



# Association Highlights

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## Feb. 5 is internship deadline

The American Angus Association, Angus Media and Certified Angus Beef LLC (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. Feb. 5 is the deadline to apply for this summer's internships. See page 43 of the January 2016 *Angus Journal* for more information.

## 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](http://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).

## Note amendments to bylaws

Members should be aware of a few important bylaws that were amended at the Annual Convention of Delegates in November 2015. Most notably, two amendments affect the nomination period and who can participate in the election process or be voting delegates.

Because the annual meeting's dates shift with the National Angus Convention & Trade Show, the amendment shifts the nomination period to floating days — starting no later than 210 days before the Annual Convention of Delegates and ending no later than 150 days prior to the Convention. This ensures that there is enough time for office staff to prepare, process and mail ballots once nominations are received. The nomination period is also only 60 days instead of 90 days.

Another amendment approved says that eligible voting members must be 18 years of age and have either registered at least one animal or done a set amount (currently \$250) of business with the American Angus Association or Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) in the year before the nomination period, which for 2016 will begin April 11. This change ensures that voting members have a vested interest in the Angus business.

For more details on the changes and to read the section of the bylaws as amended, see "Association Bylaw Changes" on page 18 of this issue.

## Applications being accepted for 2016 BLI

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

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lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points. See “Apply to Attend 2016 BLI” on page 34 of this issue for a preview of this year’s event.

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 application deadline is March 1**

A Cattlemen’s Boot Camp will be 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. See “Washington Hosts Boot Camp” on page 32 of this issue for a preview of the event.

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](http://www.angus.org/EventRegistration/default.aspx). The deadline for registration is March 1.

### **Cattle Industry Coverage available online**

The 2016 Cattle Industry Annual Convention & National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) Trade Show is in San Diego, Calif., Jan. 27-29. Full event coverage by the Angus Media editorial staff will be available at [www.4cattlemen.com](http://www.4cattlemen.com).

Coverage includes general session business; keynote speakers; Cattlemen’s College® summaries; CattleFax outlook summaries; policy updates from NCBA, the Cattlemen’s Beef Board (CBB), the Federation of State Beef Councils, the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW); and much more.

### **Auxiliary to host Women Connected**

The American Angus Auxiliary invites women from across the Angus industry and agriculture business to participate in its third Women Connected Conference April 2-4 at the CAB Education & Culinary Center in Wooster, Ohio.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Branding,” and attendees will participate in a variety of activities, workshops and tours that

will connect them with the CAB brand, while exploring ways to build a personal brand for themselves and their businesses.

The conference, hosted every other year, is open to 20 participants, and the Angus Foundation sponsors all accommodations and meals for the three-day event. Attendees need only provide their own means of transportation to and from the event. Applications to attend Women Connected are due Feb. 15.

The conference offers many advantages for women interested in attending, says Shally Rogen, American Angus Auxiliary president.

For more about the conference, see Rogen’s “Auxiliary Notes” column on page 64. To download an application or to find more information, visit [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com), or contact conference chairman Anne Lampe at [alampe@wbsnet.org](mailto:alampe@wbsnet.org) or 620-874-4273.

Conference participants will be responsible for transportation to and from the Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport if flying, and Wooster, Ohio, if driving.

### **National Convention & Trade Show dates announced**

Dates and locations for the American Angus Association’s upcoming Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show have been determined for the next four years. The convention allows producers and industry leaders opportunities for networking, education and breed improvement.

Convention dates and locations will be:

- ▶ Nov. 5-7, 2016 — Indianapolis, Ind.
- ▶ Nov. 4-6, 2017 — Fort Worth, Texas
- ▶ Nov. 3-5, 2018 — Columbus, Ohio
- ▶ Nov. 2-4, 2019 — Reno, Nev.

### **Angus bull sales to support 2016 NJAS**

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is an annual highlight for hundreds of Angus youth and their families. In 2016, the big event takes place July 3-9 in Grand Island, Neb. The Nebraska Junior Angus Association is partnering with the South Dakota Junior Angus Association to coordinate and raise funds for this year’s event.

Fifteen seedstock breeders in Nebraska and South Dakota are donating proceeds from their “lot 16” bull to support the 2016 NJAS. The first chance to purchase a “lot 16” bull is during the Baldrige Bros. Bull Sale Jan. 30 in North Platte, Neb. Proceeds from Baldrige Compass C063 (AAA Registration No. 18229529) will go toward the 2016 NJAS and support a positive experience for hundreds of Angus youth across the country.

Participating “lot 16” Angus breeders and their respective sale dates include:

- ▶ A&B Cattle Co., Bassett, Neb., April 7

- ▶ Baldrige Bros., North Platte, Neb., Jan. 30
- ▶ Barstow Angus, Springview, Neb., March 14
- ▶ Bush Angus, Britton, S.D., Feb. 27
- ▶ Connealy Angus, Whitman, Neb., March 26
- ▶ Krebs Ranch, Gordon, Neb., Feb. 18
- ▶ Minert-Simonson, Dunning, Neb., Feb. 20
- ▶ Mogck & Sons Angus, Olivet, S.D., Feb. 18
- ▶ Poss Angus, Scotia, Neb., March 25
- ▶ Rishel Angus, North Platte, Neb., March 28
- ▶ Schurrtop Angus, Farnam, Neb., March 25
- ▶ Styles Plainview Angus, Brentford, S.D., March 8
- ▶ TC Ranch, Franklin, Neb., Feb. 24
- ▶ Varilek Angus, Geddes, S.D., Feb. 20
- ▶ Wagonhammer Ranches, Albion, Neb., March 16

### **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](http://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 herds can visit [www.customcattletags.com](http://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.

### **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 age rule, approved by the American Angus Association Board of Directors and the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), took effect Jan. 1. According to the new rule, this year 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 8 years and older should have received a green entry booklet in the mail. 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](http://www.njaa.info).

### Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ Feb. 1 — Raising the Bar, University of Arkansas, registration deadline
- ▶ Feb. 1 — Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) Show ownership and entry deadline
- ▶ Feb. 5 — Application deadline for American Angus Association summer internships
- ▶ Feb. 15 — Western Regional Junior Angus Show ownership and entry deadline
- ▶ March 1 — Raising the Bar, South Dakota State University, registration deadline
- ▶ March 1 — Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year nomination deadline
- ▶ March 3-6 — Raising the Bar, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.
- ▶ March 11-13 — MAJAC Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
- ▶ April 1-3 — Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Reno, Nev.
- ▶ April 7-10 — Raising the Bar, South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.
- ▶ April 15 — Atlantic National Junior Angus Show ownership and entry deadline

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

### 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.

### Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs. Nomination forms are available by contacting the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

### 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 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb.

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](http://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 can be found online at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://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.

### Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Applications are available at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com). State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are listed online.

### 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.

### 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.

