



# 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 is available online at [www.angus.org/EventRegistration/default.aspx](http://www.angus.org/EventRegistration/default.aspx) or by contacting the Events & Education Department at 816-383-5100.

## 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 & Siroin 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](http://www.angusfoundation.org) and click "Donate Online."

## Consign bulls to the NWSS Bull Sale

The American Angus Association is now accepting consignments for the 2016 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Wednesday, Jan. 13, and producers can save \$50 by acting now.

Consignments received on or before Sept. 15 carry an entry fee of \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$500 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of Angus expected progeny differences (EPDs) to be eligible. The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD

## 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	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).

(if applicable) must meet the breed average for nonparent sires.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2015, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846. For entry forms contact the Association at 816-383-5100.

### New look for AAA Login

The American Angus Association has begun to roll out an updated look to its AAA Login website. Taking a cue from the current look of smartphones and tablet devices, the login site is intended to be more user-friendly for any producer looking to access or submit data on their herd.

Gone is the Classic Menu page of multiple tabs that, in total, contained more than 300 link options. Instead, the home login page has been broken down into six different categories or graphic buttons (see Fig. 1). Pop-up descriptions for what can be found under each button are visible as the user hovers over a specific button.

For more information, see the "Login Lowdown" column in this issue and watch for a feature story in the October *Angus Journal*.

**Fig. 1: AAA Login home page**



### 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 2014-2015 Roll of Victory (ROV) show season ended May 31, and the 2015-2016 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](http://www.angus.org).

Show Heifer, Show Bull and Breeder of the Year awards for the 2014-2015 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 NWSS in Denver, Colo.

For complete information about the ROV program and a list of the 18 point shows, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) or contact the Events and Education Department.

### NAILE entries due Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2015 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) this November, make sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium sale books and entry forms for exhibitors are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the website at [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org). Visa® and MasterCard® are accepted.

### 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 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, 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](http://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

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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 to share information on timely topics. Short, informative articles on performance programs, genomic testing and more are

posted at <http://angusgenetics.wordpress.com>. If you have ideas for a blog post topic, send your suggestion to Tonya Amen at [tamen@angus.org](mailto:tamen@angus.org).

### 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](http://www.angus.org) to apply before the Sept. 1 deadline or for more information.

### Tag Store offers affordable identification

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd should visit [www.customcattletags.com](http://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.

### Initiative to engage future cattle producers

Applications are available online ([www.angus.org/Performance/Documents/FASEnrollmentForm.pdf](http://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 Gottswiller, director of commercial programs, at 816-383-5100 or [ggottswiller@angus.org](mailto:ggottswiller@angus.org).

### Purchase Angus photos online

While in the showing 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](http://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](mailto:prphotos@angus.org) or 816-383-5100 for more information.

### Request sale-day or field-day kit

Producers planning a summer field day or a fall sale 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.angus.org) or AAA Login.

### Download the Angus App

Angus Mobile is a free, smartphone application for the 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, EPDs and \$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.

**Watch The Angus Report  
each week on RFD-TV**

*The Angus Report* delivers weekly Association and industry news on RFD-TV, every Monday at 8:30 a.m. EST. The program offers busy cattlemen and women the opportunity to quickly catch up on important industry issues.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments of the free program on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.