



Association Highlights

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2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package set to sell this January in Denver

Basin Angus Ranch of Joliet, Mont., will donate the 2017 Angus Foundation Heifer to

headline the Angus Foundation Heifer Package set to sell Jan. 11, 2017, at the NWSS in Denver. The chosen female is Basin Lucy 6265, registration #18479169, a daughter of Basin Lucy 1037, the highest beef dollar



► Basin Lucy 6265

value index (\$B) female in the Basin Angus Ranch herd and a phenomenal power cow. Basin Lucy 6265's sire is WR Journey 1X74, the No. 6 bull for \$B index out of 24,373 active Angus sires as evaluated Aug. 12, 2016. Journey has an exceptional combination of calving ease, accelerated performance, docility and end-product excellence. Journey ranks in the top 5% or better among current sires for 11 of the measured traits and indexes available on an Angus pedigree.

See the story on page 39 of the November *Angus Journal* and visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information about the 2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Help support NJAS 2017

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is just around the corner, and the Iowa crew is excited to be hosting the event. Greiman Family Angus of Garner, Iowa, reminds you of its Embryo Lottery, which began in July. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, please contact Ted or Mary Greiman, Tricia or Colby Holmes, or any of the Iowa juniors.

Mary will be selling tickets at the American Royal and NAILE.

On Jan. 19, 2017, an online auction fundraiser will be hosted through www.AngusLive.com. Auction items include units of semen, bull collection and freezing services, embryo flushing and transfer services, and advertising in key publications.

The NJAS Iowa Show Committee will be offering two specially made items during the Angus Bull Sale and Angus Foundation events in Denver during the NWSS. The items include a "Lotus clock," a hanging wall clock made at the Amana Furniture Shop of eastern Iowa, and a piece of original artwork by Sticks Gallery in Des Moines, Iowa.

If you have any questions or would like to

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.

Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire
+	Embryo transfer calf
^	Cell clone
%	Split-ET
@	Clone-ET

The American Angus Association currently recognizes the following genetic conditions:

Code	Meaning
AM	Arthrogryposis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnodycty
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism
DD	Developmental duplication
DM	Double muscling
DW	Dwarfism
HG	Horn gene
HI	Heterochromia irides
M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
OH	Oculocutaneous hypopigmentation
OS	Osteopetrosis
RD	Red gene
SN	Syndactyly
WT	Wild type color gene

The following single-letter descriptors appearing after a genetic condition code shall have the following meaning:

- P – refers to a "potential" carrier based on an ancestor known to carry that specific mutation.
- F – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be "free" of that specific mutation.
- C – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a "carrier" of that specific mutation.
- A – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a carrier of two copies of that specific mutation. It may or may not exhibit the phenotype associated with that genetic condition.

The following letter designations describe cases in which there is more than one genetic condition present:

- XF – Free of more than one genetic condition.
- XC – Carrier of more than one genetic condition.
- XA – Affected of more than one genetic condition.
- RTF – Recessive trait free (produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect).

consign an item to the online auction, please contact Ted or Mary Greiman at tmkcg@ncn.net, or Tricia or Colby Holmes at cholmes@iowatelecom.net.

Coverage of ARSBC

The Angus Media team coordinated online event coverage for the 2016 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) symposium Sept. 7-8 in Des Moines, Iowa. The website — www.appliedreprostrategies.com — offers the summary, proceedings paper, PowerPoint presentation and audio of each speaker's presentation (as available) in the website's Newsroom.

Iowa State University, the Iowa Beef Center and the Beef Reproduction Task Force hosted this year's symposium. Topics featured an overview of reproductive management, strategies for artificial insemination (AI) success, handling hormones and frozen genetics, nutrition, sexed semen, embryo transfer, *in vitro* fertilization, reproductive health, genetics, fetal programming and pregnancy detection, among others.

Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship

The Angus Foundation Board of Directors approved funds to provide \$1,000 scholarships to three youth who use Angus genetics in their seedstock or commercial operations. Awards will be given out July 2017.

Applicants must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/university or other accredited institution for the fall of 2017. They can be an entering freshman or a continuing student in any undergraduate program. The applicant or applicant's parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months.

Full details of eligibility can be found at www.angusfoundation.org. Information can be found in the resources section on the home page. The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship application was available online Dec. 1.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2017 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 are available at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 11, 2017. Learn more about the

YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.



Include Angus Foundation in end-of-year charitable-giving plans

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.

The 2016 Angus Foundation fiscal year may have ended Sept. 30, but it's not too late to get in a donation for the 2016 tax year. Your tax-deductible charitable financial gifts by Dec. 31 will help enrich the lives of Angus youth by empowering them to develop lifelong leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. Donors can also choose to invest in education or research and support those specific tenets of the Angus Foundation mission. You can give online at www.angusfoundation.org using Visa® or Mastercard® or contact the Angus Foundation.

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.

To qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be 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. Contact Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100 if you have questions about end-of-the-year charitable giving strategies or need additional information.

Looking for an internship?

The American Angus Association, Angus Media and CAB offer several opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association and branded-beef program.

Paid summer 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. Look for deadlines, requirements and application details online at www.angus.org.

Bulls will be offered at NWSS Bull Sale

The 2017 National Western Angus Bull Sale will be Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of genomically enhanced EPDs.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2016, 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.

For more information about the sale contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846.

Applications being accepted for 2016 BLI

Applications for the 10th annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) June 19-23, 2017, are now being accepted. BLI is designed for American Angus Association members 25-45 years old as a means to provide participants insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective



leaders for the Angus breed and for the 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 Jaclyn Clark in the Events & Education Department at 816-383-5149. March 1 is the application deadline.

2016 Annual Report available upon request

The 2016 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 2016, which ended Sept. 30, 2016. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available upon request by contacting 816-383-5100 or Imaudlin@angus.org.

Important junior information

A comprehensive booklet will be mailed to Angus active junior members next month, including show schedules, rules and entry forms. This booklet will include all regional preview shows, regional shows, and National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference information.

The information will also be available online at www.njaa.info.



Talon Internship Applications due Dec. 1

A new internship opportunity through the Angus Foundation and the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program will pair a motivated youth with the Maher Angus Ranch in South Dakota to give a valuable hands-on educational experience for an eight- to 10-week term during summer 2017.

Applications are available online and due back to the education and events department Dec. 1. College sophomores,

juniors, seniors, graduate students and recent college graduates who do not exceed the age of 25 on date of application, and who are majoring in an agriculture-related field of study will be eligible to apply for this internship position.

Applications from a Talon Scholarship recipient, past or present, or a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) or Association member in good standing will be given first preference for this internship.

Cam Cooper of Talon Ranch, who was a staunch supporter of agriculture's youth, set up the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund.

"Cam's vision for the Talon Youth Educational Learning Program was for it to be a holistic experience for students. They could come into the program as an undergraduate scholarship recipient — with the opportunity to continue through graduate school — and get real-world experience through this internship. She was a true champion for our Angus youth," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

The partnership will benefit both the ranch and the intern by providing an

educational experience and enthusiastic fresh perspective for both parties.

For more information or to apply for the internship, visit www.angusfoundation.org or www.angus.org/njaa.

Catch convention coverage

The Angus Media communications team was on hand in force to cover the Angus Convention Nov. 5-7 in Indianapolis, Ind. From the tours hosted Friday to the

Convention of Delegates convened Monday morning, Angus Media captured the highlights to share with those who couldn't attend — or who attended, but couldn't get to every session they wanted to.

See the announcement of the Association's new leadership on page 24 of this issue. Other highlights will be published in the January *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*. For more news from the convention, visit www.angus.media, where you can access *The Angus Report's* Nov. 21



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program featuring the convention, as well as coverage of general sessions, educational programming, award winners, video features and more.

Angus Foundation auctioning heifer package, other exciting items at NWSS

Come support youth, education and research at the 2017 National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, at 5 p.m. Mountain time in the Stadium Arena, the Angus Foundation, in conjunction with the NWSS Angus Bull Sale, will be offering many exciting items to the highest bidders:

▶ As always, the 2017 Angus Foundation

Heifer Package, including Basin Lucy 6265, donated by Basin Angus Ranch, Doug and Sharon Stevenson, Joliet, Mont.; 30 days free insurance from American Livestock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics and its cloning division, ViaGen, Sioux Center, Iowa.

- ▶ Confirmed heifer pregnancies from esteemed breeders, including 44 Farms, Dameron Angus, Express Ranches, Pollard Farms and Vintage Angus.
- ▶ Angus Foundation elite packages:

Biltmore Estate; Angus Foundation Golf Tournament; a cruise package; a Jackson Hole, Wyo., vacation package donated by the Schnoor family; a one-day ranch photo shoot by Legacy Livestock Imaging; and an Amana Farms clock and original artwork donated by the 2017 National Junior Angus Show/Iowa Junior Angus Association.

It's going to be an event you won't want to miss! For more information, contact the Angus Foundation or visit the Angus Foundation's website at www.angusfoundation.org.

