



The Web Page

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Log on for Angus information

American Angus Association members have a wealth of information available at their fingertips at www.angus.org. If you need to know something about the Angus business, you can probably find it from this site.

In the next few "Web Page" articles, we'll take a look at the Association Web sites and how you can use them to find the answers you are looking for, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Association and its subsidiaries, Angus Productions Inc. (API) and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), have multiple Web addresses/sites to meet the different needs of their browsers. For an overview see the Resource Edition printed in this issue. Let's begin by looking at www.angus.org.

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The "Search Site" button, an option on the left navigation bar, is one of the most useful tools. Here you can enter a key word or phrase (using "and" or "or") and receive a list of links to pages with information regarding your request.

There is also a site map option (also listed on the left-hand navigation bar), which allows you to easily navigate the site by clicking on the subject for which you are looking.

Using these two tools, you should be able to find any information available on the site. If you still can't find specific information, you can e-mail hostmaster@angus.org. An Association contact will then help you navigate to the correct location.

The "Contact Us" link is another good resource. It is found under the Angus logo on the right-hand side of the screen. By visiting this link, you can find contact information, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses, for different Association departments.

One of the newest features on the site is the scrolling list of news features on the right-hand side of the home page. If you click on a headline it will take you to more information regarding that event or feature.

A "Question of the Week" survey is also on the home page. This is a weekly online survey

about things related to the Angus business or the beef industry. You can submit your vote, plus view current results.

Angus info

The "Angus Info" link is where you can find promotional items, including brochures, posters and VHS tapes, available from the Association Communications and Public Relations Department. You can also download Angus clip art designed by Frank Champion Murphy or an Angus screen saver.

Rules and forms

Angus members can download a copy of the *Breeder's Reference Guide*, which is available on the Web site on the "Rules and Forms" page. The guide can be accessed by

clicking on the link under the Association logo on the home page. Also, on this page you can download membership, registration and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) forms.

Data searches

There are various data searches available. The "Expected Progeny Difference (EPD)/Pedigree Lookup" is one of the most widely used. This allows you to search the Association's database for an animal by name or registration number. If searching by animal name, you must have the spacing and spelling correct. You also must enter the prefix. For example, if you are searching for N Bar Emulation EXT, entering "EXT" will not yield the desired information.

This service will provide you with a three-generation pedigree, as well as current EPDs. You can click on any of the red words for more information. For example, if you'd like to go back further than three generations, you can click on the registration number of the sire or dam's great-grand sire.

"Member Lookup" is a feature that allows you to search for current active, life and regular members. You can search by last name, state or member code. The search results will provide the member's name, member code, city and state, as well as a phone number and a link to the member's e-mail if available.

Another popular site is the online *Angus Sire Evaluation Report*. You can find information on current sires in the latest report by searching this site.

Other data search services provided by the Commercial Programs Department include AngusSource and the Bull Listing Service (BLS). AngusSource enables producers to enroll and search for Angus-based

commercial feeder cattle and replacement heifers. Users have access to source, process and genetic information. BLS is a service where Angus members can list bulls for sale.

You can view your Angus data by logging onto www.angusonline.org, located in the upper left-hand corner. We'll take a look at the options available there in October.

Next month, in honor of our youth issue, we'll focus on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) site — www.njaa.info.



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