



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 the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100.

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.

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.

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

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| 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.

BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

| Symbol | Meaning |
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| # | 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 |
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| 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).

Delegate ballots due Aug. 7

The deadline is approaching to vote for nominees to represent your state or district as delegates to the Annual Convention of Delegates. Ballots to vote for eligible nominees were 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 of the July 2015 *Angus Journal*.

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 of the July 2015 *Angus Journal*.

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 this 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.

To honor American Angus Association Director Dave Nichols' induction into the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery, an Angus bred heifer from Nichols Farms will be

offered at auction to raise funds to establish the Dave Nichols Beef Cattle Research Fund through the Angus Foundation.

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."

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. 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.

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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 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 pre-convention Kansas regional cattle tour hosted by the Kansas Angus Association Nov. 2, an international genomics symposium and nationally known entertainment.

Online registration, hotel and travel information, an updated schedule, and exhibitor information are available at www.angusconvention.com.

Low-density genomic tests 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 “By The Numbers” on page 68 of the July issue.

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/homeing.html>.

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

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

Initiative to engage future cattle producers

Applications are available online (www.angus.org/Performance/Documents/EASEnrollmentForm.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.

