



Association Highlights

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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.

Sponsored in part by the Angus

Foundation, Cattlemen's Boot Camp is a day-and-a-half event in which the American Angus Association partners with a university to provide 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.

California genomics forum

The California Angus Association and the American Angus Association will co-host a one-day genomics forum Aug. 4 at Modesto Junior College, Modesto, Calif. The session begins at 11 a.m. Pacific daylight time (PDT) and is open to all cattlemen.

Dan Moser, president of Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), and Tonya Amen, genetic service director, will address genetic selection. Topics include a review of the basics, focusing on expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values); and genomic tools for seedstock selection, including use of genomic profiles. Speakers will also discuss the expanding line of genomic products commercially available to cattlemen and how they can best be used in genetic selection.

Jeff Stott, professor and veterinary immunologist at the University of California–Davis, will discuss foal abortion and the vaccine that will soon be available to guard against the tickborne bacterial disease.

There is no fee to attend the genomics forum, and lunch will be provided. For more information contact Terry Cotton, regional manager for the American Angus Association, at 816-390-3227 or tcotton@angusjournal.com; or Julie Reinhardt at barr6925@sbcglobal.net.

NJAS this month

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is July 13-18 in Tulsa, Okla., at the Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex at Expo Square in Tulsa. The Oklahoma Junior Angus Association will sponsor the event, themed "Angus: Leading the Way." For a preview of the event, including a tentative schedule, see page 138 of the May 2015 *Angus Journal*. You can find a schedule online, as well as

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	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
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).

hotels near the venue and a map of the grounds, at www.njas.info.

If you can't make the trip to Tulsa, you can still watch the live show online at www.waltonwebcasting.com, or view online show results at www.angus.org. Also check the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages for the latest show updates.

Visit www.angus.org for more information about the NJAS.

LEAD Conference is Aug. 6-9

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 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) participants 14-21 years old. Though the early registration deadline was June 15, junior members can enroll at the increased rate of \$275. Registration for advisors and chaperones is \$300.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 7

The deadline to nominate state and district delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates was June 30. Ballots used to vote for eligible nominees will be prepared and mailed July 8 to all active regular and life members.

All ballots must be received in the

Association office no later than Friday, Aug. 7, to be counted. To ensure a valid ballot, vote for no more than the designated number of delegates listed at the top of the ballot and remember to sign the document.

For more details on how to select the delegates to represent your state at the Annual Convention of Delegates, refer to "Will Your Ballot Count?" on page 90.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 132nd Annual Convention of Delegates during the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show Nov. 3-5 in Overland Park, Kan.

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" on page 90.

Century Awards applications due Sept. 1

The American Angus Association initiated the Century Award to recognize its members and their families who have been in continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for at least 100 years. The award recipients will be recognized at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet.

Visit www.angus.org to apply before the Sept. 1 deadline or for more information.

Annual meeting, convention Nov. 3-5

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

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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 (see page 24), an international genomics symposium and nationally known entertainment.

See page 51 of the May 2015 issue for a preview of the event. Online registration, hotel and travel information, an updated schedule, and exhibitor information are available at www.angusconvention.com.

Reserve your spot for Angus Foundation event

Make plans to join the Angus Foundation Monday evening, Nov. 2, at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kan., for its Supporter Recognition Event and celebration of the organization's 35th anniversary.

All Angus supporters who have contributed \$250 this fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2014–Sept. 30, 2015) to the Angus Foundation will be invited to the event.

The Angus Foundation will auction registration number 18,000,000, with proceeds to support the Angus Foundation's efforts in education, youth and research.

You can guarantee your reservation to the event by making your gift of \$250 or more by Sept. 30. Gifts can be made online by Visa® or MasterCard®. Visit www.angusfoundation.org and click "Donate Online" on the home page.

Low-density genomic tests a8=available

In addition to the previously available high-density genomic tests (HD50K for Angus from Zoetis and GGP-HD for Angus from GeneSeek), low-density options are now available. These new tests allow animals to have genomically enhanced EPDs at a lower cost, with nearly identical accuracy. The i50K for Angus from Zoetis and GGP-LD for Angus from GeneSeek can be ordered from your AAA Login account. For more information, see this month's "By The Numbers" column on page 68.

AGI blog

AGI staff have established a blog page to share information on timely topics. Short, informative articles on performance programs, genomic testing and other subjects are posted at angusgenetics.wordpress.com.

If you have ideas for a blog post topic, send your suggestion to Tonya Amen at tamen@angus.org.

Mexico hosts World Angus Secretariat

The Mexican Angus Association is hosting the World Angus Secretariat Oct. 12–25, with activities in Chihuahua, Durango and Sinaloa. The event will feature the secretariat's biennial meeting, which will include the latest breed information and technological advances. Participants will also have opportunity to tour the region's locales and prized breeding stock. For more information, visit <http://worldangussecretariat.com.mx>.

ROV show season

The 2014 Roll of Victory (ROV) show season ended May 31, and the 2015 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.

Show Heifer, Show Bull and Breeder of the Year awards for the 2014 show year will be presented at the Association's Annual Awards Breakfast in Overland Park, Kan. All winners will be recognized during the 2016 National Angus Show at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

For complete information about the ROV program and a list of the 18 point shows, visit www.angus.org or contact the Events and Education Department.

Order black books today

Now is the time to place your order for the 2016 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

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. Custom orders must be placed by July 31.

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

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

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 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.

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.

Purchase Angus photos online

While in the showring or covering Angus events, the Association staff captures 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 offers digital downloads, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, key chains and more.

For more information, contact 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.