



# Association Highlights

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## NJAS television program airs Aug. 8

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

*Champion of Champions* is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. (EDT), Monday, Aug. 8. The program will feature the NJAS, the National Junior Angus Association and its members, and the role of junior members in the future of the Angus breed.

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

## Best of I Am Angus airs this month

Angus breeders and others will want to tune in to RFD-TV Aug. 11 and Aug. 25 for the *Best of I Am Angus*. The hour-long television program highlights favorite segments from past documentary episodes and celebrates the heritage of America's farmers and ranchers and those who produce quality Angus beef.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or check local listings for more information.

## Delegate ballots due Aug. 16

All ballots to nominate state and district delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates must be received at the American

Angus 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.

## Fall NCE available

The fall 2011 *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 8.

To view the latest *Sire Evaluation Report* online, go to [www.angussiresearch.com](http://www.angussiresearch.com). Limited printed copies are expected in the Association offices by mid-August.

Contact the Association at 816-383-5100 for further details.

## 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. The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers. Standard orders feature the Association's logo.

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, in time to distribute to customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

## 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, which are due Sept. 1. Awards will be presented during the Annual Banquet in Louisville, Ky. The Association also honors Angus operations that have been in continuous ownership and production of Angus cattle for 50 or more years. Contact the Association at 816-383-

## 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	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		

5100 for more information about the Historic Angus Herd and Century awards.

### 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 University, and for Jan. 20-21, 2012, at Utah State University. Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more information as it becomes available.

### Note junior deadlines

- ▶ The ownership deadline (process date) for the 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 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) junior Angus show.

### 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](http://www.angus.digitaleventsonline.com) to purchase your photos online or contact the Communications Department at [prphotos@angus.org](mailto: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.

Final registration is due Aug. 15. Land O' Lakes Purina Mills is a major sponsor of the event.

Visit [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com) for more details and links to registration on the [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) site.

### Consign bulls to the NWSS Bull Sale

The American Angus Association is now accepting consignments for the 2012 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Wednesday, Jan. 11, 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, 2011, 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 or [dgazda@angus.org](mailto:dgazda@angus.org). For entry forms contact the Association at 816-383-5100.

### Candidate résumés due

Association members who have expressed 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 2011 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. 13, 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. 14. 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](http://www.angus.org) as it becomes available.

### Reserve your invitation

The Angus Foundation invites you to attend its supporter recognition event Saturday evening, Nov. 12, in Louisville, Ky.

In this final year of *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*, the Angus Foundation will recognize supporters from the past fiscal year to the Angus breed's ambitious \$11 million fundraising drive for education, youth and research. Angus Foundation and campaign leadership will update attendees on the progress of the fundraising initiative.

All Angus supporters who have contributed \$250 this fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2010-Sept. 30, 2011) to the Angus Foundation will be invited to attend this donor recognition celebration.

Special features of the event will be announcements of significant major gifts toward the campaign's goal of \$11 million by Dec. 31, 2011.

You, too, can guarantee your reservation to the event by making your gift of \$250 or more by Sept. 30. Gifts can be made online by Visa® or MasterCard® Visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) and click on "Donate Online" located at the top right corner of the home page.

Contributions payable to the Angus Foundation can also be mailed, postmarked by Sept. 30, to the Angus Foundation at 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Call 816-383-5100 to confirm your contribution level for this fiscal year.

