



Association Highlights

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Pathfinder® deadline is this month

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2011 *Pathfinder Report* is Feb. 11.

The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data into the office in a timely manner. Contact the Association at 816-383-5100 if you have questions.

Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed *Spring 2011 Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a

printed copy of the fall 2010 report will receive the spring report automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via e-mail at bgabriel@angus.org or by calling the Association at 816-383-5144.

Updates to percentile tables, breed averages, sires eligible for Main and Supplement listings, as well as the most recent heifer pregnancy research report for Spring 2011, are also available. While NCE EPDs are updated weekly, these summary resources will be revised biannually.

Visit www.angus.org for more information about weekly EPD releases.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The fourth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for June 20-23. 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.

Y designated letter for permanent ID in 2011

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, Y001 and Y002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2011. International letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For complete information about permanent ID and naming animals, visit www.angus.org, and click on Rules and Forms to access Part 4 of the online *Breeder's Reference Guide*.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2011 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Harrisburg, Pa.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are

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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		

permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will also make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have at one time been a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Association seeks your input

The American Angus Association Board of Directors has announced a long-range planning initiative to identify and assess the needs of members and their commercial customers. The Association is conducting a series of long-range planning efforts geared toward accumulating input and subsequently developing long-range efforts and strategies to continue the breed's relevance into the future.

"The goal of these long-range efforts is to develop a defined strategy to set the course of our organization based upon the input of our membership, those who use our genetics, and other industry stakeholders," Association President Joe Hampton says. "We have a tremendous and diverse membership. Together, we can help set the course for the Angus breed for the next several years."

Bryce Schumann, Association CEO, says, "Our performance in fiscal year 2010 continued to demonstrate strong demand for quality Angus genetics and solidified our long-held position as a leader in the beef cattle industry. This long-range planning initiative is meant to continue that industry leading position and Angus demand well into our future."

As an initial measure to gather grassroots input, the Association is requesting Angus producers fill out and submit a nine-question survey being distributed in the January and February issues of the *Angus Journal* (see page 216A), the *January Angus Beef Bulletin*, and online at www.angus.org. Be sure to make your voice heard by filling out and submitting the questionnaire as soon as possible.

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.

Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the NJAA Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the NJAS and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Junior Activities Department. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Applications are available at www.angusauxiliary.com. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are also listed online. For more information, contact Anne Lampe, Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at 620-872-3915.

Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 9 years old and older should have received the green entry booklet in the mail last month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional preview shows and the NJAS. If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

Note these junior deadlines

▶ Feb. 25 is the registration deadline for the Raising the Bar Conference scheduled for March 25-27 at Oklahoma State University (OSU).

▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 26-30 in Reno, Nev.

▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.

▶ March 15 is the registration deadline for Raising the Bar at Clemson University.

Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines. Contact the Association if you need assistance meeting the deadlines.

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.

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 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.

