



Association Highlights

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Reserve the date

The 2015 Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show will be Nov. 3-5 at the Overland Park Convention Center in Overland Park, Kan. The three-day event will feature thought leaders from across the

industry, including representatives from the seedstock, commercial and feeding sectors. Attend educational seminars, conduct Association business, listen to top-notch speakers and make connections at the conference.

Now in its second year, the event will feature expanded workshops that cover a variety of topics, including genomics, recordkeeping, herd management and performance tools. Industry-leading speakers, American Angus Association staff and other experts will be among the presenters. A three-day trade show featuring allied industry partners will offer cattlemen a chance to browse through the latest in products and services available to the beef industry and to visit with Angus breeders from throughout the country.

Convention highlights will also include a preconvention Kansas regional cattle tour hosted by the Kansas Angus Association Nov. 2, an international genomics symposium and nationally known entertainment.

Registration will be available online June 1. See page 51 of the May 2015 issue for more information.

Nominate a delegate for Annual Convention

Forms to nominate delegates to the Annual Meeting were mailed to every active life and regular Association member during the last week of March.

The nomination period is April 1-June 30. Each member is allowed to nominate one eligible active life or regular 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.

When turning in a nomination, remember to sign the form. Be sure your membership and the membership of the person you are nominating are active. Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. Make sure your membership is active at the end of June so you will receive a ballot.

Ballots for each district and state will be mailed July 8 to active life and active regular members. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

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*

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
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).

Journal Editor Shauna Hermel by Aug. 15. 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.

Online registration open for BIF Symposium

Online registration is now available at <http://beefimprovement.org/library/registration-info> for the 2015 Beef Improvement Federation Symposium (BIF) and Convention. The annual event is scheduled for June 9-12 in Biloxi, Miss. Mississippi State University and the Mississippi Extension Service will host the event at the Beau Rivage Casino and Hotel in Biloxi. Rebuilding the cow herd and female selection will be core themes of this year's event.

A schedule, along with hotel and travel information, is available at www.bifconference.com, the *Angus Journal's* online coverage site for the event.

Silent auction to support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla. All proceeds from the auction benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

Donations can be made by all Angus enthusiasts in our midst, including members, allied industry interests, adult and junior state Angus associations and friends. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100

Seeking golf tournament sponsors and players

The Angus Foundation's 15th annual golf tournament will be Tuesday, July 14, at the Forest Ridge Golf Club, Broken Arrow, Okla. The golf tournament is hosted in conjunction with the 2015 NJAS. Proceeds from the fundraising activity will benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research efforts.

To play in the tournament, adults can register at \$100 per person, and junior golfers (NJAA members) can register at \$75 per person. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, continental breakfast and a *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) lunch. The player registration deadline is June 22. After

June 22, a \$10 late registration fee applies per player.

Father's Day gift ideas

Don't forget Dad this year on Father's Day, June 21. Make shopping easy on yourself and fun for him by purchasing a gift from the Angus Foundation.

What better way is there to recognize Dad (and you and your Angus farm/ranch) than with a beautiful engraved personalized granite paver in the new entrance walkway to your American Angus Association headquarters building in Saint Joseph, Mo.?

Numerous other items are available, including prints by Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy, shirts, jackets, ties and caps.

For photos and instructions on how to order items, call the Angus Foundation or shop the online store at www.angusonline.org/store/.

New initiative to engage future cattle producers

Applications are available online (www.angus.org/Performance/Documents/FASEnrollmentForm.pdf) to enroll in Future Angus Stockmen, a program launched by the Association to embrace the next generation

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of cattlemen through learning opportunities, while building a bond with the Angus breed and its member-driven organization.

Geared toward college-age or recent graduates who want to raise high-quality Angus-based cattle, the program will



offer 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. Young people who enroll in the program will have the chance to apply for scholarships.

For more information, contact Ginette Kurtz, director of commercial programs at 816-383-5100 or gkurtz@angus.org.

Mark calendars for summer events

Members of the NJAA should have their calendars marked for a summer of regional preview shows, the NJAS and the LEAD conference.

The NJAS, themed “Angus Leading the Way” will be July 13-18 in Tulsa, Okla. For a preview of the event, including a tentative schedule, see page 138 of the May 2015 *Angus Journal*. For more information about the weeklong shows and contests, visit www.njas.info.

The 2015 LEAD Conference, themed “Success in Seattle,” is set for Aug. 6-9 in Seattle, Wash. 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 and \$300 for advisors/chaperones. After June 15, rates increase to \$275 for junior members. Visit www.angus.org/njaa to register.

Note these junior deadlines

► June 1:

- National Junior Angus Board applications due
- State delegate names for NJAA election due
- State names for NJAS showmanship contest due
- NJAA Ambassador Program application due

► June 10-14:

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

► June 15:

- LEAD early registrations due

► June 17-20:

- Northwestern Regional Junior Angus Show, Filer, Idaho

► June 19-21:

- Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Lewisburg, W.Va.

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

Juniors, submit entries online

You can save time by submitting entries for shows online. Simply 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.

Cattlemen’s Boot Camp:

The Events & Education Department will host two boot camps this fall — one in September in Florida and one in October in Oklahoma.

Cattlemen’s Boot Camp is a day-and-a-half event in which the American Angus Association partners with a university to provide access to more knowledge on aspects of the beef industry, from production to marketing.

Open to all beef producers, the boot camps will be Sept. 21-22 with the University of Florida in Marianna and Oct. 15-16 with Oklahoma State University at Stillwater. Registration deadlines are Aug. 25 for the Florida boot camp and Sept. 30 for the Oklahoma boot camp. Registration is \$75 per person and covers meals and materials. Registration will be available online at www.angus.org/EventRegistration/default.aspx or by contacting Ashley Mitchell at 816-383-5149 or amitchell@angus.org.

Purchase Angus photos online

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

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.

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.