



Association Highlights

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Fall NCE available

The fall 2010 *Sire Evaluation Report* and the updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) from the latest National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) were released July 12.

To view the latest *Sire Evaluation Report* online, go to www.angussiresearch.com.

Limited printed copies are expected in the Association offices by mid-August.

If you have questions, contact the Association at 816-383-5100.

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.

The weekly web-based news program covers a variety of topics in a traditional television news format and complements additional resources available at www.angus.org.

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.

Association TV show to air

The Association has again partnered with Vita Ferm,[®] an industry-leading animal nutrition product, to sponsor a live educational television program on RFD-TV.

The next *Vita Ferm Angus Hour* is set to air Monday, Aug. 9, on the network — available on Dish Network channel 231, DirecTV channel 345 and through more than 625 small, independent cable providers. The program will focus on preweaning and weaning management to improve quality and profitability, and will again feature live audience questions.

Segments from the August show will also be posted online.

Order black books

Place your order today 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. The books make great gifts to commercial customers and include the Association's logo foil-stamped onto the back cover. Through the Angus Foundation, Biozyme has reduced book costs by contributing to the production of the black books, which feature a Vita Ferm ad on the inside front cover.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource Department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.



Delegate ballots due Aug. 17

All ballots to nominate state delegates for the 127th Annual Convention of Delegates must be received at the American Angus Association by Tuesday, Aug. 17, in order to be counted. Late ballots are never accepted. If you haven't mailed yours, please do so as soon as possible.

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 127th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 15 during the North

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	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		

American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. If a delegate cannot attend, an alternate delegate can then attend and vote.

Consign bulls to the NWSS Bull Sale

The American Angus Association is now accepting consignments for the 2011 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Wednesday, Jan. 12, and producers can save \$50 by acting now.

Consignments received on or before Sept. 15 are \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$450 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information to be eligible.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2010, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for nonparent sires.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846. For entry forms contact Monica Jordan 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 tours hosted by the South Montana and American Angus associations will feature some outstanding Angus genetics and scenic ranch settings in Big Sky Country. An optional golf tournament is also planned.

Refer to the insert in the July *Angus Journal* or visit www.angus.org for more details and registration information, or contact the Activities Department at 816-383-5100. More information can also be found at www.nationalangusconference.com. The event is sponsored by Land O'Lakes Purina Feed LLC and Alpharma Animal Health.

Note junior deadlines

- ▶ The ownership deadline (process date) for the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Junior Angus Show is Sept. 1.
- ▶ The ownership (process) date and entry deadline for the American Royal Junior

Angus show is Sept. 10. Please note that late entries are never accepted.

- ▶ Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

Candidate résumés due

Those Association members who have expressed an interest in seeking a position on the Board of Directors should submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Editor Shauna Hermel by Aug. 15. All biographies and photos submitted by the deadline will run in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention in November.

Start planning for 2010 Annual Convention

The Association Annual Convention of Delegates will be conducted in conjunction with the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. Angus events in Louisville begin Sunday, Nov. 14, with the junior Angus show, educational programs for breeders and the open forum for candidates and delegates.

The open bull show and the Annual Convention will be Monday, Nov. 15. The Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open female show. All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Crowne Plaza.

Look for a more detailed schedule of events and additional information at www.angus.org as it becomes available.

Order summer show photos now

If you exhibited at a state preview show or regional junior show, you can order copies of pictures taken by Association staff. Contact the Communications Department for photos taken by your regional manager, a summer intern or office personnel. Photos are available for a fee. Contact Lea Ann Maudlin at prphotos@angus.org or call her at 816-383-5100 to order your color prints today.

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.

For more information or for an application, visit www.angus.org.

