



# Association Highlights

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## New embryo transfer rule

A new embryo transfer (ET) rule takes effect Jan. 1, 2012. The new Rule 104(d)(12), adopted at the September Board meeting, states:

*If the first owner of the calf is different than the owner of record of the donor female, and the embryo removal date is on or after Jan. 1, 2012, the owner of the donor female must obtain and transfer an ET Authorization to the account of the first owner before the calf is eligible for registration.*

“Embryos may pass through several hands before a calf is born and registered,” says

Don Laughlin, director of member services. “ET Authorizations allow the person who is responsible for flushing the donor cow to confirm dates, sires and process on a calf.”

ET Authorization is free and processed through AAA Login. Contact Brenda Weigart at [bweigart@angus.org](mailto:bweigart@angus.org) or 816-383-5144 for more information.

## Pathfinder® deadline is next month

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2012 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 12.

The Performance Programs Department

appreciates your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data into the office in a timely manner.

If you have questions about submitting data on forms, using Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) or with AAA Login, call the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100.

## Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed version of the Spring 2012 *Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2011 report will receive it automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via email or by calling the Association. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Weigart at [bweigart@angus.org](mailto:bweigart@angus.org) or 816-383-5144.

## NWSS coverage on the web

Six days of Angus events will take place Jan. 9-14, 2012, in Denver, Colo., at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). Hundreds of entries are expected for the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the Hill, and the carload and pen shows in the Yards. This year Doug Worthington, Modesto, Calif., will judge open show entries. Brett Barber, Channing, Texas, will judge the junior show, while the following three-judge panel will evaluate the pen and carload shows: Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo.; and Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.

If you are not making the trip to Denver, keep up with showing results, a schedule and photos at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## Angus Night on the Mountain

Hosted by Tom and Lois Ames of Larkspur, Colo., at their Spruce Mountain Ranch, “Angus Night on the Mountain” will be an exciting evening and fundraising event that Angus breeders and friends will not want to miss.

Scheduled for Jan. 11, during the NWSS, the event is free and open to anyone. Spruce Mountain Ranch will provide transportation. Buses will pick up attendees at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel and NWSS starting at 5:30 p.m. and following the NWSS Angus Bull Sale. Spruce Mountain Ranch will

## 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	M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
^	Cell clone	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
%	Split-ET	OS	Osteopetrosis
@	Clone-ET	RD	Red gene
AM	Arthrogyrosis multiplex	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly	SN	Syndactyly
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism	WT	Wild type color gene
DM	Double muscling	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
HG	Horn gene		

provide the bus transportation to and from the ranch; however, the ranch will be open beginning at 3 p.m. for those who would like to drive out early and see the facility before dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Following dinner, the Angus Foundation will offer, at auction, a limited number of packages such as family vacations, hunting or fishing outings, cruises, leisure trips and weekend getaways. The 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) committee will also be selling items at the event to help raise funds for the show.

In addition, this auction will feature an elite 12 lots of Spruce Mountain Ranch's finest Angus genetics.

### **Visit with Association staff in Denver**

All Angus producers attending the NWSS are encouraged to stop by the Association's Listening Post in the Yards.

Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be available daily to visit with producers about Association programs and the cattle industry. Be sure to stop by to chat and have a cup of coffee.

### **2012 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell**

The 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer, SydGen Buena 9511, will be donated to the Angus Foundation by Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, owners of Sydenstricker Genetics of Mexico, Mo., and she will be sold Jan. 11 at 3:30 p.m. prior to the NWSS Angus Bull Sale.



**SydGen Buena 9511 and heifer calf**

Born September 2009, this outstanding Angus female is sired by SydGen Destination 5420. On Sept. 6, 2011, SydGen Buena 9511 had a heifer calf sired by SydGen Dealer 9883.

The 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer Package also includes 30 days insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Ill.; transportation to the buyer's ranch from Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Ill.; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics, Iowa.

Contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100 or visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) to learn more about the Angus Foundation Heifer Package and how you can support the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*.

### **2011 Annual Report available on request**

The 2011 American Angus Association Annual Report is now available. The report features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2011, which ended Sept. 30, 2011. It is available online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). Printed reports are available on request by contacting 816-383-5100 or [lmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:lmaudlin@angus.org).

### **Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute**

The fifth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for June 2012. Applications

are now being accepted. BLI is designed for Association members, 25-45 years old, as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association and the Angus Foundation will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online or by

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contacting the Activities Department. March 1 is the application deadline. Call 816-383-5100 for more information.

### **Z designated letter for permanent ID in 2012**

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, Z001 and Z002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2012. International letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For complete information about permanent ID and naming animals, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), and click on Rules and Forms to access Part 4 of the online Breeder's Reference Guide.

### **Summer internship deadline Feb. 5**

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

The Association Junior Activities Department is offering college sophomores,

juniors or seniors the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of junior shows and leadership events, and gain experience in Association work. Applicants must be enrolled in an agriculture-related major. Applicants may send a cover letter, résumé and references to Robin Ruff, director of junior activities, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information contact Ruff at 816-383-5100 or [rruff@angus.org](mailto:rruff@angus.org).

The Association's Public Relations and Communications (PR) Department is now accepting applications from college juniors or seniors studying communications, agricultural communications or a related field. Applicants with strong writing, editing and design backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Photography experience and an understanding of video and social media would be an asset in this fast-paced internship. Travel is likely.

Both the junior activities and PR internships span approximately mid-May to mid-August, with specific starting and ending dates depending on applicant's availability.

To apply for the PR internship, send a cover letter, résumé, references and samples to Jena Thompson, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information

contact Thompson at 816-383-5100 or [jthompson@angus.org](mailto:jthompson@angus.org).

Applications for both internships are due Feb. 5.

### **Foundation scholarship applications available**

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will also make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have, at one time, been a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate

and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

### **Junior entry packets mailed**

All junior members who are 9 years old and older should receive the green entry booklet in the mail this month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional preview shows and the NJAS. It also contains information about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

### **Note these junior deadlines**

- ▶ Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 9-11 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- ▶ Feb. 25 is the registration deadline for the Raising the Bar Conference, scheduled for March 30-April 1 at Ohio State University.

- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 21-23 in Reno, Nev.
- ▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.

Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines. Please contact the Association if you need assistance meeting the deadlines.

### **Watch *The Angus Report* each week on RFD-TV**

*The Angus Report* delivers weekly Association and industry news on RFD-TV, every Monday at 8:30 a.m. EST; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. EST; and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. EST. The program offers busy cattlemen the opportunity to quickly catch up on important industry issues.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments of 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.

### **Start the New Year with Angus TV**

*I Am Angus* focuses on the heart of the Angus cattle business — its people, their

heritage and why they've chosen to be in the Angus business. The video series explores each sector's stake in the Angus breed and beef business, our Angus heritage, and how animal agriculture remains relevant today.

Initiated in 2008, the Association-produced documentary series continues this fall and winter across America. The program is set to air at 10 p.m. EST, Jan. 5 on RFD-TV. Subsequent programs are planned for February and March. Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) to watch segments from the Oct. 31, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 programs.

The program provides an avenue to show the commitment producers and others have made to raising quality beef. For more information or to watch segments from past shows visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### **Lifetime membership options**

The 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.

