



# Association Highlights

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## Association to Host 127th Annual Meeting

The American Angus Association's 127th Annual Convention of Delegates will take place Monday, Nov. 15, in Louisville, Ky.

The Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show. The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting as well as other Angus activities.

The Angus Foundation's biennial fundraising gala is scheduled for Saturday,

Nov. 13, at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., during the NAILE.

"BlackOnTrack! Angus Magic at Churchill Downs" will include exquisite cuisine, lively auctions and mock horse racing. Call 816-383-5100 for more information or to learn about ticket availability.

The Angus Foundation and the American Angus Auxiliary will again open the Holiday Room to Angus enthusiasts searching for holiday gifts or something special for their own home or office. The Holiday Room is located in the Crowne Plaza Hotel and is open daily Nov. 13-15.

## National Western schedule changes, upcoming deadline

Nov. 20 is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2011 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) ROV and junior Angus show. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted. A block of rooms for Angus attendees is reserved at the Marriott City Center. Call 303-297-1300 to make reservations.

*Please Note:* The 2011 NWSS Angus schedule has been revised.

### Wednesday, Jan. 12

- 8 a.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale Show, Stadium Arena
- 11 a.m. ROV Angus Bull Show, Stadium Arena
- 5 p.m. NWSS Angus Bull Sale, Beef Palace Auction Arena
- 7:30 p.m. Angus Reception, Marriott City Center

### Thursday, Jan. 13

- 8 a.m. Junior Angus Heifer Show, Stadium Arena

### Friday, Jan. 14

- 8 a.m. ROV Female Angus Show, Stadium Arena
- 2:30 p.m. Foundation Female Sale, Livestock Center Auction Arena
- 10 p.m. All Hill Cattle must be out of barn

### Saturday, Jan. 15

- 8 a.m. Angus Pen & Carload Show, Livestock Center Auction Arena

For information about the NWSS, visit [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com). Watch [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for further information.

## 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell

Camron "Cam" Cooper of the Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont., is donating TR Barbara Perfection 9711 (Reg.: AAA 16389288) as the 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. Born Feb. 8, 2009, this outstanding Angus female is sired by Sitz Upward 307R. Confirmed safe in heifer calf to Connealy Thunder, TR Barbara Perfection 9711 is expected to calve in late January.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or see page 34 for

## 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

|   |      |
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| 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

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| 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

|  |                                    |
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| 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     | Arthrogyposis 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                         |        |   |

more information about the 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100 or visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) to learn more about the Angus Foundation and how you can support the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus.

### Registration for Cattlemen's Boot Camp due Nov. 5

The American Angus Association and The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation will host the next Cattlemen's Boot Camp Nov. 29-30 in Ardmore, Okla.

The popular event, which is sponsored by the Angus Foundation, is geared toward both beginning and veteran producers and will include 1½ days of speakers, educational materials and hands-on labs.

Topics will include developing a business mentality; maintaining reproductive performance; cow herd nutrition; communicating a positive image in the beef industry; genetic selection tools; herd health; byproducts and feed efficiency; marketing through a branded beef program; source and age verification; and identifying which bull fits your needs.

Hands-on labs will allow participants to explore identification basics; body condition scoring; artificial insemination/palpation; phenotypic selection; and quality and yield grade.

Registration, available at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), is \$75 per person and is due Nov. 5. Area hotels include: LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 1502 Woerz Way, 580-220-2990; and Springhill Suites, 2501 Centennial Dr. N., 580-226-7100. For more information call 816-383-5100 or visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will again nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2011 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry and tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Sponsorship and program nomination is granted to an active Association and NCBA member using an application process. Applications for the conference are available at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org), and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 8, 2011. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at [www.beefusa.org](http://www.beefusa.org).

### New ads available for 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.

### 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 VitaFerm® ad on the inside front cover.

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

### Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The third annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for early June. Applications are now being accepted. BLI is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association and the Angus Foundation will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online or by contacting the Activities Department. March 1 is the application deadline. Call 816-383-5100 for more information.

### 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.

### 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.

### CA test commercially available

On Oct. 4 the American Angus Association announced the availability of a commercial test for the presence of the simple recessive genetic defect contractural arachnodactyly (CA, formerly referred to as fawn calf syndrome) through four authorized labs. According to the notice posted to [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org), producers have two options for testing:

#### 1. Submit samples through the Association/Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI).

Use AAA Login to order defect tests for arthrogryposis multiplex (AM), neuropathic hydrocephalus (NH) or CA. Submit samples to the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Samples will be archived at the Association for future testing requests. To start the process, log in at [www.angusonline.org](http://www.angusonline.org) and use menu option "Order Defect Testing for AM/NH/CA."

#### 2. Submit samples to authorized labs for CA testing.

Consult the respective lab websites for information on preferred DNA sample types, sample submission forms, pricing information and complete instructions on how and where to submit samples for testing.

Members are urged to read and carefully consider any language on a given lab's submission form (for the CA test) or on its accompanying "Terms and Conditions" that relate to any lab's alternative use of the DNA samples being submitted.

Labs authorized for CA testing include:

- ▶ AgriGenomics, [www.agrigenomicsinc.com](http://www.agrigenomicsinc.com)
- ▶ Igenity, [www.igenity.com](http://www.igenity.com)
- ▶ GeneSeek, [www.geneseek.com](http://www.geneseek.com)  
(Collaborating to collect and provide samples for testing: Stockman's Resource Center LLC, Eddyville, Iowa; SEK Genetics, Galesburg, Kan.; Genex Cooperative Inc., Shawano, Wis.)
- ▶ Pfizer Animal Genetics, [www.pfizeranimalgenetics.com](http://www.pfizeranimalgenetics.com)

For more information visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

