



# Association Highlights

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## 2018 NWSS Angus Bull Sale entry form available

Entry forms for the 2018 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Bull Sale are now

available. The sale will be hosted in Denver during the NWSS, Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the Stadium Arena.

In conjunction with the sale will be the

selling of the Foundation Heifer Package and heifer pregnancies.

The sale bull show will begin at 8 a.m. that morning in the Stadium Arena. This year cash prizes and awards will exceed \$10,000 to the division/reserve division and grand/reserve grand champion consignments.

Early entry deadline, postmarked by Sept. 15, is \$400, and the late entry deadline, postmarked by Oct. 1, is \$500. Entry forms are available from Tonya Theis, Events and Education Department, 816-383-5142. For further information contact your regional manager, Theis or David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846.

## Future Angus Stockmen Scholarship deadline approaching

Future Angus Stockmen is proud to partner with Allflex USA to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a college student involved in the commercial Angus business. Applicants must be enrolled in the Future Angus Stockmen program. Applications are available online and must be returned by Friday, Sept. 15.

The winner will be notified in October 2017, with the scholarship presented during the Angus Convention Nov. 4-6 in Fort Worth, Texas. Applications will be judged on the participant's future agriculture career path, passion for beef cattle and leadership experiences within the industry.

Applications are available for download online and must be postmarked by Sept. 15. Reference the application for more instructions on how to apply by going online to the Association's Commercial Programs page.



## 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 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

## 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 \$50
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	Arthrogryposis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnodycty
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).

## At a glance:

### Important dates

- Future Angus Stockmen Scholarship deadline: Sept. 15.
- Talon Internship host breeder application deadline: Sept. 15.
- Auxiliary Full Circle Online Auction: Sept. 27-28.
- North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) entry deadline: Oct. 1.
- National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Bull Sale early entry deadline: Sept. 15.
- NWSS Angus Bull Sale late entry deadline: Oct. 1.
- National Angus Tour: Nov. 3.
- 2017 Angus Convention: Nov. 4-6.
- NWSS Super-Point ROV and Junior Angus show deadlines: Dec. 1
- NWSS Angus Bull Sale: Jan. 10, 2018.



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 hosts and interns are due to the Events and Education Department by Sept. 15.

For more information and both the host and intern application, please visit [www.angusfoundation.org/fdn/Events/FdnTalon.html](http://www.angusfoundation.org/fdn/Events/FdnTalon.html) or contact the Events and Education Department.

### Enroll in the MaternalPlus Program

MaternalPlus® is a cow herd reporting program aiming to collect cow and heifer production data to increase the accuracy of current predictions, including heifer pregnancy, and work toward future selection tools such as longevity.

Participants pay on a per-cow basis, \$3 annually, allowing her calf's Angus Herd Improvement

Records (AHIR®) data to be processed free of charge.

By enrolling in MaternalPlus, members receive calving ease direct (CED), birth weight (BW) and weaning weight (WW) expected progeny differences (EPDs) without having to register individual calves. Additional herd reports, including genetic trend reports benchmarking your herd against the rest of the Angus database, are available for those enrolled. Stay ahead of the curve and enroll today.

For more information or details, visit [www.angus.org/Performance/MaternalPlusInfo.aspx](http://www.angus.org/Performance/MaternalPlusInfo.aspx), or contact Kelli



Retallick at [kretallick@angus.org](mailto:kretallick@angus.org) or 816-383-5190.

### News from BIF available online

Angus Media was on hand to cover the 2017 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium and Convention in Athens, Ga., May 31-June 3. Visit the Newsroom and Awards pages at [www.bifconference.com](http://www.bifconference.com) for announcement of the award winners and access to summaries, PowerPoint presentations, proceedings papers, and audio of symposium presentations.

### Auxiliary to host online auction

The American Angus Auxiliary will host its second annual Full Circle Online Auction, a national Angus consignment sale, Sept. 27-28. Full Circle Online Auction is an innovative, web-based consignment market that offers Angus breeders, families and allied industry the opportunity to both sell and buy, while making a substantial contribution to help ensure the sustainability of the Auxiliary's ongoing support of the Angus breed and its youth.

The online auction will be hosted by [www.anguslive.com](http://www.anguslive.com). Proceeds will support the Auxiliary's mission, including breed promotion, beef education and youth development through programs, awards and scholarships.

Last year's event raised more than \$11,000. The Auxiliary invites you to be a part of this exciting event!

For a consignment contract and more information, visit [www.angusauxiliary.com/fullcircleonlineauction.html](http://www.angusauxiliary.com/fullcircleonlineauction.html).

### NAILE entries due Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2017 North

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American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) this November, make sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium sale books and entry forms 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).

#### **National Western deadline nears**

Nov. 20 is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2017 NWSS Super-Point ROV and junior Angus shows. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted.

For information about the NWSS, visit [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).



#### **Angus University at the 2017 Angus Convention**

The 2017 Angus Convention offers a tremendous lineup of speakers and workshops for the fourth annual Angus University on Sunday, Nov. 5, sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

The Angus University general session features two outstanding keynote speakers: Ed Hendee, owner of the famous Taste of Texas restaurant, and Randy Blach, CattleFax CEO.

Afternoon breakout sessions will discuss key beef industry topics, including bull and heifer selection; managing consumer demands and environmental regulations; EPDs; current consumer beef trends; parasite management; low-stress cattle handling; and more.

Registration is now open for the 2017 Angus Convention, which takes place Nov. 4-6 in Fort Worth, Texas. Visit the convention website, [www.angusconvention.com](http://www.angusconvention.com), to register and make hotel reservations for the three-day event, access a convention schedule, trade show map and more.

