



Association Highlights

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Online registration open for BIF Symposium

Online registration is available at <http://beefimprovement.org/library/registration-info>

for the 2017 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Symposium and Convention. The annual event is scheduled for May 31-June 3 in Athens, Ga. The University of Georgia will

host the event at the Classic Center in Athens.

The conference will open with a Young Producers Symposium on Wednesday, May 31, designed to network and equip young cattle producers with essential knowledge as they grow their role in the business.

Thursday morning's general session is titled "The promise of genomics for beef improvement" and will be led by Keith Bertrand and Daniela Lourenco of the University of Georgia. Friday's general session will focus on "Profitability using the tools we have." Afternoons are filled with breakout sessions focusing on a range of beef production and genetic improvement topics. The conference will wrap up with a tour of the Georgia beef industry on Saturday morning.

Online and PDF registration options are available at www.beefimprovement.org.

For more conference details, including registration information, complete schedule and lodging information, visit www.beefimprovement.org or contact University of Georgia host Ronnie Silcox at rsilcox@uga.edu or 706-542-9102.

Angus Media will provide online coverage of the event at www.bifconference.com.

Des Moines to host 2017 NJAS

The 2017 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), "Winning with the Angus Team!" will take place July 9-15 in Des Moines, Iowa. The NJAS is the world's largest single-breed beef show and an annual highlight



for hundreds of Angus youth and their families. The show will be hosted at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), Iowa Angus Association, Iowa Angus Auxiliary and the Iowa Junior Angus Association have partnered to make the event possible. More information about the event — including the schedule, rules, hotel information and contest details — can be found at www.angus.org/njaa/shows.aspx. See page 164 in this issue for more details.

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).

Madison, Wis., to host 50th NJAS in 2018

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.

“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!”

Delegate nominations due in-office June 9 by 4:30 CDT

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 were mailed to every active life and regular Association member who qualified as an eligible voting member prior to April 7.

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

Mark calendars for summer events, deadlines

Members of the NJAA should have their calendars marked for a summer of regional preview shows, the NJAS and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

The 2017 LEAD conference, themed “Navigating North Carolina,” is set for Aug. 3-6 in Raleigh, N.C. The National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for



NJAA participants 14-21 years old.

Space is limited, so register early. Early registration, due June 15, is \$250 for junior members. After June 15, rates increase to \$275 for junior members. Visit <https://www.angusonline.org/Njaa/LeadEntryForm.aspx> to register.

Note also these junior deadlines:

June 1

- ▶ NJAB applications due
- ▶ State delegate names for NJAA election due
- ▶ State names for NJAS showmanship contest due
- ▶ NJAA Ambassador program applications due

June 7-11

- ▶ Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Louisville, Ky.
- ▶ All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Louisville, Ky.

June 15

- ▶ LEAD early registrations due

June 18-20

- ▶ Northwestern Regional Junior Angus Show, Moses Lake, Wash.

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

Candidate résumés due Aug. 1

Association members who are seeking election to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association may send a short biography, along with a photo, to *Angus Journal* Editor Shauna Hermel by Aug. 1. Biographies and photos submitted by the deadline will be published in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Meeting in November. Biographies should be approximately 500-700 words and will be shortened if necessary.

For more information on the particulars of running for the Board, see “Vying for the Board” in the March 2011 *Angus Journal*, which is available by back-issue search at www.angusjournal.com.

See you in Fort Worth

The Angus Convention will take place Nov. 4-6, 2017, at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Nearly 2,000



cattlemen participated in the 2016 Angus Convention hosted in

Indianapolis, Ind., and Fort Worth will host an event you won’t want to miss. Offering Angus University educational sessions, Association business meetings, industry-leading speakers and top-notch live entertainment, the 2017 Angus Convention will offer something for every progressive cattleman and woman.

Registration and hotel blocks open July 1. See page 42 in this issue and visit www.angusconvention.com for more information.

Black Books available

Place your customized Black Book order for the 2018 AngusSource® Black Books before July 31, 2017. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. Any quantity is available for \$3 each and can be customized — free of charge — with purchase of 100 or more. Customized orders may include your operation’s logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover, while standard orders feature the Association’s logo. The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers.

Currently there are still some 2017 Black Books available.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

Juniors, submit entries online

Junior members can save time by submitting entries for shows online. Log on to www.angus.org/njaa and provide the necessary information, including a Visa® or MasterCard® number to cover entry and bedding fees. Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail. No late entries are accepted for any reason.

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.

Custom Cattle Tags offers affordable ID

Cattle producers looking for affordable

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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 showing 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>). The Association 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 Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100.

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 expected progeny differences (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.

The Angus Report airs each week on RFD-TV

The Angus Report delivers Association and industry news each week on RFD-TV. Catch the original broadcast at 7:30 a.m. CDT Monday morning. Each program is rebroadcast the following Wednesday evening at 5 p.m., Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments of the free program on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at www.angus.org and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Download the Angus App

Angus Mobile is a free, smartphone application for 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.

Lifetime membership options

The American Angus Association offers producers a lifetime membership option. The \$1,500 membership lasts throughout the life of the sole person named on the membership. Payments may be broken into three nonrefundable yearly installments.

Lifetime memberships can be issued to one person only, and are not meant for partnerships. The membership option may be used for a farm name, provided only one person is included on the membership.

Post Angus videos on your website

The American Angus Association has released its latest national advertisements focusing on the straightbred Angus advantage. Short video segments are available to post to state association or individual websites, free of charge. Watch the videos at www.angus.org or on YouTube by searching for "Angus means business." Contact the Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

