



Association Highlights

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NJAS this month

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is July 10-16 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, Pa. The Pennsylvania Angus and Junior Angus associations are hosting this year's event, themed "Let Freedom Ring."

If you can't make the trip to Pennsylvania, you can still watch the live show online at www.liveauctions.tv, sponsored by the

Arkansas Activities Endowment Fund in the Angus Foundation; or view online show

results at www.angus.org. Also check the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages for the latest show updates.

NJAS television program airs Aug. 8

The American Angus Association and VitaFerm — makers of Sure Champ — have partnered to produce an hour-long NJAS television special on RFD-TV.

Scheduled to air at 7 p.m. (EDT) Monday, Aug. 8, the program will feature the NJAS, the

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and its members, and the role of junior

members in the future of the Angus breed.

Visit www.angus.org or check local listings for more information. RFD-TV is available on Dish Network channel 231, DirecTV channel 345 and through independent cable providers.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 16

The deadline to nominate state and district delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates was June 30. Ballots used to vote for eligible nominees will be prepared and mailed mid-July to all active regular and life members.

All ballots must be received in the Association office by Tuesday, Aug. 16, to be counted. To ensure a valid ballot, vote for no more than the designated number of delegates listed at the top of the ballot and remember to sign the document.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 128th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 14 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. If a delegate cannot attend, an alternate delegate can then attend and vote.

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.

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15 — 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



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.

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	Arthrogryposis 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		

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.

Herds of the century

The Century Award recognizes Angus operations that have been in continuous operation by the same family for 100 years. Contact the Activities Department for more information or for applications. Awards will be presented during the Angus Banquet in Louisville, Ky.

Boot Camps scheduled

Mark your calendar for upcoming Cattlemen's Boot Camps, educational workshops geared toward beginning and advanced Angus producers. Boot Camps are scheduled for Oct. 7-8 at Ohio State and for Jan. 20-21, 2012, at Utah State University. Visit www.angus.org for more information as it becomes available.

LEAD Conference next month

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. Registration costs \$225 for junior members and \$250 for advisors.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa to register or for more information.

Order summer show photos now

If you exhibited at a state preview show, regional junior show or the NJAS, you can order copies of photos taken by Association staff. Visit www.angus.digitaleventsonline.com to purchase your photos online or contact the Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information.

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 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. Land O' Lakes Purina Mills LLC is a major sponsor of the event.

Visit www.nationalangusconference.com for more details and registration materials.

ROV show season

The 2010-2011 ROV Show season ended May 31, and the 2011-2012 ROV Show season officially began June 1. Show exhibitors travel during the season across the country to accumulate points. The final tally of points for the show heifer, show bull and breeder of the year, along with all division awards, are posted online at www.angus.org.

Awards are presented at the NAILE and the Association's Annual Awards Banquet each year in Louisville.

For complete information about the ROV program and a list of the 16 point shows, visit www.angus.org 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, 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.

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.

