



Association Highlights

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2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package 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 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver. The chosen female is Basin Lucy 6265, registration #18479169, a daughter of Basin Lucy 1037.

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.

► 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).

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 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 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.

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.

For more information on Angus activities at the NWSS, see the story on page 230 of this issue.

Cattlemen's Boot Camp to be Feb. 17-18

Cattle producers are invited to gather for a Cattlemen's Boot Camp Feb. 17-18, 2017, at the Fayette County Extension Office in Lexington, Ky. The event is hosted by the American Angus Association in partnership with the University of Kentucky and provides purebred and commercial producers timely information presented by academic and industry professionals. Registration is now available online and open until Jan. 16, 2017.

Registration is \$75 per person, and includes meals and educational materials. Registration forms are due Jan. 16, 2017, and can be submitted electronically or mailed to Chelsey Smith at the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Late and walk-in registrations are not accepted.

Hotel rooms are available at the Four

Points by Sheraton Lexington located at 1928 Stanton Way, Lexington, Ky., for \$94 plus tax until Jan. 17, 2017.

Applications being accepted for 2017 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 Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) 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 Chelsey Smith 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 lmaudlin@angus.org.

Important junior information

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

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

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 Annual 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

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new leadership on page 24 of the December issue. For more news from the convention, visit www.angus.media/news/Angus-Convention, where you can access *The Angus Report's* Nov. 21 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 NWSS 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:

- ▶ 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 Ranch.
- ▶ 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, turn to page 230, contact the Angus Foundation or visit the Angus Foundation's website at www.angusfoundation.org.

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. The 2017 NJAS Committee 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.

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 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.

Visit with Association staff in Denver

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.

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Summer internship deadline Feb. 6

The Association offers several opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association. Paid summer internships offer goal-oriented students a chance to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing knowledge of agriculture and the beef industry.

- ▶ The Events & Education Department is offering college sophomores, juniors or seniors the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of junior shows and leadership events, and to gain experience in Association work.
- ▶ The Public Relations & Communications (PR) Department is accepting applications from college juniors or seniors studying communications, ag communications or a related field. Applicants with strong writing, editing and design backgrounds are encouraged to apply.
- ▶ The *Angus Journal* offers a college student the opportunity to be part of its editorial team. The 10-week, writing-

intensive internship offers the selected intern an opportunity to participate in producing various publications. For more information, see page 194.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2016 NJAS in Des Moines, Iowa.

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.

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 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.

Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ Feb. 1 is the deadline to register for the Raising the Bar conference at Louisiana State University March 2-5.
- ▶ 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 10-12 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- ▶ Feb. 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be March 31-April 2 in Reno, Nev.
- ▶ March 1 is the deadline to register for the Raising the Bar conference at Iowa State University April 6-9.
- ▶ March 1 is 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

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are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

E designated for permanent ID in 2017

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, E001 and E002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in 2017.

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), access the online *Breeder's Reference Guide*. To access from www.angus.org, click on "Rules and Forms" in the pull-down menu under "About."

Single-step evaluation testing continues

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) continues to test single-step genetic evaluation, the method the company plans to soon implement in order to calculate the American Angus Association weekly expected progeny differences (EPDs).

This is an ongoing effort and the top priority for AGI. Therefore, the Association plans to move to this updated statistical model only after thorough internal measures are complete. AGI will continue to fine-tune the required software to ensure the procedures used for implementation offer the utmost accuracy and valuation for members.

Meanwhile, the Association will rely on the current Angus genetic evaluation based on the latest calibration released earlier this year, which is the largest and most accurate beef genomic calibration ever conducted in the global beef cattle industry.

While AGI continues to refine the single-step methodology for targeted implementation in spring 2017, Angus breeders can be confident the current evaluation provides the most accurate, comprehensive values available.

For more about single-step genetic evaluation contact AGI at 816-383-5100.

Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed version of the American Angus Association *Spring 2017 Sire Evaluation Report* will be available mid-January. Containing the EPDs and \$Values released Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, the evaluation includes 2,346 sires in the main report with

another 2,651 bulls listed in the Young Sire Supplement. For information about the report and the Association's national cattle evaluation, visit <http://www.angus.org/nce/>.

Active members who return their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the report will receive it automatically. To request a copy, contact Brenda Weigart at the Association at bweigart@angus.org or 816-383-5144.

Reserve date for 2017 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2017 Angus Convention at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 4-6. For an invitation to the convention from American storyteller Red Steagall, visit www.angusconvention.com. Registration and hotel blocks open July 1.

As you can see by the highlights in this issue and online at www.angus.media/news/Angus-Convention, the convention offers producers and industry leaders opportunities for networking, education and breed improvement in addition to conducting the business of the American Angus Association.

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