



Association Highlights

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Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are being made for the 2017 Annual Convention of Delegates this

November in Fort Worth, Texas. Forms to nominate delegates to the annual meeting will be mailed to every active life and regular member of the Association who qualifies as

an eligible voting member prior to April 7 according to the Bylaws.

The nomination period is April 10-June 9. Each eligible voting member is allowed to nominate one eligible voting member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself. 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 9, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to all eligible voting members in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

Western National

Mark your calendars for the 65th Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF) and 43rd Western Regional Junior Angus Show on March 29-April 2, 2017. 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, March 31. Jon Davis, Gallipolis, Ohio, will judge the junior regional Saturday. Dean Janssen of Edwards, Ill., 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. 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.

AGI seeking graduate students

Angus Genetics Inc. is seeking a current or future graduate student in animal genetics to work with its team on research projects, communications efforts and member education during the summer of 2017. Research activities would include data analyses within one of the world's largest beef cattle performance and genomics datasets.

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).

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 communication 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 Lea Ann 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.

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 2017 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa. The eligibility requirements for the 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.



Cattlemen's Boot Camp to be April 27-28

Cattle producers are invited to gather for a Cattlemen's Boot Camp April 27-28 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). Sponsored in part by the Angus Foundation, the event is hosted by the American Angus Association in partnership with UNL and provides purebred and commercial producers timely information presented by academic and industry professionals. Now available online, registration is \$75 per person, and includes meals and educational materials. Registration forms are due March 31 and can be submitted electronically or mailed to the Events and Education Department at the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Late and walk-in registrations are not accepted.

More details are available at www.angus.org/events.

Applications being accepted for 2017 BLI

Applications for the 10th annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) June 19-23 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 the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5149. March 1 is the application deadline. Those reading the digital version of the *Angus Journal* (available about 10 days before it hits mailboxes) still have time to apply.

Important junior information

A comprehensive booklet was mailed to active Angus junior members in January, including show schedules, rules and entry forms. This booklet includes information about regional preview shows, regional shows, the NJAS and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

Beginning in 2017, the NJAA Code of Conduct will be established for all NJAA members. The NJAA Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines for junior members that defines the expectations for junior actions and specifies consequences that could be enforced if the code is violated. Each NJAA member, along with a parental guardian(s), will need to read, sign and submit the NJAA

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Code of Conduct prior to participation in the individual's first NJAA-sponsored show or conference of the year.

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

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.

Single-step evaluation testing continues

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 late last 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* became available mid-January. Containing the EPDs and dollar-value indexes (\$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 received 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. Trade show booth spaces are currently available. Exhibiting information is also available at www.angusconvention.com Registration and hotel blocks open July 1.

As you can see by the highlights in the January and February issues 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.

The 2018 convention will be in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 3-5. The 2019 convention is scheduled Nov. 2-4 in Reno, Nev.

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. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are listed in this issue on page 53.

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

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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 Indianapolis, Ind.

World Angus Forum registration deadline extended

The World Angus Forum 2017 will be in the United Kingdom (UK) and Ireland. The event will take place from Friday, June 16, to Monday, July 2, 2017, and will incorporate a tour in England, including the National Show at the Three Counties; a tour in Scotland and the Royal Highland Show taking place in Edinburgh; and a tour of Ireland. It has been 40 years since the Forum has been in the UK, and the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society is delighted it is returning to home soil.

It will provide a platform for the exchange of genetics information and breeding objectives, and there will be an international youth program running in conjunction with the forum.

More information, including registration,

deadlines and fees, can be found at <http://worldangusforum2017.com/registration-fees/>.

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.

Madison, Wis., to host 50th NJAS

The NJAA will celebrate a major milestone in 2018 as it hosts the 50th NJAS in Madison, Wis. The annual event is a summer highlight for many Angus juniors and their families, and the American Angus Association is proud of the young leaders it has encouraged over the past five decades.

The 50th NJAS will take place July 7-13, 2018, at the Alliant Energy Center. Participants will notice a change in the

schedule, which begins on Saturday and ends on Friday.

More than 1,200 head of cattle are expected to compete in the showing at the 2018 NJAS. The classes offered will provide opportunities for juniors to exhibit their owned heifers, bred-and-owned heifers, cow-calf pairs, steers, and bred-and-owned bulls.

Additional events will include the National Showmanship Contest, NJAS Carcass Steer Contest, Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-off, and educational contests that include prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, career development, graphic design, writing, photography, livestock judging, and video and poster competitions.

"Wisconsin will be a fantastic location as we bring together Angus juniors and their families to showcase the best the Angus breed has to offer — fantastic cattle and young leaders," says Jaclyn Clark, events and education director for the American Angus Association.

Sponsored by the Illinois and Wisconsin junior Angus associations, next year's NJAS is themed "Livin' the Dream in 2018!"

