



# Association Highlights

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## Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state at the 2011 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates set for Monday, Nov. 14, 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 the Association's *Breeder's Reference Guide*, which is available online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), or follow the *Angus Journal's* "Your Association: Your Business" series to learn more about how to make the most of your membership.)

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

Now is the time to place your order for the 2012 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 2012 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. Custom orders must be placed by Aug. 1.

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.

## 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

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 NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests



National Junior Angus Association



## 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		

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- ▶ Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off

June 10 deadlines include:

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

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).

### Juniors, submit entries online

Junior members can save time 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.

### Mark calendars for summer events

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

The NJAS, themed “Let Freedom Ring,” will take place July 10-16 in Harrisburg, Pa. For a preview of the event, including a tentative schedule, see page 42 in this issue. For more information about the weeklong show and contests, visit [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

The 2011 LEAD Conference, themed “Meet Me in St. Louie,” is set for Aug. 4-7 in Saint Louis, Mo. 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) to register or for more information.

### 2011 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament set

In conjunction with the 2011 NJAS, the 11th Annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 12, at

Felicita Resort in Harrisburg, Pa. 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 24. A player late fee of \$10 will be applied to players registering after June 24.

For more information about registering 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 Harrisburg. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

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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.

### **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. Purina is a major sponsor of the event.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://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 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.

### **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 Public Relations 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.

