



Association Highlights

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Future Angus Stockman to attend AI school

Future Angus Stockmen, offered through the American Angus Association, strives to equip the beef industry's future generations with the tools and knowledge they need to be

successful. This year, the program partnered with Select Sires to sponsor one Future Angus Stockmen participant to attend artificial insemination (AI) school.



Benjamin Hicks, Carrollton, Ga., was selected as the recipient. "AI is crucial to our operation," says Hicks, who serves as herdsman at MM Cattle Co. "In my own herd, AI will allow me to

selectively breed my cattle, so I can produce better-quality calves to market to consumers. Through breeding selection, I will be able to not only enhance my own personal herd, but also the entire herd I care for at MM Cattle Co."

Future Angus Stockmen is aimed toward college-age or recent graduates who want to raise high-quality Angus-based commercial cattle. The program offers 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.

"We want our young producers to be successful," says Ginette Gottswiller, Association director of commercial programs. "In today's high-input world with volatile markets, it is very important for beginning ranchers to understand data can help improve a thin margin. We hope Future Angus Stockmen participants realize the value Angus genetics and the Association's comprehensive database provide to the industry."

Future Angus Stockmen provides young producers, like Hicks, an opportunity to expand their knowledge of the breed and the tools available to move their operation forward. For more information or to get involved in the Future Angus Stockmen program, go online to www.angus.org/Commercial/Links/CmlIndex.aspx or contact the Association's commercial programs department at 816-383-5100.

Note updates to AGI economic assumptions, \$Values

As a result of recent cattle market declines, dollar value indexes (\$Values) shifted slightly lower July 1 when Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) conducted its annual update of economic assumptions used to calculate its bioeconomic selection tools.

These economic assumptions, or economic weights, are assigned to expected progeny differences (EPD) components included in the \$Values and represent both

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
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).

revenue and costs affecting the production system. They predict differences in profitability of animals rather than differences in pounds of performance and allow for multi-directional change of several traits included in the index.

Updated in July each year, \$Values are based on three-year rolling averages to more accurately reflect beef industry trends. The lower cattle markets of the past year did shift \$Values. Beef value (\$B), for example, was expected to trend down about \$6 on average; weaned calf value (\$W) was expected to decline an average of \$2. Percentile rankings, however, were expected to remain relatively similar.

Convention registration open

Registration for the 2016 Angus Convention set for Nov. 5-7 in Indianapolis, Ind., is open and available at www.angusconvention.com.

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 convention.

Now in its third 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 and women a chance to browse through the latest in products and services available to the beef industry and to visit with Angus breeders and their commercial partners from throughout the country.

The Angus Foundation will host its 2016 Supporter Recognition Event the evening of Nov. 4 in conjunction with the Angus Convention. When registering online for the convention, a feature will also be available to register for this invitation-only event.

Convention highlights will include the National Angus Tour hosted by the Indiana Angus Association on Friday, Nov. 4; the International Angus Genomics Symposium sponsored by Neogen's GeneSeek Operations and cattle demonstrations sponsored by Zoetis on Saturday, Nov. 5; Angus University and a Sawyer Brown concert sponsored by Merck Animal Health on Sunday, Nov. 6; and the Annual Convention of Delegates on Monday, Nov. 7.

For more details and to register online, visit www.angusconvention.com. See the eight-page insert included in the July issue for more information.

Return delegate ballots for Annual Convention

It's time to vote for the members you wish to represent you as state and district delegates to the American Angus Association Annual Convention of Delegates this November. Delegate nominations received by the June 10 deadline were used to prepare state/district ballots with the names of eligible nominees. Ballots were mailed in early July to all Eligible Voting Members.

All ballots must be received in the Association office no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 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.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 133rd Annual Convention of Delegates during the Angus Convention Nov. 5-7 in Indianapolis, Ind.

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 Meeting in November. Biographies

should be approximately 500-700 words and will be shortened if necessary.

Auxiliary to host fundraiser

The Auxiliary is excited to present a new fundraiser, the Full Circle Online Auction, a national Angus consignment sale hosted by <http://AngusLive.com> Sept. 28-29. The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair-market value in excess of \$100. Auction categories include live animals, embryo and semen packages, Angus memorabilia and collectibles, home décor, cattle equipment and other useful items.

Consignors will receive 50% of the gross revenue their lots generate (or they can donate 100% to the Auxiliary), as well as recognition in the sale promotion to be launched at the NJAS and on the online site throughout July, August and September. Consignments may be accepted until mid-August. If you are interested in being a consignor, contact Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates at cortneyhd@gmail.com, Jena Wagner at jenalee.wagner@gmail.com, or Shally Rogen at drogen3061@aol.com. Check out the great lots at <http://Angusauxiliary.com/FullCircleOnlineAuction.html> and support the Auxiliary.

Talon Internship accepting host breeder applications

The Angus Foundation, in conjunction with the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Endowment Fund, is currently accepting host breeder applications for the Talon Internship Program. The

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internship program is designed to pair Angus youth with an Angus breeder to develop a mentor/mentee relationship throughout the course of a summer. This relationship will lead to a successful educational experience and increase the knowledge and understanding for raising registered-Angus cattle and the beef cattle industry for the mentee.

Applications for breeders and interns are due to the Events and Education Department by Sept. 15.

For more information and both the breeder and intern application, please visit www.angusfoundation.org/fdn/Events/FdnTalon.html or contact Chelsey Smith at csmith@angus.org or 816-383-5149.

Cattlemen's Boot Camp approaching

The next Cattlemen's Boot Camp will be hosted Sept. 21-22 at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, prior to the start of the 2016 Nebraska Angus Tour.

This Boot Camp is an educational collaboration of the University of Nebraska, the American Angus Association and the Angus Foundation. Participants will gain insight to many aspects of the cattle industry from university and Association speakers and activities.

Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle workshop to be in Iowa Sept. 7-8

The premier national event in beef cattle reproductive management will be hosted in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 7-8 at the Embassy Suites. Iowa State University cow-calf specialist and regular contributor to the *Angus Journal* Patrick Gunn will serve as a host-site organizer. The 2016 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) workshop will include information for cow-calf producers, bovine veterinarians, industry representatives, extension personnel and students. The event is provided through a cooperative effort by Iowa State, Iowa Beef Center and the Beef Reproduction Task Force, and will highlight the latest information on reproductive technologies in beef cattle.

"We are fortunate to bring a phenomenal group of speakers to Des Moines," Gunn says. "Twenty scientists and veterinarians from 13 states will help attendees hone their reproductive skills on best management practices in handling hormones and frozen genetics, nutrition, sexed semen, embryo transfer, *in vitro* fertilization, reproductive health, genetics, fetal programming and pregnancy detection, among others."

Registration is now open with an early registration fee of \$200 per person when received by midnight, Aug. 8. It increases to \$250 for late registration after that date, including onsite registrations. Students receive a \$100 discount based on the fee in effect at the time of registration. Online registration and a link to print a form for mailing are on the conference website at www.aep.iastate.edu/arsbc/. Telephone registration is not accepted, and registration is not complete without payment.

Up to 15 continuing education units (CEUs) have been approved for veterinarians in Iowa and adjoining states, and for professional animal scientists. For more information on CEUs, see the ARSBC website www.aep.iastate.edu/arsbc/ or contact your professional association.

The website also provides the workshop schedule, including a printable version, as well as links to lodging options, sponsorship opportunities, and travel and direction details.

Angus Media will provide complete coverage of the event, with event and presentation summaries available at www.appliedreprostrategies.com.



LEAD Conference is Aug. 4-7

Funded by the Angus Foundation, the 2016 LEAD Conference, themed "Rising Up in Phoenix," is set for Aug. 4-7 in Phoenix, Ariz. 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.

The LEAD conference serves several purposes, which include guiding juniors who will in turn take part in guiding their respective associations; providing an open line of communication for members of different associations to share ideas, plans and goals; and giving each individual an opportunity to take an active part, encouraging participation by everyone present. Juniors learn about setting goals for themselves and their association, along with methods of accomplishing those goals.

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

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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.

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 available. These tests allow animals to have genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-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 2015 issue of the *Angus Journal*.

Last chance to order Black Books

The deadline to place your customized Black Book order for the 2017 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® was July 29, 2016. However, if you are interested in ordering the pocket-sized books, please

contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org immediately.

The 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.

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

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

The Angus Report changes time slot on RFD-TV

Starting July 4, *The Angus Report* will transition to an earlier time slot to 7 a.m. CST each Monday morning on RFD-TV. The American Angus Association's weekly television news program will continue to provide the industry-leading content viewers

have grown to rely on during the past five years.

Through its distribution on RFD-TV, *The Angus Report* reaches more than 70,000 households across the United States and ranks among the network's top ag news programs. The 30-minute show addresses top news issues, market reports and information surrounding the Angus community. It also features multi-generational operations, historic Angus bloodlines and young entrepreneurs getting their start through the Association's popular documentary series, *I Am Angus*®.

The Angus Report is produced entirely by the Angus Media team in the Association's television studio in Saint Joseph, Mo., as part of the suite of Angus-based media including *Angus Journal*, *Angus Beef Bulletin*, *Angus Talk* and other platforms that provide coverage from industry events, Angus shows and activities, and farms and ranches across the country.

The Association invites you to tune in for the 7 a.m. CST Monday morning broadcast, as well as a re-airing at 1:30 p.m. CST each Saturday on RFD-TV. For more information, visit www.angus.media. 