



Association Highlights

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Pathfinder® deadline is this month

The deadline for submitting records to the Performance Programs Department to be included in the 2012 Pathfinder Report is Feb. 12.

The Performance Programs Department appreciates your cooperation in getting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data into the office in a timely manner. If you have questions about submitting data on forms, using Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) or with AAA Login, call the Association at 816-383-5100.

Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed version of the *Spring 2012 Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. Active



members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the fall 2011 report will receive it automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via email or by calling the Association. All requests should be submitted to

Brenda Weigart at bweigart@angus.org or 816-383-5144.

2011 Annual Report available on request

The 2011 *American Angus Association Annual Report* is now available. It features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2011, which ended Sept. 30, 2011. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available on request by contacting 816-383-5100 or Imaudlin@angus.org.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The fifth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for June 2012. Applications are now being accepted. BLI is designed for 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 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.

Z designated letter for permanent ID in 2012

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, Z001 and Z002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2012. 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

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. An "F" following the symbol for a genetic defect means the animal has tested free of the defect. A "C" following represents a carrier of the defect.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
^	Cell clone	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
%	Split-ET	OS	Osteopetrosis
@	Clone-ET	RD	Red gene
AM	Arthrogryposis multiplex	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly	SN	Syndactyly
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism	WT	Wild type color gene
DM	Double muscling	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
HG	Horn gene		

Forms” to access Part 4 of the online *Breeder’s Reference Guide*.

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 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky.

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 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 American Angus 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.



Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the NJAA Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the NJAS and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Junior Activities Department. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Applications are available at www.angusauxiliary.com. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are also listed online. For more information, contact Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at 410-489-4960.



Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 9 years old and older should have received the green entry booklet in the mail. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional preview shows and the 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.

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 fast 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.

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 9-11 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- ▶ Feb. 25 is the registration deadline for the Raising the Bar Conference, scheduled for March 30-April 1 at Ohio State University.
- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior

Angus Show, which will be April 21-23 in Reno, Nev.

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

Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines. Please contact the Association if you need assistance meeting the deadlines.

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; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. EST; and Saturday, 2:30 p.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 and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Watch I Am Angus

I Am Angus focuses on the heart of the Angus cattle business — its people, their heritage and why they've chosen to be in the Angus business. The video series explores each sector's stake in the Angus breed and beef business, our Angus heritage, and how animal agriculture remains relevant today.

Initiated in 2008, the Association-produced documentary series continues this fall and winter across America. The program is set to air Feb. 16 on RFD-TV. A subsequent program is planned for March. Visit www.angus.org to watch segments from the Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 and Jan. 5 programs.

The program provides an avenue to show the commitment producers and others have made to raising quality beef. For more information or to watch segments from past shows, visit www.angus.org or www.youtube.com/apicreativemedia.

Lifetime membership options

The Association offers producers a lifetime membership option. The \$1,500 membership lasts throughout the life of the sole person named on the membership. Payments may be broken into three nonrefundable yearly installments.

Lifetime memberships can be issued to one person only, and are not meant for partnerships. The membership option may be used for a farm name, provided only one person is included on the membership.

