



Association Highlights

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Pathfinder® Report available

The 2010 *Pathfinder® Report* is now online at www.angus.org. Click on the Performance link. This year's report lists 9,732 individual cows and 264 sires qualifying for Pathfinder status. Search the listing online or request a printed version by calling the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100.

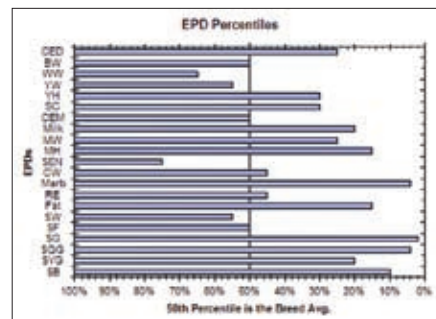
The Pathfinder program was started in 1978 and identifies superior Angus females based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production and include early and regular calving, as well as heavy weaning weights. Bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder cows are listed as Pathfinder sires in this report.

EPD/Pedigree Search features new option

Angus producers accessing the EPD/Pedigree Search at www.angus.org now have more options to display animal data.

The Association has introduced a graph of expected progeny difference (EPD) percentile breakdowns in addition to pedigrees and available EPDs through the EPD/Pedigree Search. Using data from the latest National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), the EPD graph visually displays where animals rank within the breed according to their sex and category, with the 50th percentile representing the breed average (see Fig. 1). To access the graph, click on the EPD Percentiles link located between the animal's pedigree and EPDs.

Fig. 1: Example EPD percentiles graph



EPD/Pedigree Search is available through the Data Searches/Tools link on the left menu at www.angus.org.

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 were mailed to every active life and regular Association member 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.

Details of the election process can be found in Article III of the Association's Charter and Bylaws, which can be found in the *Breeder's Reference Guide*, which was published as an insert in the March *Angus Journal*. The *Breeder's Reference Guide* is also available online at www.angus.org.

Report new Association, Auxiliary officers

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer listings to the Association Public Relations and Communications Department by May 1 to ensure correct listings at www.angus.org.

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.

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		

Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and web site, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5155 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

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

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 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 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 and enter group code ANGUS.

An additional Boot Camp is planned for

August at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Watch www.angus.org for further details as they become available.

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 Angus Association will feature some outstanding Angus genetics and scenic ranch settings in Big Sky Country.

Visit 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.

Request your field day kit now

Producers planning summer field days at their operations should plan now by requesting a field day 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 application deadline for Gold Awards, the Outstanding Leadership Award, Angus Foundation scholarships and Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarships. It is also the ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Show.

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

June 1 deadlines include the ownership and entry deadlines for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS); entry deadlines 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

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the ownership deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show.

June 10 is the deadline for submitting NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines and NJAA Career Development résumés and job descriptions.

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or go to www.njaa.info.

Association can 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, and the ownership deadlines for a specific show are fast approaching, 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 American Angus Association Executive Vice President Richard "Dick" Spader. In addition, a number of \$3,000 scholarships and \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. As in past years, other specific and special criteria scholarships administered by the Angus Foundation will also be available.

The American Angus Auxiliary will 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. Recipients will be recognized at the 2010 NJAS at Denver, Colo.

More information and applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org and/or www.angusauxiliary.com.

Summer includes many junior events

Members of the NJAA should have their calendars marked for a summer of regional preview shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. If you have not received the green junior entry booklet, contact the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njaa.info.

The NJAS, themed "Rush to the Rockies" is

being hosted by Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska Angus enthusiasts July 11-17 in Denver, Colo. For more information about the weeklong shows and contests, visit www.njas.info.

The National Junior Angus Board has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA members 14-21 years old at the 2010 LEAD Conference, themed "Angus: Live and Loud" and set for Aug. 5-8 in Nashville, Tenn. Register early to secure your chance to learn more about Tennessee agriculture while developing lifelong friendships.

2010 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament Set

In conjunction with the 2010 NJAS, the 10th Annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 13, at Coal Creek Golf Course in Louisville, Colo. The tournament is open to both adults and youth.

Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. Look for more information in upcoming issues of the *Angus Journal* and at www.angusfoundation.org.

