



Association Highlights

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NWSS Bull Sale moves to the Hill

The 2017 National Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is set for Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Denver, Colo. Oct. 1 was the deadline for consignments.

All bulls consigned must be entered in the

NWSS. In addition, bulls must be genomic-trait-tested and possess a complete set of expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values). 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 evaluation, within 30 days of the sale.

The Sale Bull Show will start at 8 a.m. in the Stadium Arena. The three-person committee of Kyle Gillooly, Wadley, Ga.; Andy Musgrave, Pittsfield, Ill.; and Jim Vietheer, Wilton, Calif., will place the bulls using a composite system. There will be no individual classes in the show. The judges will be asked to place the bulls in each division only to assist in making the sale order. No rankings will be published.

Prospective buyers in attendance will be invited into the showring to inspect the bulls after the grand and reserve grand champions have been selected.

Auctioneer Joe Goggins of Billings, Mont., will cry this year's sale, which will begin in the Stadium Arena (note new location) immediately after the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package at 5 p.m.

Awards will be presented to the consignors of the grand champion and reserve grand champion sale bulls.

► Grand champion bull will receive a \$2,500 cash prize plus other awards totaling \$5,000. These awards include an embroidered award jacket, a full-page color ad in the *Angus Journal* and a genomic test package.

► Reserve grand champion will receive a \$1,000 cash prize plus other awards totaling \$3,500. These awards include an embroidered award jacket, a full-page color ad in the *Angus Journal* and a genomic test package.

► Division champions and reserve champions will each receive \$100 and \$50 cash prizes, respectively, and an embroidered award vest.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846 or a regional manager. For entry forms contact Sarah Hixson in the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5142 or visit www.angus.org.

The Angus Report returns to original time slot on RFD-TV

Starting Aug. 29, *The Angus Report* returned to its original time slot at 7:30 a.m. CDT each Monday morning on RFD-TV.

The Angus Report is produced by the Angus Media team in the Association's television studio in Saint Joseph, Mo. It is

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 arachnodactyly
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).

part of a suite of Angus-based media — including the *Angus Journal*, the *Angus Beef Bulletin*, *Angus Talk* and other platforms — that provide coverage from industry events, Angus shows and activities, and farms and ranches across the country.

Tune in for the 7:30 a.m. Monday morning broadcast, or catch the program as it re-airs at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on RFD-TV.

Apply for the Talon Internship

The Angus Foundation, in conjunction with the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Endowment Fund, is accepting intern applications for the Talon Internship Program. The internship program is designed to pair Angus youth with an Angus breeder to develop a mentor/mentee relationship throughout the course of a summer. This relationship will lead to a successful educational experience and increase the knowledge and understanding for raising registered-Angus cattle and the beef cattle industry for the mentee.

Applications for non-Talon scholarship recipients are due to the Events and Education department by Dec. 1, 2016.

For more information and the breeder application form, please visit <http://www.angusfoundation.org/fdn/Events/FdnTalon.html> or contact Chelsey Smith at csmith@angus.org or 816-383-5149.

Planning an Angus sale?

If you're planning an Angus sale this fall, be sure to contact the American Angus Association and request a complimentary sale-day kit, which includes educational resources, posters and information on Association programs and services. Submit an order today to ensure it arrives on the ranch in time for sale day.

The kits come in three types — one tailored specifically toward female sales, another for bull sales, and the third for bull and female sales. Each kit includes various literature and posters in quantities of 10 to 25.

Sale-day kits include information on what potential customers should know about the breed and its programs and services, including specific information on AngusSource®, AAA Login, Beef Improvement Records, Certified Angus Beef LLC, the Angus Foundation and many others. Buyer guides, beef improvement information and full-color posters are a few of the additional items that are available.

Depending on the type of kit requested, materials include:

- ▶ 10 regular and junior membership applications;
- ▶ 10 junior member *Guide to Success* books;
- ▶ 10 *Supplying the Brand* books;
- ▶ 10 Angus Foundation brochures;
- ▶ 20 Beef Improvement Record books;
- ▶ 10 *Bull Buying Strategies* books;
- ▶ 20 *Angus Advantage* books;
- ▶ 10 AngusSource brochures
- ▶ 25 Tag Store postcards;
- ▶ 10 Member Login brochures;
- ▶ 15 Pocket Bull Buying Guides;
- ▶ 10 each of the 11×14 bull, cow-calf and calf pictures;
- ▶ 10 Notebook Beef Charts;
- ▶ 1 steer poster, 1 bull poster, 2 large Angus posters;
- ▶ 6 over-the-wire hangers;
- ▶ 5 cow-calf *Best Practices* brochures;
- ▶ 3 *The Power of One Bull* posters;
- ▶ 3 *The Power of One Brand* posters (*Certified Angus Beef*®); and
- ▶ 3 AngusSource posters.

To order a sale-day kit, go online or contact the Association's Communications Department at 816-383-5100.

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Register for the Angus Convention

Registration for the 2016 Angus Convention set for Nov. 5-7 in Indianapolis, Ind., is open and available at www.angusconvention.com.

Now in its third year, the event will feature expanded workshops that cover a variety of topics, including genomics, recordkeeping, herd management and performance tools. A three-day trade show featuring allied-industry partners will offer cattlemen and women a chance to browse through the latest

in products and services available to the beef industry and to visit with Angus breeders and their commercial partners from throughout the country.

Convention highlights will include the National Angus Tour hosted by the Indiana Angus Association and the Angus



Foundation's invitation-only Supporter Recognition Event on Friday, Nov. 4; the International

Angus Genomics Symposium sponsored by Neogen GeneSeek Operations and Innovation Workshops sponsored by Zoetis on Saturday, Nov. 5; Angus University and a Sawyer Brown concert sponsored by Merck Animal Health on Sunday, Nov. 6; and the Annual Convention of Delegates on Monday, Nov. 7. The grand prize giveaway will be on Monday, and the winner will be announced.

For more details and to register online, visit www.angusconvention.com. See the Convention Guide included in this issue of the *Angus Journal* for more information.

Annual Convention of Delegates approaching

You've already voted for the members you wish to represent you as state and district delegates to the American Angus Association Annual Convention of Delegates by submitting nominations in June and casting your ballot in July. Ballots were counted in early August, and the list of candidates and delegates chosen to represent the membership is posted on www.angus.org and is published on page 78 in this issue of the *Angus Journal*.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 133rd Annual Convention of Delegates, scheduled to be hosted in conjunction with the Angus Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 7.

Part of the business for this year's meeting will be the election of five members to the Association's Board of Directors, as well as electing the Board's president and vice president. To learn more about members running for Board, read "Eight Declare Candidacies" on page 68 in this issue.

Be a champion of the breed's future

Make plans to join the Angus Foundation Friday evening, Nov. 4, in Indianapolis for its Supporter Recognition Event. This year's theme is "Championing a Cause."

All Angus supporters who have contributed \$250 to the Angus Foundation this fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2015-Sept. 30, 2016) will be invited. The evening will include a reception and *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) plated dinner followed by entertainment and a short program.

Visit www.angusfoundation.org and click "Donate Online."

ROV show season

The 2015-2016 Roll of Victory (ROV) show season ended May 31, and the 2016-2017 ROV show season officially began June 1. Show exhibitors travel during the season across the country to accumulate points. The final tally of points for the show heifer, show bull and breeder of the year, along with all division awards, are posted online at www.angus.org.

Show heifer, show bull and breeder of the year awards for the 2015-2016 show year will be presented at the Association's Annual Awards Breakfast in Indianapolis. All winners will be recognized during the 2017 National Angus Show at the 2016 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

For complete information about the ROV program and a list of the 18 point shows, visit www.angus.org or contact the Events and Education Department.

NAILE entries due Oct. 8

If you plan to show at the 2016 NAILE this November, make sure your entries are in by Oct. 8. Premium sale books and entry forms are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the website at www.livestockexpo.org.

A block of hotel rooms is available at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center for Angus members and attendees. Please call 1-888-233-9527 and ask for the American Angus Association block.

National Western deadline nears

Nov. 20 is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2017 NWSS Super-Point ROV and junior Angus shows. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted.

For information about the NWSS, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

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 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 24 and visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information about the 2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

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 will be available Oct. 1 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.

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 in 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 a 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 will be available online Dec. 1.

Purchase Angus photos online

While in the showing or covering Angus events, the Association staff captures thousands of photos throughout the year. Candid photographs, backdrop images and others can be found online through a special photo website (photo.angus.org). The Association offers digital downloads, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, key chains and more.

For more information, contact prphotos@angus.org or call 816-383-5100.

Download the Angus App

Angus Mobile is a free smartphone application for iPhone, iPad and Android devices that allows app users to update herd data no matter where they are on their farm or ranch. Download the easy-to-navigate app and gain access to the latest news, sale reports, show results, EPDs and \$Values, percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.



2017 Black Books available

You can now order 2017 AngusSource/Beef Record Service (BRS) black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. They feature the American Angus Association logo on the back.

Producers can request two free books and purchase additional books for \$3 each. The 2017 books are available in any quantity.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

Tag Store offers affordable identification

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify animals within their herds should visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association. Anyone can order ear tags, applicators, syringes and accessories. Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, blank tags and prenumbered tags.



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

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.

