



Association Highlights

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Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will again nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to

attend the 2014 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 for the conference are available at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 10, 2014. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

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
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).

Make plans for National Western

Angus activities at the 108th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., take place Jan. 13-18, 2014, with hundreds of entries expected for the Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the Hill, and the carload and pen shows in the Yards. Jarold Callahan, Yukon, Okla., will evaluate the ROV show entries. Joel Cowley, Richmond, Texas, will judge the junior show, while a three-judge panel comprising Paul Bennett, Red House, Va.; Chad Ellingson, Saint Anthony, N.D.; and Darrell Hansen, Elk Grove, Calif., will evaluate the pen and carload shows.

For a schedule, show results and more, visit www.angus.org/showresults, which can also be accessed through the Association's smartphone app, Angus mobile.

Visit with Association staff in Denver

All Angus producers attending the NWSS are encouraged to stop by the Association's Listening Post in the Yards.

Association, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be available daily to visit with producers about Association programs and the cattle industry. Be sure to stop by to chat and have a cup of coffee.

2014 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell

Express Ranches of Yukon, Okla., will donate the 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer, to sell January 2014 at the National Western



► EXAR Royal Lass 2068

Stock Show in Denver, Colo. The chosen female is EXAR Royal Lass 2068 (AAA Registration No. 17160657), born Jan. 8, 2012, and sired by EXAR Upshot 0562B. Rolly bred, 2068 is the maternal granddaughter of the now deceased record-setting \$263,000 in 2009 calving-ease sire EXAR 263C and the dam of BR Midland, BR Royal Lass 7036-19.

The 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer is bred to Sitz Top Game 561X and is due to calve Feb. 13, 2014.

Since 1980, more than \$1.6 million has been raised from the annual fundraising tradition to support education, youth and research programs for the benefit of the Angus breed.

Visit www.angusfoundation.org or check out past issues of the *Angus Journal* for more information about the 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Make plans to attend Angus Night on the Mountain

Angus enthusiasts are welcome to attend Angus Night on the Mountain Jan. 15, 2014. The event will be hosted by Tom and Lois Ames at their beautiful Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in conjunction with the NWSS.

Spruce Mountain Ranch will open its facilities to guests who wish to drive out early at 3 p.m., but bus transportation will be provided from 5:30-6:00 p.m., to take guests to the ranch from the NWSS Complex and Denver Marriott City Center Hotel. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a live auction that includes various experiences and vacation packages to benefit the Angus Foundation and 2014 National Junior Angus Show, as well as several lots of elite Angus genetics by Spruce Mountain Ranch.

The event is free and open to anyone. See the article on page 108 of this issue of the *Angus Journal* or log on to www.angusfoundation.org for more information.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The sixth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for June. Applications are now being accepted. BLI is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association and the Angus Foundation will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip



2013 Annual Report available upon request

The 2013 American Angus Association Annual Report is now available. The report features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year 2013, which ended Sept. 30, 2013. It is available online at www.angus.org. A link to the report was featured on the landing page of the digital version of the December *Angus Journal*. Printed reports are available upon request by contacting 816-383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online or by contacting the Activities Department. March 1 is the application deadline. Call 816-383-5100 for more information.

B is the designated letter for permanent ID in 2014

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, B001 and B002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2014. International letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For complete information about permanent ID and naming animals, visit www.angus.org, and click on "Rules and Forms" to access Part 4 of the online *Breeder's Reference Guide*.

Summer internship deadline Feb. 5

The Association offers internship opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association.

The American Angus Association's Activities & Events Department is offering an

internship focused on event planning to a college sophomore, junior or senior who has agricultural interests. The internship will provide a highly organized, detail-oriented college student the opportunity to gain real-world experience planning and implementing educational and social events for the Association membership.

The Association Junior Activities Department is offering college sophomores, juniors or seniors the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of junior shows and leadership events, and gain experience in Association work.

The Association's Public Relations and Communications (PR) Department is accepting applications from college juniors or seniors studying communications, agricultural communications or a related field. Applicants with strong writing, editing and design backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The *Angus Journal* offers a college student the opportunity to be part of the editorial team of various publications. The 10-week, writing-intensive internship offers the selected intern an opportunity to participate in producing various publications, including the *Angus Journal*, the *Angus Journal* digital replica, the *Angus Beef Bulletin* (ABB), the *ABB EXTRA*, the *Angus Daily*, editorial websites, and social media efforts.

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All applications for internships are due Feb. 5. For more information, check out the “Angus Internships” story in this issue on page 54.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will also make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have, at one time, been a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 9 years and older should receive the green entry booklet in the mail this month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional preview shows and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). It also contains information about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 7-9 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry

deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 18-19 in Reno, Nev.

- ▶ March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa for more information and deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

I Am Angus® airs this winter

I Am Angus® focuses on the heart of the Angus business — its people, its heritage and why people have chosen to be a part of it.

Initiated in 2008, the Association-produced documentary series continues this fall and winter across America. The program is set for Jan. 2. Visit www.angus.org to watch previous episodes.

“There are countless people across the country and around the world whose lives are defined by producing quality Angus beef for consumers,” says Eric Grant, Association director of communications and public relations.

The program provides an avenue to show the commitment producers and others have made to raising quality beef.

“Consumers today are seeking a connection with the people who raise food,” Grant says. “*I Am Angus* allows that to happen, for us to put our best foot forward.”

For more information or to watch segments from past shows visit www.angus.org.

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.

Recent enhancements to MaternalPlus allow enrollees to access genetic trend information for their herd, a cow age distribution report and a detailed production performance report.

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit www.angus.org or AAA Login.

