



Association Highlights

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Register today

Attend the 2014 Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show 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 to quickly submit your

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	Arthrogryposis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnodyctyly
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).



information. Registration is encouraged before the early-bird deadline, Oct. 1, after which prices increase.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 8

The deadline to nominate state and district delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates was June 30. Ballots used to vote for eligible nominees were prepared and mailed July 9 to all active regular and life members.

All ballots must be received in the Association office no later than Friday, Aug. 8, 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?" in the July 2011 *Angus Journal* (available via a back issue search at www.angusjournal.com/aj_backissues.html).

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 131st Annual Convention of Delegates 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 Convention in November. Biographies should be approximately 500-

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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*.

Century Award 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.

Order black books today

Now is the time to place your order for the 2015 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® Genetic black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The 2015 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 Aug. 1.

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

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

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 to order ear tags, applicators, syringes and other accessories needed to manage cattle.

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

“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.”

New products available include the Allflex

A Tag, which is a one-piece ear tag that comes in two sizes and nine different colors. A Tags can be ordered with preprinted numbers or left blank. In addition, Allflex bottle-top syringes are now available on the website. The 25 cc and 50 cc repeater Allflex syringes are currently listed online.

Order summer show photos now

While in the showing 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 (www.photo.angus.org). The Association recently released new prices and offers digital downloads, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, keychains and more.

For more information, contact the Public Relations and Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information.

Lifetime membership options

The American Angus Association offers producers a lifetime membership option. The \$1,500 membership lasts throughout the life of the sole person named on the membership. Payments may be broken into three nonrefundable yearly installments.

Lifetime memberships can be issued to one person only and are not meant for partnerships. The membership option may be used for a farm name, provided only one person is included on the membership.

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 expected progeny differences (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.

