



# Association Highlights

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## Delegate nominations due in-office June 10

Preparations are being made for the 2016 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Indianapolis, Ind. Forms to nominate delegates to the annual meeting

were 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 you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

## Data to be included in *Sire Evaluation Report* due June 28

June 28 is the deadline for data to be submitted for inclusion in the national cattle evaluation used to print the *Fall Sire Evaluation Report*. If producers would like any information to be included on bulls for the *Fall Sire Evaluation Report*, now is the time to send data to the Association.

Each year, the Association distributes a printed *Spring and Fall Sire Evaluation Report* updating producers on both sire and young sire statistics. For a bull to be listed as a sire in this report, he must have recorded at least 35 yearling progeny weights in proper contemporary groups, have a yearling accuracy of 0.40, and have registered at least five calves in the Association Herd Book since June 1, 2014. A young sire must be born after Jan. 1, 2012, and have at least 10 progeny weaning weights on Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) with a minimum weaning weight accuracy of 0.30.

Breed averages for expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar index values (\$Values) will also be updated for current, main, supplemental and non-parent bulls and cows at this time.

## AGI to update economic assumptions, dollar index values

Beginning July 1, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) will use updated economic assumptions to calculate the \$Values included in the American Angus Association's weekly genetic evaluation. These economic assumptions, or economic weights, are

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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](http://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).

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assigned to EPD components included in the \$Values representing both revenue and costs affecting the production system.

The \$Values predict differences in profitability of animals rather than pounds of performance and allow for multi-directional change of several traits included in the index. Economic assumptions are based on three-year rolling averages and are updated every year in July. This allows for \$Values to more accurately reflect the market trends of the beef industry.

### Details Shaping up for the Angus Convention

The 2016 Angus Convention will take place Nov. 5-7 in Indianapolis, Ind. 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 convention.



Now in its third 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 and women a chance to browse through the latest in products and services available to the beef industry and to visit with Angus breeders and their commercial partners from throughout the country.

Convention highlights will include a preconvention Indiana regional cattle tour hosted by the Indiana Angus Association on Friday, Nov. 4; the International Angus Genomics Symposium sponsored by Neogen's GeneSeek Operations and cattle demonstrations sponsored by Zoetis on Saturday, Nov. 5; Angus University and a Sawyer Brown concert sponsored by Merck Animal Health on Sunday, Nov. 6; and the Annual Convention of Delegates on Monday, Nov. 7.

Registration will be available online at [www.AngusConvention.com](http://www.AngusConvention.com) on July 1. See page 100 in this issue for more information.

Additional Angus Convention dates to mark on your calendar include: Nov. 4-6, 2017, Fort Worth, Texas; Nov. 3-5, 2018,

Columbus, Ohio; and Nov. 2-4, 2019, Reno, Nev.

### Mark calendars for summer events, deadlines

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

The 2016 LEAD Conference, themed "Rising Up in Phoenix," is set for Aug. 4-7 in Phoenix, Ariz. 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](http://www.angus.org/njaa) 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 10-12:

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

#### ► June 15:

- LEAD early registrations due

#### ► June 22-24:

- Northwestern Regional Junior Angus Show, Prineville, Ore.

#### ► June 17-19:

- Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Harrisburg, Pa.

Visit [www.angus.org/njaa](http://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](http://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.

### Online registration open for BIF Symposium

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

for the 2016 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Symposium and Convention. The annual event is scheduled for June 14-17 in Manhattan, Kan. Kansas State University (K-State) and K-State Research and Extension will host the event at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Manhattan. This year's conference theme is "Progress on the Prairie."

A schedule, along with hotel and travel information, is available at [www.bifconference.com](http://www.bifconference.com), the *Angus Journal's* online coverage site for the event.

For more conference details, see page 216 of the April 2016 *Angus Journal*.



### June 15 is deadline to apply for 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 essay questions must be postmarked June 15, and should be sent to the Events and Education Department, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information and the essay questions, contact the department at 816-383-5100, or visit [https://www.angus.org/NJAA/Awards/Ambassador\\_Program.pdf](https://www.angus.org/NJAA/Awards/Ambassador_Program.pdf).

### Grand Island, Neb., to host 2016 NJAS

The 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](http://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](http://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.

### Silent auction to support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Grand Island, Neb. 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.

### Father's Day gift ideas

Don't forget Dad this year on Father's Day, June 19. 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/](http://www.angusonline.org/store/).

### ROV show season

The 2015-2016 Roll of Victory (ROV) show season ended May 31, and the 2016-2017 ROV show season officially began June 1. Show exhibitors travel during the season across the country to accumulate points. The final tally of points for the show heifer, show bull and breeder of the year, along with all division awards are posted online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

Show heifer, show bull and breeder of the year awards for the 2015-2016 show year will be presented at the Association's Annual Awards Breakfast in Indianapolis, Ind. All winners will be recognized during the 2016 National Angus Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

For complete information about the ROV program and a list of the 18 point shows, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or contact the Events and Education Department.

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### **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](http://www.angusjournal.com).

### **Cattlemen’s Boot Camp application deadline is Aug. 1**

The next Cattlemen’s Boot Camp will be hosted Sept. 21-22 at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, prior to the start of the 2016 Nebraska Angus Tour.

This Boot Camp is an educational collaboration of the University of Nebraska, the American Angus Association and the

Angus Foundation. Participants will gain insight to many aspects of the cattle industry from university and Association speakers and activities.

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](http://www.angus.org/EventRegistration/default.aspx). The deadline for registration is Aug. 1.

### **Black Books available today**

Place your customized Black Book order for the 2017 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books before July 29, 2016. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. To place orders, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or [blackbooks@angus.org](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

The 2016 books are available in any quantity for \$3 each and can be customized — free of charge — with purchases of 100 or more.

The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers. 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.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource

department at 816-383-5100 or [blackbooks@angus.org](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.


### **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.

### **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. 

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### **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](http://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](http://www.angus.org) or AAA Login.