



Association Highlights

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Foundation to sponsor YCC participant; applications due

The Angus Foundation will nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2016 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, 2016. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

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	Arthrogyrosis 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).

Applications being accepted for 2016 BLI

Applications for the ninth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) hosted June 20-24, 2016, 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.

Cattlemen's Boot Camp

Make plans to attend the Cattlemen's Boot Camp being hosted at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Kennewick, Wash., April 15-16.

This Boot Camp is an educational collaboration of Washington State University, the American Angus Association and the Angus Foundation. Participants will gain insight to many aspects of the cattle industry from university and Association speakers and activities.

Cattlemen's Boot Camp is open to all cattle producers. Registration is \$75, which includes meals and materials. More information and forms can be found at www.angus.org/EventRegistration/default.aspx. The deadline for registration is March 1.

D designated for permanent ID in 2016

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, D001 and D002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2016. C was the designated letter for 2015, while E will be the designated letter for 2017, F for 2018, G for 2019, etc. Note that the letters I, O, Q and V are not used.

Using the international letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For complete information about permanent ID (Rule 105) and naming animals (rules 102 and 107) in accordance with American Angus Association rules, access the online *Breeder's Reference Guide* available on www.angus.org. To access, click on "Rules and Forms" in the pull-down menu under "About."

Custom Cattle Tags offers affordable ID

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association. Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, blank tags and prenumbered tags for cattle producers across the United States.



Black books available for 2016

You can now order 2016 AngusSource®/Beef Record Service (BRS) black books. Featuring the American Angus Association logo on the back, the pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

Producers can request two free books and can purchase additional books for \$3 each. To place orders, contact the AngusSource Department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

Make plans for National Western

Angus activities at the 110th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., take place Jan. 11-17, with hundreds of entries expected for the Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the Hill and the carload and pen shows in the Yards. Jeff Dameron, Towanda, Ill., and Chris Cassidy, Tuscola, Ill., will evaluate the ROV show entries. Brad Winegardner, Lima, Ohio, will judge the junior show Thursday, while a three-judge panel including Arlen Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Doug Slattery, Chappel Hill, Texas, and Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., will evaluate the pen and carload shows on Saturday.

For a schedule, show results and more, visit www.angus.org/showresults, which can also be accessed through the Association's smartphone app, Angus mobile.

Heifers to be featured in National Western pen show

The Angus Pen Show at the 2016 NWSS will feature heifers and bulls this January. Classes will be included for pens of three heifers born after Jan. 1, 2015; born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2014; born May 1-Aug. 31, 2014; and born Jan. 1-April 30, 2014. Classes will be broken after arrival and processed according to the average age in days. First place in each individual class will receive \$150.

Champions will be named for divisions (late pen of calves, early pen of calves and pen of yearlings), as well as a grand and reserve pen.

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

2016 Angus National Western Bull Sale

The 2016 National Western Angus Bull Sale show and sale during the NWSS will be Jan. 13. The show will begin at 8 a.m. this year, giving prospective buyers more opportunity to preview the bulls before the sale. A panel of three judges will evaluate the bulls using a composite system to establish a sale order. Judges are Mark Nikkel, Maple Hill, Kan.; Jake Tiedeman, North Platte, Neb.; and Scott Bayer, Ringle, Wis.

Attendees will be invited into the showing to inspect bulls after the grand and reserve grand champions have been selected.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., the 2016 Angus Foundation Heifer Package will sell in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the Stock Show Complex. Immediately after, the National Western Angus Bull Sale will begin.

The NWSS Angus Bull Sale is the only sale managed by the Association. All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of Angus expected progeny differences (EPDs). The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for non-parent sires. All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2015, 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 contact David Gazda, sale manager and Association regional manager, at 706-296-7846.

2016 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell this January in Denver

SAV Emblynette 5368 (AAA Registration No. 18141862) will headline the Angus Foundation Heifer Package set to sell at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. Schaff Angus Valley of Saint Anthony, N.D., is donating the March 23, 2015, heifer selected

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for her individual quality and maternal excellence. She is the one-of-a-kind natural daughter of the elite fifth-generation Pathfinder® SAV Emblynette 5483, who has posted a weaning ratio of 104 on seven calves and has earned a stellar production record. 5368's Pathfinder granddam remains productive in the SAV program at 18 years of age.

Visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information about the 2016 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Make plans to attend Angus Night on the Mountain

Angus enthusiasts are welcome to attend Angus Night on the Mountain Jan. 13, 2016. The event will be hosted by Tom and Lois Ames at their beautiful Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in conjunction with the NWSS.

Spruce Mountain Ranch will open its facilities at 3 p.m. to guests who wish to drive out early to view the cattle. Two buses will pick up attendees on a first-served basis at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel and NWSS Complex from 5:30-5:45 p.m.

and will take guests to and from the event venue. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a live auction that includes various experiences and vacation packages to benefit the Angus Foundation and 2016 National Junior Angus Show, as well as several lots of elite Angus genetics by Spruce Mountain Ranch.

The event is free and open to anyone. Visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information.

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 to have a cup of coffee.

NJAA announces new age rule for competition

Eight-year-old members of the NJAA are now eligible to show at Angus-sponsored competitions across the country. The new age rule, approved by the American Angus Association Board of Directors and the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), takes effect Jan. 1, 2016.



The NJAA sponsored more than 50 junior shows during the past year, involving nearly 5,000 Angus youth. According to the new rule, an exhibitor's birth date must fall between Jan. 1, 1995, and Dec. 31, 2007, to compete and be either a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association.

Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 8 years and older should receive the green entry booklet in the mail this 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. It also contains information about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Events & Education Department. The information will also be available online at www.njaa.info.

Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior

Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 11-13 in Harrisonburg, Va.

- ▶ Feb. 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 1-3 in Reno, Nev.
- ▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa for more information and deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

Angus Media providing online coverage of Range Beef Cow Symposium

Online coverage of the 2015 Range Beef Cow Symposium is available at www.rangebeefcow.com. The event was hosted Nov. 17-19 at The Ranch in Loveland, Colo., by Colorado State University's Department of Animal Sciences. Visit the site Newsroom now to read summaries of each presentation, view the speakers' PowerPoints and proceedings and listen to the presentations.

www.rangebeefcow.com is one of a series of event coverage sites coordinated by the *Angus Journal's* editorial staff.

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.

2015 Annual Report available upon request

The 2015 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 2015, which ended Sept. 30, 2015. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available upon request by contacting 816-383-5100 or Imaudlin@angus.org.

New guidelines for feed-intake submission

At its September meeting, the Breed

Improvement Committee approved an update to the Association's guidelines for submitting feed intake. The new requirements for data submission are:

- ▶ All animals must be within a 90-day age range (same as before);
- ▶ A 21- to 28-day warm-up is required, 14 days of those days in the facility where the test will take place (same as before); and
- ▶ A 45-day test period is required (shortened from 70 days);
- ▶ Live weights are required at the beginning and the end of the intake test (mid-test weights not required).

For more detail about the change, visit the Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) blog at <http://bit.ly/1ZcSSPq>. If you have data that you'd like to submit, but had not in the past due to shorter test periods, contact Tonya Amen, genetic service director, at 816-383-5100 or tamen@angus.org.

Angus Foundation scholarship applications available online

The Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2016 National Junior Angus Show in Grand Island, Neb.

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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 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.

Full details of eligibility and applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org. Application deadline is May 1. For more information or questions, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

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 2016.

Applicants must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/university or other

accredited institution for the fall of 2016. 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 (on or after May 1, 2013).

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

Herds of the century

The American Angus Association initiated the Century Award to recognize its members and their families who have been in continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for at least 100 years. Award recipients will be recognized with an engraved plaque at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet, notice will be given in the *Angus Journal*, and a list will be maintained on the Association's website.

Contact the Events and Education Department for more information or for applications. This year's awards were presented during the Awards Recognition Breakfast in Kansas City, Mo.

I Am Angus airs this winter

I Am Angus focuses on the heart of the Angus business — its people, its heritage and why people have chosen to be a part of it. Initiated in 2008, the Association-produced documentary series continues this fall and winter across America. The program was to air Thanksgiving at 9 p.m. CST and is scheduled to air Dec. 28 in the evening on RFD-TV.

For more information or to watch segments from past shows visit www.angus.org.

MaternalPlus® sale book inserts available

Producers enrolled in the MaternalPlus program can promote that fact in their sale book and other advertising using ready-to-go promotional materials available through Angus Media's Special Services Department.

The sale book inserts and advertising materials will feature the program's logo and a description of the program.

MaternalPlus is a voluntary, inventory-based reporting system designed to capture additional reproductive trait data and,



ultimately, expand reproductive and lifetime productivity tools. By using MaternalPlus, producers will receive calving ease, birth weight and weaning weight expected progeny differences (EPDs) for calves out of inventoried cows, even before they are registered. Within AAA Login, MaternalPlus enrollees will have access to herd productivity summaries, such as in-herd genetic trend, that are only available to those enrolled in the program. In addition, MaternalPlus allows producers to submit cow disposal codes and reason designations, which keeps an accurate record of why a cow left the herd.

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit www.angus.org or AAA Login.

Low-density genomic tests available

In addition to the previously available high-density genomic tests (HD50K for Angus from Zoetis and GGP-HD for Angus from GeneSeek), low-density options are now available. These new tests allow animals to have genomically enhanced EPDs at a lower cost, with nearly identical accuracy. The i50K for Angus from Zoetis and GGP-LD for Angus from GeneSeek can be ordered from your AAA Login account. For more information, see “By The Numbers” on page 68 of the July issue of the *Angus Journal*.

AGI blog

AGI staff have established a blog to share information on timely topics. Short, informative articles on performance programs, genomic testing and more are posted at <http://angusgenetics.wordpress.com>. If you have ideas for a blog post topic, send your suggestion to Tonya Amen at tamen@angus.org.

Initiative to engage future cattle producers

Applications are available online (www.angus.org/Performance/Documents/EASEnrollmentForm.pdf) to enroll in Future Angus Stockmen, a program launched by the Association to embrace the next generation of cattlemen through learning opportunities, while building a bond with the Angus breed and its member-driven organization.

Geared toward college-age or recent graduates who want to raise high-quality Angus-based cattle, the program will offer educational opportunities that teach participants how to thrive in the cattle industry, social networking to connect them with fellow producers, and leadership development to instill an entrepreneurial spirit and drive to improve their businesses. Young people who enroll in the program will have the chance to apply for scholarships.

For more information, contact Ginette Gottswiller, director of commercial programs, at 816-383-5100 or ggottswiller@angus.org.

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 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.

Download the Angus App

Angus Mobile is a free, smartphone application for the 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.



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.

Purchase Angus photos online

While in the showring or covering Angus events, the Angus Media 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). Angus Media 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 816-383-5100 for more information.

Request sale-day or field-day kit

Producers planning a summer field day or a fall sale at their operations can request a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the American Angus Association. The kits include educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

All materials should be requested at least two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination. Contact Amber Wahlgren or Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100.

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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. The program offers 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.