

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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AHIR Inventory Reporting

Inventory Reporting enrollment for Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) 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.

Members who are enrolled receive access to the Functional Longevity research EPD on their herd.

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

At a glance

December

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| 1 | Angus summer internship application deadline |
| 1 | Talon internship application deadline |

Automatic membership dues renewal

Automatic Dues Renewal is a service the American Angus Association is offering to annually renew regular and membership dues. This will be an automatic process using the saved payment method and selected membership type on file. You can manage your preferences or unenroll from Automatic Dues Renewal at any time.

To enroll today sign in to your AAA Login account, visit My Account-> Manage Auto Dues Renewal.

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Build a legacy

The Angus Foundation is celebrating 150 years of George Grant bringing Angus bulls to America through its annual fund campaign.

The “A Legacy Built” campaign asks every American Angus Association member to give a recurring gift of \$150 to the Angus Foundation or a more manageable gift of \$12.50 every month. The campaign builds unrestricted donations for Angus programs such as scholarships, youth conferences, educational programs and research.

A member can donate through the Angus Foundation website (www.angusfoundation.org), mailing a check to the Angus Foundation or making a monthly pledge during Angus events.

For the profit-minded cattleman



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- BRD Signs and Treatment with Shawn Blood
- Beef Market History and Status with Nevil Speer

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National Angus Bull Sale

The 2024 National Angus Bull Sale is set for Friday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. in the Super Barn Sale Arena during the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, Okla. All consignments will be genomic-tested; possess a complete set of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values); and be free of any genetic conditions recognized by the American Angus Association.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2023, 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; or Alex Tolbert, 706-338-8733 or atolbert@angus.org.

Angus Foundation Heifer Package

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package will kick off the 85th National Angus Bull Sale, set for Jan. 5, 2024, at the Cattlemen's Congress.

The heifer, Yon Sarah K1233 (AAA *20450734), is a maternal sister to both Yon Top Cut G730 (AAA +*19476453) and Yon Saluda (AAA +*20336998). Yon Sarah K1233 is safe in calf to Yon Toccoa F1054 (AAA +*19306162), with an anticipated due date of March 21, 2024.

Yon Family Farms is a first-generation seedstock operation whose focus is to provide high-quality, value-added cattle to satisfied customers. They aim for their customers to believe that honesty, quality, service and value are synonymous with their name.

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

Angus Foundation offers granite pavers at headquarters

Leave a lasting mark on the American Angus Association. By donating to "Building an Angus Legacy," cattlemen, alumni of the junior program and others can have a paver in front of the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., personally engraved.

An unrestricted, tax-deductible donation of \$300 to the Angus Foundation secures a paver.

All the proceeds from the "Building an Angus Legacy" campaign support the Angus Foundation and its mission to advance Angus education, youth and research programs.

In 2013, the front walkway of the Association was remodeled and each of the new 6-by-12-inch granite pavers became available for recognition. Previous donors have listed their names or their farm's name. Others have made a donation in memory of a loved one or the name of their group or state association.

Orders will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To submit an order and payment, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100. The Angus Foundation is accepting orders via mail to 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506 or online at www.angusfoundation.org.

Important dates for Pathfinder

Launched in 1978, the Pathfinder® Angus Program identifies superior females in the breed based on performance data submitted through 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. 26, 2024, to be eligible for 2024 Pathfinder status. Pathfinder status will be announced Feb. 1, 2024.

Black Books available

Order 2024 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 \$3.50 each.

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

Fund the Future

The Angus Foundation *Fund the Future* program provides Angus breeders with a way to ensure a bright future for the breed. The initiative gives the breeder a unique and flexible opportunity to give back from their own annual production, consignment, bull or online genetic sale. Animals offered through private treaty are also eligible.

Breeders participating in the program 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 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 strengthen the breed by investing in its future.

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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.....	\$3 <i>(per first weight submitted)</i>
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership w/ <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription.....	\$130
Lifetime membership.....	\$1,500 <i>(optional to pay in three \$500/year installments)</i>
Junior annual membership <i>(less than 21 years of age)</i>	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf.....regular registration fee plus \$10	
Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus \$50	

DNA TESTING FEES

ANGUS GSSM POWERED BY NEOGEN[®]

Neogen [®] Angus GS SM <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$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 <i>(Hair or TSU Only)</i>	\$4.50

ZOETIS[®] GENOMIC TESTS

Zoetis [®] HD50K <i>(includes Parentage)</i>	\$37
Add Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$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 <i>(Hair or TSU Only)</i>	\$4.50

OTHER DNA TESTS

Parentage.....	\$18
Genetic Condition Bundle <i>(includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color)</i>	\$45
Coat Color Test.....	\$18
Arthrogyposis 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

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	Arthrogyposis 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).

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.

Proceeds will benefit the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted dollars for the Angus Foundation's mission of supporting Angus education, youth and research.

Contact the Angus Foundation for more information.

Applications open for 2024 Young Cattlemen's Conference

Each year, the Angus Foundation supports tomorrow's beef leaders by sponsoring one individual to represent the Angus breed at the Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC).

The educational event, spearheaded by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, is planned for May 30 to June 6, 2024. Applications for the Angus Foundation's spot on the trip can be found on the Angus Foundation website and are due Jan. 10, 2024.

YCC is a program developed for up-and-coming producers who are interested in seeing every part of the supply chain from production to marketing to Capitol Hill. The primary objective is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and women and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry while building their professional network.

The sponsored attendee will have registration and travel costs covered by the Angus Foundation. Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 50 and in good standing with American Angus Association and a member of NCBA.

For more information and to download the application, visit www.angusfoundation.org.

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