



# Association Highlights

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## Performance information due June 11

June 11 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates data for the Fall 2010 *Sire Evaluation Report*. It's important to individual herds and the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

Performance information can be submitted through AAA Login, Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) or via conventional mail, e-mail or fax. If you have questions, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

## Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state at the 2010 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates set for Monday, Nov. 15, in Louisville, Ky.

Each active Association member should have received a nomination petition in the mail and may nominate one member from his or her state or district. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members this summer for the final selection of delegates.

Signed nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30 to be included on the final ballot. Remember, if

your membership has expired or will expire in May or June, renew now. Only current members can be placed on the ballot. Details of the entire election process can be found in Article III of the Association's *Breeder's Reference Guide*, which was mailed with the March *Angus Journal* and is available online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

## Order black books today

You may now place your order for the 2011 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The 2011 books are available in any quantity for \$3 each and can be customized — free of charge — with purchases of 100 or more.

The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers. Customized orders may include your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover, while standard orders feature the Association's logo.

Through the Angus Foundation, Biozyme has reduced book costs by contributing to the production of the black books, which feature a VitaFerm® ad on the inside front cover. Custom orders must be placed by July 15.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or [blackbooks@angus.org](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15 — just in time to distribute to customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

## Juniors should note deadlines

A summer full of junior Angus activities is first preceded by many deadlines for entries, contests and awards.

June 1 deadlines include:

- Ownership and entry deadlines for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)
- Entries for the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) writing, photography and graphic design contests

## 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	Arthrogryposis 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		

- ▶ Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off
- ▶ Ownership deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show

June 10 deadlines include:

- ▶ Deadline for NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines
- ▶ Deadline for NJAA Career Development résumés and job descriptions

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

### Juniors, submit entries online

Junior members can save time this spring by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa) and provide the necessary information, including a Visa® or MasterCard® number to cover entry and bedding fees. Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail. No late entries are accepted for any reason.

### 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.

### Mark calendars for summer events

Members of the NJAA should have their calendars marked for a summer of regional preview shows, the NJAS and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

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.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

The 2010 LEAD Conference, themed "Angus: Live and Loud," is set for Aug. 5-8 in Nashville, Tenn. The National Junior Angus Board has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA participants 14-21 years old.

Space is limited, so register early. Early registration, due June 15, is \$200 for junior members and \$250 for advisors. After June 15, rates increase to \$225 for junior members.

Visit [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa) for more information.

### 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.

Player entry fees will again be \$100 for adults and \$75 for junior Angus members. Player registrations must be received by June 25. A player late fee of \$10 will be applied to players registering after June 25.

For more information about signing up a team contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100 or log on to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

### Silent Auction to support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Denver, Colo. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

### 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 tour hosted by the South Montana Angus Association will feature some outstanding Angus genetics and scenic ranch settings in Big Sky Country.

Look in the June *Angus Journal* or 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).

### 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.

### 'The Angus Report' Delivers Angus News in Three Minutes

The American Angus Association has debuted its first-ever online news program at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), offering busy Angus cattlemen and women the opportunity to catch up on important industry issues while learning more about management tools and value-added marketing opportunities.

"We understand how busy producers are these days," says Eric Grant, Association director of public relations. "This program encapsulates the week's top stories into as short a time frame as possible — squeezing the information ranchers need into the little time they have available."

The weekly web-based news program will cover a variety of topics in a traditional television news format and complements additional resources available at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for fresh web site content are encouraged to post the program on their web sites. Videos will be updated regularly at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). For information on how to post "The Angus Report" to your web site, contact Crystal Young, assistant director of public relations, at 816-383-5100 or [cyoung@angus.org](mailto:cyoung@angus.org).

### Association Partners With VitaFerm to Offer TV Show

The Association partnered with VitaFerm, an industry-leading animal nutrition product offered by BioZyme Inc., to sponsor the "VitaFerm Angus Hour" on RFD-TV. The hour-long educational program premiered April 12.

The program's first half hour discussed how nutrition plays a critical role in improving health, performance and reproductive efficiency, as well as ensuring quality and consistent products for consumers. Howard Jensen of VitaFerm and CAB's Larry Corah and Mark McCully fielded questions from the audience during this segment.

The program's second half will explore opportunities in age and source verification. Sara Snider of AngusSource® Bob Sand of The Beef Connection, and Ron Rowan of Beef Northwest answered audience questions during this segment.

