



Association Highlights

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National Western deadline nears

Nov. 20 is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2017 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Super-Point

Roll of Victory (ROV) and junior Angus show. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted.

For information about the NWSS, visit www.nationalwestern.com.



2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package set to sell this January in Denver

Basin Angus Ranch of Joliet, Mont., will donate the 2017 Angus Foundation Heifer to headline the Angus Foundation Heifer Package set to sell Jan. 11, 2017, at the NWSS in Denver. The chosen female is Basin Lucy 6265, registration #18479169, a daughter of Basin Lucy 1037, the highest beef value index (\$B) female in the Basin Angus Ranch herd and a phenomenal power cow. Basin Lucy 6265's sire is WR Journey 1X74, the No. 6 bull for \$B index out of 24,373 active Angus sires as evaluated Aug. 12, 2016. Journey has an exceptional combination of calving ease, accelerated performance, docility and end-product excellence. Journey ranks in the top 5% or better among current sires for 11 of the measured traits and indexes available on an Angus pedigree.

See the story on page 39 and visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information about the 2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Help support NJAS 2017

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is just around the corner, and the Iowa crew is excited to be hosting the event. Greiman Family Angus of Garner, Iowa, reminds you of its Embryo Lottery, which began in July. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, please contact Ted or Mary Greiman, Trisha or Colby Holmes or any of the Iowa juniors.

"We are thrilled to be offering 20 premier embryo packages from the top bloodlines and breeders in the world," said Mary.

Mary will be selling tickets at the American Royal and NAILE, and Trisha and Colby will be at the Angus Convention Nov. 5-7, so be sure to locate them and get your tickets.

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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 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).

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On Jan. 19, 2017, the Greimans will host an online auction fundraiser through Angus Live. Auction items include units of semen, bull collection and freezing services, embryo flushing and transfer services, and advertising in key publications.

Greiman Family Angus will be offering two items during the Angus Foundation Silent Auction event in Denver during the NWSS. The items include a “Lotus clock,” a hanging wall clock made at the Amana Furniture Shop of eastern Iowa, and a piece of original artwork by Sticks Gallery in Des Moines, Iowa.

Building furniture since 1855, the Amana Furniture Shop has designed the clock as an original piece with hand-carved lotus lilies in the lower corners and cattails in the upper corners. Each piece is handcrafted by one craftsman who then signs the piece upon completion.

Sticks Gallery has received national acclaim for its distinctive line of furniture, accessories and *objets d’art*. Each piece is handcrafted within Sticks’ award-winning studio in Des Moines. All pieces are finely crafted from birch, poplar and driftwood. The pieces are further designed with hand-drawn imagery, etched contouring and vibrantly blended paint. Artist Molly Bannon is creating a unique Angus piece just for the auction.

If you have any questions or would like to consign an item to the online auction, please contact Ted or Mary Greiman at tmkcg@ncn.net, or Trisha or Colby Holmes at cholmes@iowatelecom.net.

Coverage of ARSBC

The Angus Media team coordinated online event coverage for the 2016 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) symposium Sept. 7-8 in Des Moines, Iowa. The website — www.appliedreprostrategies.com — offers the summary, proceedings paper, PowerPoint presentation and audio of each speaker’s presentation (as available) in the website’s Newsroom.

Iowa State University, the Iowa Beef Center and the Beef Reproduction Task Force hosted this year’s symposium. Topics featured an overview of reproductive management, strategies for artificial insemination (AI) success, handling hormones and frozen genetics, nutrition, sexed semen, embryo transfer, *in vitro* fertilization, reproductive health, genetics, fetal programming and pregnancy detection, among others.

Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship

The Angus Foundation Board of Directors approved funds to provide \$1,000 scholarships to three youth who use Angus genetics in their seedstock or commercial operations. Awards will be given out in July 2017.

Applicants must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/university or other accredited institution for the fall of 2017. They can be an entering freshman or a continuing student in any undergraduate program. The applicant or applicant’s parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred a registration paper in the last 36 months.

Full details of eligibility can be found at www.angusfoundation.org. Information can be found in the resources section on the home page. The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship application will be available online Dec. 1.



Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2017 Young Cattlemen’s Conference (YCC) — the beef industry and tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA).

Sponsorship and program nomination is granted to an active Association and NCBA member using an application process. Applications were available Oct. 1 at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 11, 2017. Learn more about the YCC and the program’s educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

Apply for the Talon Internship

The Angus Foundation, in conjunction with the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Endowment Fund, is accepting intern 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 will lead to a successful educational experience and increase the knowledge and understanding

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for raising registered-Angus cattle and the beef cattle industry for the mentee.

Applications are due to the Events and Education Department by Dec. 1, 2016.

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

Planning an Angus sale?

If you're planning an Angus sale this fall, be sure to contact the American Angus Association and request a complimentary sale-day kit, which includes educational resources, posters and information on Association programs and services. Submit an order today to ensure it arrives on the ranch in time for sale day.

The kits come in three types — one tailored specifically toward female sales, another for bull sales, and the third for bull and female sales. Each kit includes various literature and posters in quantities of 10 to 25.

Sale-day kits include information on what potential customers should know about the breed and its programs and services, including specific information on AngusSource®, AAA Login, Beef Improvement Records, Certified Angus Beef LLC, the Angus Foundation and many others. Buyer guides, beef improvement information and full-color posters are a few of the additional items that are available.

Depending on the type of kit requested, materials include:

- ▶ 10 junior member *Guide to Success* books;
- ▶ 10 *Supplying the Brand* books;
- ▶ 10 Angus Foundation brochures;
- ▶ 20 Beef Improvement Record books;
- ▶ 10 *Bull Buying Strategies* books;
- ▶ 20 Angus Advantage™ books;
- ▶ 10 AngusSource® brochures
- ▶ 25 Tag Store postcards;
- ▶ 10 Member Login brochures;
- ▶ 15 Pocket Bull Buying Guides;



- ▶ 10 each of the 11×14 bull, cow-calf and calf pictures;
- ▶ 10 Notebook Beef Charts;
- ▶ 1 steer poster, 1 bull poster, 2 large Angus posters;
- ▶ 6 over-the-wire hangers;
- ▶ 5 cow-calf *Best Practices* brochures;
- ▶ 3 *The Power of One Bull* posters; 3 *The Power of One Brand* posters (*Certified Angus Beef*®); and 3 AngusSource posters.

To order a sale-day kit, go online or contact the Association's Communications Department at 816-383-5100.

Include Angus Foundation in end-of-year charitable-giving plans

Charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation in support of its education, youth and research programs are appreciated regardless of the time of year the gift is made by the donor. Oftentimes, however, charitable giving decisions are made at year's end once an individual or couple knows their income tax situation for that respective calendar (tax) year.

The 2016 Angus Foundation fiscal year may have ended Sept. 30, but it's not too late to get in a donation for the 2016 tax year. Your tax-deductible charitable financial gifts by Dec. 31 will help enrich the lives of Angus youth by empowering them to develop lifelong leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. Donors can also choose to invest in education or research and support those specific tenets of the Angus Foundation mission. You can give online at www.angusfoundation.org using Visa® or Mastercard® or contact the Angus Foundation.

As a reminder, one should pay special attention to timing when it comes to year-end gifts. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, 501(c)(3) charities such as the Angus Foundation will recognize the U.S. Postal Service's postmark denoted on the outside of the carrier envelope used by the donor in transmitting the gift to the charity.

To qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash gifts, this means your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the Angus Foundation in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Gifts can also be made online at www.angusfoundation.org. Contact Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100 if you have questions about end-of-the-year charitable giving strategies or need additional information.

▶ 2014 *Angus Journal* intern Paige Nelson conducts an interview for a producer profile.



Looking for an internship?

The American Angus Association, Angus Media and CAB offer several opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association and branded-beef program.

Paid summer internships offer goal-oriented students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing knowledge of agriculture and the beef industry. Look for deadlines, requirements and application details online at www.angus.org.

Bulls will be offered at NWSS Bull Sale

The 2017 National Western Angus Bull Sale will be Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of genomically enhanced EPDs.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2016, 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 about the sale contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846.

Purchase Angus photos online

While in the showring 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). 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 or call 816-383-5100.

Download the Angus App

Angus Mobile is a free smartphone application for 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 news, sale reports, show access to the latest results, EPDs and \$Values, percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.



2017 Black Books available

You can now order 2017 AngusSource/Beef Record Service (BRS) black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. They feature the

American Angus Association logo on the back.

Producers can request two free books and purchase additional books for \$3 each. The 2017 books are available in any quantity.

To place orders, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

Tag Store offers affordable identification

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify animals within their herds should visit 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.

The Angus Report returns to original time slot on RFD-TV

Starting Aug. 29, *The Angus Report* returned to its original time slot at 7:30 a.m. CDT each Monday morning on RFD-TV.

The Angus Report is produced by the Angus Media team in the Association's television studio in Saint Joseph, Mo. It is part of a suite of Angus-based media — including the *Angus Journal*, the *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.

Tune in for the 7:30 a.m. Monday morning broadcast, or catch the program as it re-airs at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on RFD-TV.

