



Association Highlights

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Boot Camp scheduled

Mark your calendar for an upcoming Cattlemen's Boot Camp, an educational workshop geared toward beginning and advanced Angus producers. The Boot Camp is scheduled for Jan. 20-21, 2012, at Utah State University.



The educational event will focus on a variety of topics, including cow nutrition, communicating a positive beef industry image, reproductive performance, animal handling, herd identification, body condition scoring and phenotypic selection. Marketing, bull selection, carcass evaluation and new beef products will also be discussed. The Boot Camp is funded in part by the Angus Foundation.

Admission costs \$75 and includes meals and materials. Registrations are due Dec. 26. Visit www.angus.org to register or for more information.



Make plans for National Western

Angus activities at the 106th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., take place Jan. 9-14, 2012, with hundreds of entries expected for the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the Hill, and the carload and pen shows in the Yards. Doug Worthington, Modesto, Calif., will evaluate open show entries. Brett Barber, Channing, Texas, will judge the junior show, while a three-judge panel comprised of Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo.; and Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn., will evaluate the pen and carload shows.

For complete show results, visit www.angus.org/showresults, which may also be accessed through mobile phones, depending on phone capabilities. A schedule and photos of award winners and newly elected directors will also be available online at www.angus.org.

'Angus Night on the Mountain'

Hosted by Tom and Lois Ames of Larkspur, Colo., at their beautiful Spruce Mountain Ranch, "Angus Night on the Mountain" will be an exciting evening and fundraising event that Angus breeders and friends will not want to miss.

Scheduled for Jan. 11, 2012, during the NWSS, the event is free and open to anyone. Spruce Mountain Ranch will provide transportation. Buses will pick up attendees at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel and NWSS starting at 5:30 p.m., and following the NWSS Angus Bull Sale. Spruce Mountain Ranch will provide bus transportation to and from the ranch; however, the ranch will be open beginning at 3 p.m. for those who would like to drive out early and see the facility before dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Following dinner, the Angus Foundation will offer at auction a limited number of packages such as family vacations, hunting or fishing outings, cruises, leisure trips and weekend getaways. The 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) committee will also be

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	M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
^	Cell clone	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
%	Split-ET	OS	Osteopetrosis
@	Clone-ET	RD	Red gene
AM	Arthrogyrosis multiplex	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly	SN	Syndactyly
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism	WT	Wild type color gene
DM	Double muscling	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
HG	Horn gene		

selling items at the event to help raise funds for the show.

In addition, this auction will feature an elite 12 lots of Spruce Mountain Ranch's finest Angus genetics.

Visit with Association staff in Denver

All Angus producers attending the NWSS are encouraged to stop by the Association's Listening Post in the Yards.

Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be available daily to visit with producers about Association programs and the cattle industry. Be sure to stop by to chat and have a cup of coffee.

SydGen Buena 9511 and heifer calf



2012 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell

The Angus Foundation has announced that SydGen Buena 9511 will replace SydGen Forever Lady 9525 as the new 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer. SydGen Buena 9511 will be donated to the Angus Foundation by Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, owners of Sydenstricker Genetics of Mexico, Mo., and she will be sold Jan. 11, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. prior to the NWSS Angus Bull Sale.

Born September 2009, this outstanding Angus female is sired by SydGen 928 Destination 5420. On Sept. 6, 2011, SydGen Buena 9511 had a heifer calf sired by SydGen Dealer 9883.

Contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org to learn more about the Angus Foundation Heifer Package and how you can support the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*.

2011 Annual Report available on request

The 2011 American Angus Association Annual Report is now available. The report features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2011, which ended Sept. 30, 2011. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available on request by contacting 816-383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will again sponsor an Association member to attend the 2012

Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry conference and tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

The tour and conference, which begins in Denver, Colo., and proceeds across the country to Washington, D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management, and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year, and all participants must be nominated by an NCBA affiliate organization.

The applicant must be between the ages of 25 and 50 and must be an active member of the NCBA and the American Angus Association. This will be the 10th year that the Angus Foundation has provided this opportunity to an Association member.

Applications for the conference are available at www.angusfoundation.org, and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 6, 2012. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

Still time for 'end-of-the-year' charitable gifts

Charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation



in support of its education, youth and research programs are appreciated regardless of the time of year the gift is made by the donor. Oftentimes, however, charitable giving decisions are made at year's end once an individual or couple knows their income tax situation for that respective calendar (tax) year.

Feel free to make your gift this year through the Angus Foundation's annual fund appeal you received recently, or the envelope insert in our organization's enclosed 2012 Annual Report: *Champions of the Vision*.

As a reminder, one should pay special attention to timing when it comes to year-end gifts. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, 501(c)(3) charities such as the Angus Foundation will recognize the U.S. Postal Service's postmark denoted on the outside of the carrier envelope used by the donor in transmitting the gift to the charity.

In order to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be

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completed by Dec. 31. For cash gifts, this means your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the Angus Foundation in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Gifts can also be made online at www.angusfoundation.org. Donors will be recognized for their support to the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*, which aims to raise \$11 million by Dec. 31, 2011.

Angus gifts available for the holidays

Still looking for the perfect holiday gift for the Angus enthusiast on your list? Shopping online at www.angusonline.org/store offers many options.

A variety of items — complete with photos, descriptions and prices — are available on the site and may be purchased online with a Visa® or MasterCard.®

If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Association at 816-383-5100.

Important junior information

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) information booklet will be mailed to Angus juniors next month, including show schedules, rules and entry forms. This

booklet will include all regional preview shows, regional shows, and NJAS and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference information.

A free, educational book, *Guide to Success*, is now available through the NJAA, which includes informational segments for the beginner and expert in the cattle industry. Sections in the book include an overview of the NJAA; history of the American Angus Association; nutrition; training and fitting an animal to show; showmanship skills; cattle evaluation and the process of a livestock judging competition; NJAA and Angus Foundation activities, scholarships and awards offered; and a glossary of common cattle terms.

NJAA information will also be available online at www.njaa.info or purchased at www.angus.org.

Angus internship, scholarship applications being accepted

The Association, Angus Foundation, Angus Productions Inc. (API) and CAB are offering several opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with

the world's leading beef cattle association, breed publications and branded beef program.

Available internships offer goal-oriented students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing knowledge of agriculture and the beef industry. Deadlines, requirements and application details for paid internships and scholarships are available online at www.angus.org.

Pathfinder® deadline

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2012 Pathfinder Report is Feb. 10.

The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data into the office in a timely manner. If you have questions about submitting data on forms, using the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program or with AAA Login, call the Association at 816-383-5100.

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Applications now accepted for BLI

The fifth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for June 2012. Applications are now being accepted. BLI is designed for 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 on RFD-TV

The Angus Report delivers weekly Association and industry news on RFD-TV, every Monday at 8:30 a.m. EST, and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. EST. The program will offer busy cattlemen and women the opportunity to

quickly catch up on important industry issues.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments of the free program on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at www.angus.org and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

***I Am Angus* airs this fall**

I Am Angus focuses on the heart of the Angus cattle business — its people, their heritage and why they've chosen to be in the Angus business. The video series explores each sector's stake in the Angus breed and beef business, our Angus heritage, and how animal agriculture remains relevant today.

Initiated in 2008, the Association-produced documentary series continues this fall and winter across America. The program is set to air at 8 p.m. EST Dec. 19 on RFD-TV. Subsequent programs are planned for Jan. 2, Feb. 13 and March 5. Visit www.angus.org to watch segments from the Oct. 31 and Nov. 21 programs.

"There are countless people across the country and around the world whose lives are

defined by producing quality Angus beef for consumers," says Eric Grant, Association director of communications and public relations. "Consumers today are craving a connection with the people who raise food," Grant says. "*I Am Angus* allows that to happen, for us to put our best foot forward."

The program provides an avenue to show the commitment producers and others have made to raising quality beef. For more information or to watch segments from past shows, visit www.angus.org.

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.

