



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 Angus Convention, 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*.

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 to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When

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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	Arthrogyposis 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).

you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

NJAA Ambassador Program

Funded by the Angus Foundation, the NJAA Ambassador program is an educational experience designed to recognize one outstanding junior Angus member who will support the production of the Angus breed and the consumption of Angus beef on a national and international level.

The selected person will represent the NJAA at major beef industry conferences and events across the United States for one year.

American Angus Association members, ages 17-20, of good standing who own purebred cattle are eligible to apply. A cover letter, résumé and responses to essay questions are due June 15 to the Events and Education Department, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. The application is available at www.angus.org/njaa/Awards.aspx. For more information, contact the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100.

Manhattan to host BIF Convention June 14-17

Preparations are being finalized for the 2016 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposia themed “Progress on the Prairie.” The annual event will be June 14-17, 2016, in Manhattan, Kan., and headquartered at the new Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center.

The BIF conference routinely draws in a large group of leading seedstock and commercial beef producers, academics and allied industry partners. The attendance list is a who’s who of the beef value chain, offering great networking opportunities and conversations about the issues of the day. Program topics focus on how the beef industry can enhance value through genetic improvement across a range of attributes that affect the value chain.

The event features two and a half days of educational programming and a full day of tours visiting regional seedstock and commercial producers.

The first morning’s general session is titled “Opportunities for the Beef Value Chain: Can we become more coordinated and more profitable?” The second day’s general session is titled “Protecting producer profit for the future.” Afternoons are filled with breakout sessions focusing on a range of beef production and genetic-improvement topics. The conference also features a Young

Producer Symposium designed to network and equip young cattle producers with essential knowledge as they grow their role in the business.

For more conference details, see page 216 of this issue or contact Kansas State University hosts Bob Weaber, bweaber@ksu.edu, 785-532-1460; or Lois Schreiner, lschrein@ksu.edu, 785-532-1267. Angus Media will provide online coverage of the event at www.bifconference.com.

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.

Angus Convention dates announced

Dates and locations for the American Angus Association’s upcoming Angus Convention have been determined for the next four years. The convention allows producers and industry leaders opportunities for networking, education and breed improvement. The trade show has grown to be a true highlight of the event. Booth spaces

are currently available for the 2016 Angus Convention this fall in Indianapolis, Ind.

More information about exhibiting at and attending this year’s event is available at www.angusconvention.com.

Convention dates to mark on your calendar include:

- ▶ 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.

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.

Grand Island, Neb., to host 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. More information about the event — including the schedule, rules, hotel information and contest details — can be found at www.angus.org/njaa/shows.aspx.

Seeking golf tournament sponsors and players

The Angus Foundation’s annual golf tournament will be Tuesday, July 5, at the Indianhead Golf Club, Grand Island, Neb. The golf tournament is hosted in conjunction with the 2016 NJAS. Proceeds from the fundraising activity benefit Angus education, youth and research.

KNS Inc. Animal Nutrition purchased the golf tournament event title sponsorship for \$3,500 at Angus Night on the Mountain at Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in January. There are eight other sponsorship levels available. The deadline to be a sponsor is May 27.

To play in the tournament, adults can register at \$100 per person, and junior golfers (NJAA members) can register at \$75 per person. Registration deadline is June 17. After June 17, a \$10 late registration fee applies per player.

Visit www.angusfoundation.org to find out how you and your Angus farm can be recognized as a sponsor or participate in the 2016 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

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 are outlined in the article “Solid Footing” on page 134 of this issue of the *Angus Journal*.

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



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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.

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.

Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship available

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

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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 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.”

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 Education Department has announced several upcoming deadlines and event dates of note for NJAA members.

- ▶ 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 — CAB and Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- ▶ May 3 — Entry deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity Junior Angus Show

See additional deadlines through June in the “Next Generation” column beginning on page 48 of this issue. 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.

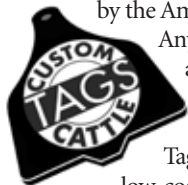
For complete information about permanent ID (Rule 105) and naming

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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 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.

Purchase Angus photos online

While in the showring or covering Angus events, Angus Media staff capture thousands of photos throughout the year. Candid photographs, backdrop images and others can be found online through a special photo website (<https://photo.angus.org>). Angus Media recently released new prices and offers digital downloads, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, keychains and more.

For more information, contact the PR Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information.

Request sale-day or field-day kit

Producers with late spring sales or those planning summer field days 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 LeAnn Maudlin at 816-383-5100.

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.

MaternalPlus®

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 additional information at weaning processing time,

including calving ease, birth weight and weaning weight EPDs for calves out of inventoried cows.

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.

