

# ASSOCIATION Highlights

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## Association releases important update on contractual arachnodactyly

The American Angus Association Board of Directors released a notice July 20 recognizing contractual arachnodactyly (CA), formerly known as "fawn calf syndrome," as a genetic defect and formally adopted a policy governing registration of known and potential carriers.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more information and preliminary test results on sires.

## Consign bulls to the NWSS Bull Sale

The American Angus Association is now accepting consignments for the 2011

National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Wednesday, Jan. 12, and producers can save \$50 by acting now.

Consignments received on or before Sept. 15 are \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$450 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information to be eligible.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2010, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for non-parent sires.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846. For entry forms contact the Association at 816-383-5100.

## Montana to host NAC&T

The 2010 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) will be Sept. 15-17 in Bozeman, Mont. The daylong conference and two days of tours hosted by the South Montana and American Angus associations will feature some outstanding Angus genetics and scenic ranch settings in Big Sky Country. An optional golf tournament is also planned.

## ASSOCIATION FEES

### 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 weaning weight)	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership with <i>Angus Journal</i> 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. An "F" following the symbol for a genetic defect means the animal has tested free of the defect. A "C" following represents a carrier of the defect.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
^	Cell clone	OS	Osteopetrosis
%	Split-ET	RD	Red
@	Clone-ET	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
AM	Arthrogryposis multiplex	SN	Syndactyly
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly	WT	Wild type color gene
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DM	Double muscling	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism		
HG	Horn gene		

## Meet in Montana

September 15-17 • Bozeman, MT



Refer to page 55 of the August *Angus Journal* or visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more details and registration information, or contact the Activities Department at 816-383-5100. Further coverage can be found at [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com). The event is sponsored by Land O'Lakes Purina Feed LLC and Alpharma Animal Health.

## Watch 'The Angus Report' each week

*The Angus Report* delivers weekly Association and industry news online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), offering busy cattlemen and women the opportunity to quickly catch up on important industry issues.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for fresh website content are encouraged to post the free program on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Visit [www.Angus.org](http://www.Angus.org) for latest videos

The Association's video page at

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[www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) has a wide variety of online videos highlighting everything from Association news, to DNA submissions, to National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) coverage.

*I Am Angus* segments are regularly featured online, as well as the latest nutrition- and weaning-focused *Vita Ferm*® *Angus Hour*, which aired Aug. 9 on RFD-TV. Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) to watch the segments.

### **Make plans for 127th Annual Convention**

The American Angus Association's 127th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 15, in Louisville, Ky. The Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and includes a super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show. The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting. Elected delegates and other attendees will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2010.

The Annual Banquet will be Monday evening at the Crowne Plaza. The Angus show schedule will differ slightly from past

schedules. The junior show will be Sunday, Nov. 14; the ROV bulls will show Monday, Nov. 15; and all ROV females, including cow-calf pairs, will show Tues., Nov. 16. Look for a more detailed schedule of events and additional information at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) as it becomes available.

### **NAILE entries due Oct. 1**

If you plan to show at the 2010 NAILE this November, make sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium sale books and entry forms for exhibitors are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the website, [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org). Visa® and MasterCard® are accepted.

### **Hotel options in Louisville**

The Crowne Plaza, formerly the Executive West, will serve as Angus headquarters for the Annual Meeting and all related events, but rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates, and Association officers and directors. Anyone who doesn't fall into one of those categories may want to make reservations at one of these nearby hotels,

located within walking distance of the Crowne Plaza and the KFEC:

- Springhill Suites, 502-361-9009
- Comfort Inn & Suites, 502-375-2233
- Courtyard by Marriott, 502-368-5678
- Residence Inn by Marriott, 502-363-8800
- Howard Johnson's Express Inn, 502-363-9952
- Hampton Inn, 502-366-8100

### **Note junior deadlines**

- The ownership (process) date and entry deadline for the American Royal Junior Angus show is Sept. 10. Please note that late entries are never accepted.
- Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.
- Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

### **Order summer show photos now**

If you exhibited at a state preview show or regional junior show, you can order copies of pictures taken by Association staff. Contact the Communications Department for photos taken by your regional manager, a summer intern or office personnel. Photos are available for a fee.

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Photos from the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) are available for online purchase at: <http://angus.digitaleventsonline.com>.

Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org) or call her at 816-383-5100 for more information.

### **2010 Angus Foundation Fundraising Event Planned for Louisville**

The Angus Foundation has announced that its biennial fundraising gala is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13, at Churchill Downs in

Louisville, Ky., during the NAILE.

“BlackOnTrack! Angus Magic at Churchill Downs”

promises to be an extraordinary opportunity for Angus enthusiasts to enjoy exquisite cuisine, lively auctions and the fast-paced excitement of premier horse racing.

Make plans to support the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus and the education, youth and research activities of



the Angus Foundation by attending this \$100-per-person, limited-seating event in

the “Triple Crown Room” of the world-renowned, traditional “Home of the Kentucky Derby.” Check out

the coverage in this month’s *Angus Journal*, page 44.

### **Noble Foundation to host Boot Camp in November**

The Association and the Angus Foundation will conduct their next Cattlemen’s Boot Camp with the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 29-30.

The day-and-a-half event will include information about herd health, nutrition and marketing. Attendees will also participate in useful hands-on labs dealing with identification, breeding and selection.

The registration deadline for the Oklahoma boot camp is Nov. 5. Watch for more details on [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or contact the Activities & Events Department.

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### **Lifetime membership options**

The American Angus Association offers producers a lifetime membership option. The \$1,500 membership lasts throughout the life of the sole person named on the membership. Payments may be broken into three nonrefundable yearly installments.

Lifetime memberships can be issued to one person only and are not meant for partnerships. The membership option may be used for a farm name, provided only one person is included on the membership.

### **Request sale-day kits**

When planning your fall production sales, don’t forget to request your sale-day kit from the Association’s Communications Department. The kits contain posters for decorating your sale facilities as well as a sample of Association literature for you to distribute to your customers. Contact the Communications Department for your kit or order it online. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

