



# Association Highlights

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## Register today!

Attend the 2014 Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show, scheduled for Nov. 4-6 at the KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, Mo. 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.

Reserve your place at the convention for just \$25 by registering online today. Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) to quickly submit your information. Registration is encouraged before the early-bird deadline, Oct. 1., after which prices increase.

## 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	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
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).

## Cattlemen's Boot Camp set for July

Cattle producers are invited to gather for a Cattlemen's Boot Camp July 14-15 at the University of Missouri–Columbia, Columbia, Mo. The event, hosted by the American Angus Association in partnership with the university, provides purebred and commercial producers timely information presented by academic and industry professionals.

Open to all cattle producers, the event is funded by the Angus Foundation and features a day and a half of educational materials and speakers.

"Cattlemen's Boot Camps are a great way to learn about various aspects of beef cattle production," said Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "Education is an important component of the Angus Foundation's mission and funding efforts, and this particular event is one that the Foundation is proud to support."

Registration is \$75 per person and includes meals and educational materials. Registration forms are due June 27 and can be submitted electronically or mailed to Ashley Mitchell at the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Late and walk-in registrations are not accepted.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) to register or for more information.

## Apply for NJAA Ambassador Program

Funded by the Angus Foundation, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Ambassador program is an educational and learning 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 are due June 15 to the Junior Activities Department, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

For more information and the essay questions, contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.

### **Nominate delegates now**

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates for the 2014 American Angus Association Annual Meeting set for this November in Kansas City, Mo.

Each active Association member should have received a nomination form in the mail and may nominate one member from his or her state or district. All eligible nominations will be included on a ballot that will be mailed to members in July for the final selection of delegates.

Signed nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30 to be included on the final ballot. **Remember, if your membership has expired or will expire in May or June, renew now.** Only current members can be placed on the ballot.

Details of the entire election process can be found in the Association's *Breeder's Reference Guide*, which is available online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. The event takes place during the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show Nov. 4-6 in Kansas City, Mo.

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

### **Association can help with 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.

### **Note these junior events, deadlines**

#### ► **June 1**

NJAA Board candidate information due

Entry deadline for state delegate names for NJAA election

Deadline to submit names for National Junior Angus Showmanship contest

#### ► **June 13-15**

Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Raleigh, N.C.

#### ► **June 15**

NJAA Ambassador Program application due

Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference registrations due

#### ► **June 16-18**

Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Moses Lake, Wash.

#### ► **June 18-22**

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

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**

Junior members can save time by submitting their 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.

### **Mark calendars for summer events**

Members of the NJAA should have their calendars marked for a summer of regional preview shows, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the LEAD Conference.

The NJAS, themed "Angus in the Heartland" will take place July 6-12 in Indianapolis, Ind. For more information about the weeklong shows and contests, visit [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

The 2014 LEAD Conference, themed "Forefathers & Farmers: Cultivating Angus Youth," is set for July 31-Aug. 3 in Philadelphia, Pa. 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.

### **Silent Auction to support Foundation**

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Indianapolis. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

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

### **2014 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament seeking players and sponsors**

The Angus Foundation's annual golf tournament will be Tuesday, July 8, at the Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Ind. The golf tournament is hosted in conjunction with the 2014 NJAS, and 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 23. After June 23, a \$10 late registration fee applies per player.

Visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) to find

out more about how you and your Angus farm can be recognized as a sponsor or to participate in the 2014 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

### **Father's Day gift ideas**

Don't forget Dad this year on Father's Day, June 15. Make shopping easy on yourself and fun for him by purchasing a gift from the Angus Foundation. A wide variety of items are available, including shirts, jackets, ties and hats. For a detailed listing and photo of each item, go to the online store at [www.angusonline.org/store](http://www.angusonline.org/store).

The Angus Foundation also has a variety of beautiful Angus prints by C.J. Brown and the late Frank Champion Murphy. To order these items, call the Angus Foundation or shop the online store at [www.angusonline.org/store/](http://www.angusonline.org/store/).

### **Tag Store offers affordable identification**

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd and collect data should visit the Custom Cattle Tags website, a service provided by the American Angus Association. Visit [www.customcattletags.com](http://www.customcattletags.com) to order ear tags, applicators, syringes and



other accessories needed to manage cattle this spring.

Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, customized ear tags for cattle producers across the nation, and recent updates to the website include a new look and several added tags and syringes.

"Our top priority is supplying cattlemen with affordable identification options that they can rely on," says Ginette Kurtz, who manages the Custom Cattle Tags website. "It's a simple way to order all your supplies in one place, at the best prices."

### **Purchase Angus photos online**

While in the showring or covering Angus events, Association staff members capture thousands of photos throughout the year. Candid photographs, backdrop images and others can be found online through a special photo website, <http://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 Public Relations and Communications Department at [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org) or 816-383-5100 for more information.

### **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, expected progeny differences (EPDs), \$Values, percentiles and much more. Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more details.

### **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](http://www.angus.org) or on YouTube by searching for "Angus means business." Contact the Public Relations and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.