



Association Highlights

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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. Also, the nomination period is 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 12 months prior to the nomination period. This change ensures that voting members have a vested interest in the Angus business.

So, for the current delegate election process, the eligibility period — the 12 months during which members must register an animal or do \$250 of business — is April 11, 2015, through 4:30 p.m. April 8, 2016. The nomination period will begin April 11, 2016, and conclude at 4:30 p.m. June 10, 2016.

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

Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are being made for the 2016 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Indianapolis, Ind. Forms to nominate delegates to the annual meeting will be mailed to every eligible voting active life and regular Association member prior to April 11 according to the Bylaws as amended at last November's convention.

The nomination period is April 11-June 10. Each eligible voting member is allowed to nominate one eligible voting active life or regular member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself, who meets the new qualifications for eligible voting members. The candidate should be highly involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT on June 10, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed

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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).

to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

March 1 deadlines

A last-minute reminder to our digital subscribers, March 1 is the deadline to apply for two upcoming events:

The Beef Leaders Institute (BLI). This ninth annual event funded through the Angus Foundation is limited to 20 attendees. Applications are available online or by contacting Chelsey Smith in the Events & Education Department at 816-383-5149. See “Apply to Attend 2016 BLI” on page 34 of the February *Angus Journal* for a preview of this year’s June 20-24 event.

Cattlemen’s Boot Camp. Washington State University, the American Angus Association and the Angus Foundation are hosting a boot camp at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Kennewick, Wash., April 15-16. 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. See “Washington Hosts Boot Camp” on page 32 of the February *Angus Journal* for a preview of the event.

Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed version of the *Spring 2016 Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. Active members who returned their blue



request cards to receive a printed copy of the report will receive it automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should

request it via email or by calling the Association. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Weigart at bweigart@angus.org or 816-383-5144.

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.

AGI seeking intern candidates

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) is seeking a summer intern to assist with day-to-day activities of the department from mid-May through mid-August. The intern will assist with a number of AGI activities and initiatives related to Angus performance programs.

Applicants should be current or prospective graduate students, or college juniors or seniors studying animal science or a related field with an interest in genetics applied to beef cattle production. Candidates should be detail-oriented, have strong communications skills and be able to work well with all types of personnel.

Submit applications — including cover letter, résumé and references — to Dan Moser, president, Angus Genetics Inc., 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506; dmoser@angus.org by March 31. For more information, contact AGI staff at 816-383-5100.

Report new association, auxiliary officers

State and regional Angus associations should submit their officer listings to the Association by May 1 to ensure correct listings on www.angus.org. Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and website, if applicable. If you haven’t received a form to update your association’s officer listing, contact Amber Wahlgren or LeAnn Maudlin at 816-383-5200 or prphotos@angus.org.

State auxiliary information is requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

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. 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; and Wagonhammer Ranches, Albion, Neb., March 16.

Western National

Mark your calendars for April 1-3 for the 64th Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF) and 42nd Western Regional Junior Angus Show. Events will be at the Reno Sparks Livestock Events Center. The Grand Sierra Resort and Casino will serve as the headquarters hotel.

Cattle must be checked in by noon Friday, April 1. Frank Ward, Orland, Calif., will judge the junior regional Saturday. Tyler Cates of Modoc, Ind., will evaluate the WNAF open classes Sunday. Other activities include the Western States queen competition, junior showmanship contest, educational program, junior social, WNAF Committee meeting, and both board and general membership meetings of the Western States Angus Association.

The deadline for junior and open show entries was Feb. 15, with substitutions accepted until Feb. 22. Additional details are available at www.wnaf.org. For more information, contact Rod Wesselman, WNAF show manager, at PO Box 746, Moses Lake, WA 98837; info@wnaf.org; or 509-750-2185.

Download foot-scoring spreadsheet

American Angus Association members can download a spreadsheet to submit foot scores via their AAA Login account. Details of the Association’s foot-scoring system were outlined in the February 2015 *Angus Journal* in the “By the Numbers” column (see page 142) and the article “Solid Footing” (see page 162). Both articles are available via a back-issue search at www.angusjournal.com.

To download the spreadsheets in AAA Login, click the “Spreadsheet Entry” tab. From that menu select the “Foot Score Spreadsheet.” Click the “Instructions” link for step-by-step procedures explaining how to select a group of animals, download the Excel spreadsheet, fill it out and return it to the Association for processing. The instructions also provide a description of phenotypes warranting each score, links to the *Angus Journal* stories and links to other pertinent information.

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The data will be compiled in a data set that could lay the foundation of a genetic prediction tool for foot structure and soundness. Additional educational tools will be available soon. For more information, contact Dan Moser, AGI president, at dmoser@angus.org.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year to young men and women raising purebred and commercial Angus cattle. Scholarships offered include:

- ▶ General undergraduate scholarships — for Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently;
- ▶ General graduate scholarships — for young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees; and
- ▶ Permanently endowed and non-endowed donor-named scholarships — for young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2016 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb.

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.

Tell your customers their children may be eligible to apply for an Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship

Don't forget to tell your customers that upon the purchase and transfer of registered-Angus genetics to their name, their children become eligible to apply for the Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship through the Angus Foundation. 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.

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. Information can be found in the resources section on the home page. The Allied Angus

Breeders Scholarship application deadline is May 1. Scholarship winners will be notified in July 2016.

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. For more information, contact Julie Murnin, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairman, at 406-850-0508 or juliemurnin@cattledesign.com.

CAB/NJAA Scholarship application due May 1

A long-standing scholarship awarded through the Angus Foundation is the \$1,000 Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Scholarship. Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association, along with being an incoming sophomore, junior or senior in college majoring in animal science, meat science, food science, agricultural communications or a related field of academic study. Applications are due May 1. A recipient will be honored at NJAS in July. Visit www.angusfoundation.org for additional eligibility requirements and guidelines.

Future Angus Stockmen, Select Sires offer sponsorship to AI school

Future Angus Stockmen is offering a sponsorship for one enrollee to attend artificial insemination (AI) school, courtesy of Select Sires. Applications are available for download online (www.angus.org/Performance/Documents/FAS_AISchoolApplication.PDF) and are due April 30. A recipient will be announced by May 16.

"At Select Sires, we look forward to supporting a Future Angus Stockmen participant in attending an AI school of their choice, and contributing to their future goals and quality of their cow herd," says Brian House, vice president, beef program and product manager for Select Sires.

Future Angus Stockmen is aimed toward college-age or recent graduates who want to raise high-quality Angus-based commercial cattle. The program offers 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

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entrepreneurial spirit and drive to improve their businesses.

“Future Angus Stockmen is all about connecting young producers with new technology and ideas to improve their cattle operations for years to come,” says Ginette Gottswiller, Association director of commercial programs. “We’re grateful to Select Sires for offering to sponsor one of our participants to attend AI school, and I hope many young producers will apply and take advantage of this opportunity.”

Participants will learn how to use proven information such as expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar-value indexes (\$Values), while incorporating DNA technology to make data-driven decisions. In partnership with Zoetis, the American Angus Association offers those enrolled in the program a special, reduced rate for GeneMax® Advantage™ and GeneMax Focus™ tests.

Future Angus Stockmen enrollment can be completed at any time, and enrollment forms can be found in the commercial programs section at www.angus.org.

Note these junior deadlines

The Events and Activities Department has announced several upcoming deadlines and event dates of note for National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members.

- ▶ 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 — Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (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
- ▶ May 1 — Gold Award applications due
- ▶ May 1 — Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- ▶ May 1 — Ownership and entry for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 1 — Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and Angus Foundation scholarship applications due

- ▶ May 3 — Entry deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 15 — Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 15 — Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).
- ▶ May 15 — Ownership deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 15 — Entries for the NJAA creative writing, photography and graphic design contests due
- ▶ May 15 — Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off
- ▶ May 25 — NJAA Career Development Contest résumés and public speaking contest speech outlines due
- ▶ May 26-29 — Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.

Visit 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 fast 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.

Cattle Industry Coverage available online

The 2016 Cattle Industry Annual Convention & National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Trade Show was in San Diego, Calif., Jan. 27-29. Full event coverage by the Angus Media editorial staff is available at 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.

View Central Bull Test listing on Virtual Library

Bull sales are abundant this time of year, and so are performance bull tests. The Angus

Media editorial staff keeps an updated list of central bull test stations on the Virtual Library at www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests. It lists tests by state, and provides test contact information, test on and off dates, required bull birth dates, and sale dates, plus additional information provided by the specific bull test.

From the Virtual Library homepage, the listing can be found under the "Angus Resources." Hover over the "Industry" option in the drop-down list, and "Central Bull Test Stations" will be the first option.

D designated for permanent ID in 2016

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock 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."

Black Books available today

Place your order for the 2016 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. The 2016 books are available in any quantity for \$3 each. To place orders, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

Custom Cattle Tags offers affordable ID

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd 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 for cattle producers across the United States.

