



Association Highlights

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Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed version of the *Spring 2013 Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the 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.

2012 Annual Report available upon request

The 2012 *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 (FY) 2012, which ended Sept. 30, 2012. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available upon request by contacting 816-383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.



Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The sixth annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is scheduled for June 17-20. 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 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.

A is the designated letter for permanent ID in 2013

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, A001 and A002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2013. 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*.

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 2013 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo.

The eligibility requirements for these



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		

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 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.

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 at 816-383-5100. 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 Holshouser, Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at 919-853-3208.

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 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 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 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

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Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 8-10 in Harrisonburg, Va.

- ▶ March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 19-21 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.

2013 World Angus Forum

The Association is now taking names for the 2013 PGG Wrightson World Angus Forum in New Zealand October 2013. A travel group will be coordinated for the American delegation for those interested in traveling to New Zealand for the Forum and the tours before and after. For more information as it becomes available, call the Activities and Events Department at 816-383-5100.

Convened every four years, the Forum is a platform for the exchange of genetic information and breeding objectives. The 2013 tour will also celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Angus breed in New Zealand.

Download the Angus App

The Association has launched Angus Mobile, a free smartphone application for the iPhone, iPad and Android devices. The app allows 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, expected progeny differences (EPDs), \$Values and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.

Post Angus videos on your website

The 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 or on YouTube by searching for "Angus means business." Contact the Public Relations and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

I Am Angus airs

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 March 7 on RFD-TV. Visit www.angus.org to watch previous episodes.

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.

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 or AAA Login.

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.

Lifetime membership options

The American Angus 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.



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