



Association Highlights

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Live Angus TV program airs this month

The *Sure Champ Angus Hour* will air at 7 p.m. CDT April 25 on RFD-TV. The live, one-hour show will feature panelists discussing how to properly prepare animals for the showing and tips for getting the most out of show cattle.

Miss American Angus Paige Wallace of Stotts City, Mo., is among panelists scheduled to appear on the program, which is sponsored by Vita Ferm®/Sure Champ and the American Angus Association.

Visit www.angus.org for more information.

Pathfinder® Report available

The 2011 *Pathfinder Report* is now online at www.angus.org. Click on the Performance link. This year's report lists 9,083 individual cows and 242 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.

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 were 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.

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.

Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and website, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact the PR and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or prphotos@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.

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

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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.

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		

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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 and/or 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.

Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show
- ▶ 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 and Auxiliary 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

- ▶ May 27-30 is the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.
- ▶ June 1 deadlines include:
 - Ownership and entry deadlines for the NJAS
 - Entries for the NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests
 - Entry and recipe deadline for the

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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.

Georgia to host NAC&T

The 2011 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) will be Sept. 6-8 in Athens, Ga. The daylong conference and two days of tours hosted by the Georgia Angus Association will feature some outstanding Angus genetics and scenic farm settings and some of Georgia's rich agricultural heritage.

The early registration deadline is Aug. 1; final registration is due Aug. 15.

Visit www.angus.org for more details and registration materials as they become available, or contact the Activities Department.

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, 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 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 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.

