



# Association Highlights

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## Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are being made for the 2010 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Louisville, Ky. Forms to nominate delegates to the Annual Meeting will be mailed to every active life and regular Association member during the last week of March.

The nomination period runs from April 1 to June 30. Each member is allowed to nominate one eligible member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office no later

than June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

## Sire Evaluation Report available

Printed copies of the American Angus Association Spring 2010 *Sire Evaluation Report* are now available. To request a printed report for your personal use, or a quantity to have available at your spring sale, contact Brenda Gabriel at bgabriel@angus.org.

The *Sire Evaluation Report* can be accessed and searched 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.angus.org/nce](http://www.angus.org/nce).

## Report new officers

Local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer listings to the Public Relations and Communications Department by May 1 to ensure correct listings at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and web site. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5155 or [hmaudlin@angus.org](mailto:hmaudlin@angus.org).

State auxiliary information is also being requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

## 2010 Angus Foundation Fundraising Event Planned for Louisville

The Angus Foundation has announced that its biennial fundraising gala has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., during the North American International Livestock Exposition. The evening event 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 "Home of the Kentucky Derby." Watch for more details in upcoming issues. (Please note that the Angus Foundation will not hold a Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville in 2010.)

## Cattlemen's Boot Camp set

The American Angus Association and Virginia Tech will host a Cattlemen's Boot Camp May 21-22 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Open to all cattle producers, Cattlemen's Boot Camps are funded by the Angus Foundation and are packed with 1½ days of educational material and speakers.

Registrations, at \$75, are due April 30 and cover meals and materials. To register, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or request a registration form from the Activities Department. Late or walk-in registrations are not accepted.

The Hilton Garden Inn will serve as hotel

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## 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
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	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
+	Embryo transfer calf	OS	Osteopetrosis
^	Cell clone	RD	Red
%	Split-ET	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
@	Clone-ET	SN	Syndactyly
AM	Arthrogyrosis multiplex	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		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

headquarters. To reserve a room, call 540-552-5005 by April 30 and ask for the American Angus group rate; or visit [www.blacksburg.hgi.com](http://www.blacksburg.hgi.com) and enter group code ANGUS.

An additional Boot Camp is planned for August at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Watch [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for further details as they become available.

### Montana to host NAC&T

The 2010 National Angus Conference & Tour will be Sept. 15-17 in Bozeman, Mont. The daylong conference and two days of tours hosted by the South Montana Angus Association will feature some outstanding Angus genetics and scenic ranch settings in Big Sky Country. Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more details and registration materials as they become available, or contact the Activities Department.

### Lifetime membership options

The American Angus Association has reintroduced 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.

For more information or for an application, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### X designated for 2010

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, X001 and X002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2010. 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*.

### Request your sale day kit now

Producers with late spring sales or those planning summer field days at their operations should plan now by requesting a sale day kit or field day planner and kit from the Public Relations and Communications Department. The kits include educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

All materials should be requested at least

two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination.

### Junior deadlines approaching

Juniors should remember May 1 as the deadline for Gold Award applications; Outstanding Leadership Award applications; ownership and entry deadlines for the Northwest Regional Preview Show; Angus Foundation scholarship applications; and Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarship applications.

May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.

June 1 deadlines include ownership and entry deadlines for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS); entries for the NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests; entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off; and ownership deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show.

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or go to [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

### Need help with junior transfers?

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and who has not received the transferred papers, the Association can help. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

### Scholarship applications due May 1

The Angus Foundation and American Angus Auxiliary are providing several scholarship opportunities to Angus youth pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The Angus Foundation will offer two \$5,000 scholarships given in memory of former Association executive vice president Richard "Dick" Spader. In addition, a number of \$3,000 scholarships and \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Other specific and special-criteria scholarships will also be available.

The American Angus Auxiliary will also award scholarships to qualifying graduating high school seniors. Juniors must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

The postmark deadline for scholarship applications is May 1.

More information and applications are available at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) and/or [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

