



# Association Highlights

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

Don't forget to return your nomination forms in preparation for the 2017 Annual

Convention of Delegates this November in Fort Worth, Texas. Forms to nominate delegates to the convention 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 eligible voting members July 7 to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly. Ballots must be received in the office no later than Aug. 8, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. CDT.

## Seeking donations for Angus Foundation silent auction

The Angus Foundation is once again hosting its annual silent auction during the 2017 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa. As always, the proceeds benefit education, youth and research initiatives supporting the Angus breed.

Items donated to the Angus Foundation for the silent auction may come from individual Angus supporters, farms, companies, or state junior and adult Angus associations. Junior state Angus associations have an extra incentive to donate items: The state junior Angus Association that donates the highest-selling item will receive \$100.

Donation ideas include paintings, gift baskets, books, cattle supplies, jewelry, clothing and Angus collectibles.

"Each item is a testament to the generosity of Angus breeders to support youth, education and research efforts," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "These items help us to raise unrestricted funds, which can go toward a variety of efforts throughout the year."

At the 2016 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb., the silent auction raised nearly \$13,000.

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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

|  |      |
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| 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

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 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   | 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).

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These funds support scholarships and events, including the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, Cattlemen's Boot Camps, Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) and research projects to benefit the Angus breed.

To donate an item, please contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100. Donations need to be received or delivered to the silent auction area by July 10 at 5 p.m.

All NJAS attendees are welcome to place bids.

For more information about the silent auction, visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). Prior to the auction, the website will feature the donated items.

### Auxiliary accepting consignments for Full Circle Online Auction

The American Angus Auxiliary will host its second annual Full Circle Online Auction, a national Angus consignment sale.

Full Circle Online Auction is an innovative web-based consignment market that offers Angus breeders, families and allied industry the opportunity to both sell and buy, while making a substantial contribution to help ensure the sustainability of the Auxiliary's ongoing support of the Angus breed and its youth.

The online auction will be Sept. 27-28 and is hosted by [www.anguslive.com](http://www.anguslive.com). Proceeds will support the Auxiliary's mission, including breed promotion, beef education and youth development through programs, awards and scholarships.

The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair-market value in excess of \$100. Auction categories include Angus memorabilia/collectibles, games/toys, vacation packages, home décor, cattle services, embryo/semens packages and other useful items. Consignments received by June 1, 2017, will receive 90 days of advertising, including an ad in the *Angus Journal*.

Consignors can donate 100% to the Auxiliary or can choose to receive 50% of the gross revenue their lots generate, as well as recognition in the sale promotion to be launched at the NJAS and on the online site throughout July, August and September. Last year's event raised more than \$11,000. The Auxiliary invites you to be a part of this exciting event!

For a consignment contract and more information, visit [www.angusauxiliary.com/fullcircleonlineauction.html](http://www.angusauxiliary.com/fullcircleonlineauction.html).

### Revised entry requirements for 2018 NWSS Angus Bull Sale

The 2018 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show

(NWSS) is set for Wednesday, Jan. 10, in Denver, Colo. Changes in entry requirements this year include:

- ▶ Any bull that is a potential carrier for any genetic condition recognized by the American Angus Association must be tested free of that condition(s) by the late-entry deadline of Oct. 1, 2017.
- ▶ All bulls must rank in the top 50% of the breed for non-parent bulls by the late entry deadline of Oct. 1, 2017, for expected progeny differences (EPDs) and \$Value indexes, including weaning weight (WW), yearling weight (YW), weaned calf value (\$W) and beef value (\$B).
- ▶ A nonrefundable entry fee must accompany the application at time of entry.

Other entry requirements include:

- ▶ All bulls must be calved after Jan. 1, 2015. All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2017, must have passed a complete breeding soundness exam (sometimes referred to as a BSE) within 30 days of the sale.
- ▶ All bulls must be genomic-trait-tested and possess a complete set of EPDs and \$Values when entered.
- ▶ All bulls must be enrolled in Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) with official weights processed prior to the sale book deadline, Oct. 25, 2017.
- ▶ All bulls must conform to health regulations of the NWSS and American Angus Association.

Judges this year will be Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Sam Carter, Arthur, Neb.; and Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala. The auctioneer will be Joe Goggins, Billings, Mont.

Consignments received on or before Sept. 1, 2017, carry an entry fee of \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through Oct. 1 the fee is \$500. All bulls must be entered in the NWSS.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846, a regional manager, or the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5142.

### Angus Value Discovery

While cattle genetics keep improving, no national carcass challenge has tracked that since 2012 — until now. The Angus Value Discovery Contest began this spring as a means of carcass data collection and friendly competition for commercial Angus producers, nominated by their seedstock or genetics providers. Artificial insemination (AI) companies and registered Angus breeders are nominating customers to enroll groups of at least 30 calves.

Commercial cow-calf operators who use registered Angus bulls and those who feed the high-quality progeny are discussing enrollment with seedstock suppliers or AI company reps. That's according to Kara Lee, production brand manager for the cosponsoring *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand.

Customers who buy and use the best bulls, feed the progeny and report results could win a share of nearly \$5,000 in a contest that builds relationships along with better herds, she says. Genetics providers contribute 25% of prize value in credit if their nominee wins grand or reserve champion pen, and CAB pays the rest.

Qualifying groups of 30 or more must be at least 75% sired by registered Angus bulls, harvested by July 31 at a CAB-licensed packer and closeouts submitted by Aug. 15, or they fit into the next year's contest. Scoring is based on a combination of carcass merit and feedyard performance. Nominators of at least five entries can form a division with winnings noted, and nominators can add their own incentives.

For more details, visit <https://CABpartners.com>, contact Kara Lee at [klee@certifiedangusbeef.com](mailto:klee@certifiedangusbeef.com) or call 330-345-2333.

### Des Moines to host 2017 NJAS

The 2017 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](http://www.angus.org/njaa/shows.aspx). See page 164 in the May issue of the *Angus Journal* for more details.

### 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 LEAD.

The 2017 LEAD conference, themed "Navigating North Carolina," is set for Aug.

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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 [www.angusonline.org/Njaa/LeadEntryForm.aspx](http://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](http://www.angus.org/njaa) for more information and deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

### 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 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!"

### 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 Convention of Delegates in November. Biographies should be approximately 500-700 words and will be shortened if necessary.

### 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 the May issue of the *Angus Journal* and visit [www.angusconvention.com](http://www.angusconvention.com) for more information on this year's convention. See page 42 of this issue for information on this year's National Angus Tour.

