



# Association Highlights

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## Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are already being made for the 2011 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.

## Submit input online

The American Angus Association Board of Directors has announced a long-range planning initiative to identify and assess the needs of members and their commercial customers.

Beginning this winter, the American Angus Association will conduct a series of

long-range planning sessions geared toward accumulating input and subsequently developing long-range efforts and strategies to continue the breed's relevance into the future.

The goal of these long-range efforts is to develop a defined strategy to set the course for the Association based upon the input of the membership, those who use Angus genetics, and other industry stakeholders.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more information or to submit a survey.

## Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed *Spring 2011 Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. The report, also available online, includes updates to

percentile tables, breed averages, sires eligible for Main and Supplement listings, as well as the most recent heifer pregnancy research report for Spring 2011. While National Cattle Evaluation expected progeny differences (NCE EPDs) are updated weekly, these summary resources will be revised biannually.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2010 report will receive the spring report automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via e-mail at [bgabriel@angus.org](mailto:bgabriel@angus.org) or by calling the Association at 816-383-5144.



## 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	Arthrogyrosis 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		

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.

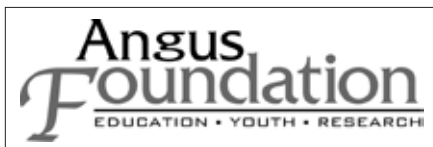
### **Foundation scholarship applications available**

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. 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 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 American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.



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 both Foundation and Auxiliary scholarship applications is May 1. Recipients will be recognized at the 2011 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Harrisburg, Pa.

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

### **Association can help with junior transfers**

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer that he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines. If a deadline is fast approaching and you haven't received the transferred registration, 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, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

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**Note these junior deadlines**

- ▶ March 15 is the registration deadline for Raising the Bar at Clemson University
- ▶ March 25-27 is Raising the Bar at Oklahoma State University
- ▶ April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show
- ▶ April 15-17 is Raising the Bar at Clemson University
- ▶ April 27-30 is the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.
- ▶ May 1 is the deadline for several application forms, including:
  - Gold Award applications
  - Outstanding Leadership Award applications
  - Ownership and entry deadlines for the Northwest Regional Preview Show
  - Angus Foundation scholarship applications
  - 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 and the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity 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

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

**Y designated letter for permanent ID in 2011**

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, Y001 and Y002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2011. 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 or field 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 PR 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.

**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.

**Post Angus videos on your website**

The American Angus Association has released its latest national advertisements focusing on the economic advantages of the Angus cow. Short video segments are available to post to state association or individual websites, free of charge. Watch the videos at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or on YouTube by searching for "The Angus Cow: She Has No Equal." Contact the PR and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

**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.

