Angus Association's field services team is offering a fall internship designed to enhance a student's abilities to build effective relationships, craft a promotional strategy and learn about the Angus business and cattle industry.

From assisting with herd visits to securing advertising in the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*, to providing insight to producers and more, the regional manager intern will gain valuable hands-on, real-world experience in the Angus business. Applicants should have a basic understanding of the cattle industry, be eager to learn and have a willingness to travel.

Applications are being accepted from college juniors or seniors studying animal science, agricultural business or other agricultural-related major. Candidates should be outgoing, able to work well with all types of people and a self-starter.

The internship begins in August and extends through early December. The intern would be based at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., with opportunities to travel.

Students who wish to apply should upload their résumé, cover letter and references to the career center at [www.angus.org/careers](http://www.angus.org/careers) by April 1, 2022. Visit [www.angus.org/careers](http://www.angus.org/careers) for full internship descriptions and requirements.

## Angus University webinar

Mark your calendars for Dec. 7 for an Angus University webinar. Angus University provides education and resources to both junior and adult members of the American Angus Association as well as the beef industry.

For more information and to register, visit [www.angus.org/University/Webinars](http://www.angus.org/University/Webinars).

## AHIR Inventory Reporting

The enrollment period for Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) Inventory Reporting is open from Nov. 1 through 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.

For more information call 816-383-5100 or email [angus@angus.org](mailto:angus@angus.org).

## Angus Beef Bulletin

Advertising deadlines are fast approaching for the February issue of the *Angus Beef Bulletin*. The space reservation deadline is Jan. 3; materials deadline is Jan. 11; and the issue will arrive in mailboxes Feb. 15-20.

The *Angus Beef Bulletin* is a four-color magazine that provides

commercial cattlemen management and marketing information.

To reserve an advertising space, contact your regional manager or advertising executive. You can view back issues online at [www.angusbeefbulletin.com/extra/abb-back-issues.html](http://www.angusbeefbulletin.com/extra/abb-back-issues.html).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

## 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 students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing industry knowledge. The internships being offered are:

**Angus Media:** Two writing-intensive opportunities — one focused on the seedstock audience and one focused on the commercial audience — offer the chance to participate in producing publications, including the *Angus Journal*, *Angus Beef Bulletin*, *Angus*

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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](http://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).

*Beef Bulletin EXTRA, AJ Daily*, editorial websites and social media. The internship can be tailored to the intern's strengths 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 communications intern will truly gain valuable agricultural communications experience. Applicants should have strong writing and design skills and have 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, but not required. Travel to the 2022 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 that involves data analysis, so candidates should have experience in analyzing animal breeding data sets and genomic data.

Students interested in applying should upload their résumé, cover letter and references to the career center at [www.angus.org/careers](http://www.angus.org/careers) by Jan. 10, 2022. Visit [www.angus.org/careers](http://www.angus.org/careers) for full internship descriptions and requirements.

## Help Establish Ardyce's Apron

The late Ardyce O'Neill made waves in the Angus breed and helped launch the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) Cook-Off during the NJAS.

To continue her legacy, Angus breeders and friends can make a memorial gift to establish the

Ardyce's Apron Award for the overall junior winners of the Cook-Off.

Gifts can be sent to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Avenue, Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Gifts will grow the Auxiliary's Award Fund with the Angus Foundation, which has recognized and honored outstanding Angus junior members since its creation in 2008.

## Affordable ID


Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit [www.customcattletags.com](http://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.

## Sale-day kit

Producers planning a 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. 



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