



# Association Highlights

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## Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are being made for the 2012 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Louisville, Ky. Forms to nominate delegates to the Annual Meeting will be mailed to every active life and regular Association member during the last week of March.

The nomination period runs from April 1 to June 30. Each member is allowed to nominate one eligible member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself. The candidate should be actively involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office no later than June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

## 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](mailto:bweigart@angus.org) or 816-383-5144.

## Report new Association, Auxiliary officers

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer listings to the Association Public Relations (PR) and Communications Department by May 1 to ensure correct listings at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and website, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact the PR and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org).

State auxiliary information is also being requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

Angus youth who are graduating from



## 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](http://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	Arthrogyrosis 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		

high school this year or currently enrolled in college are encouraged to apply for these general undergraduate scholarships. Applicants meeting the eligibility requirements may also be considered by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee for other available Angus-related scholarships permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

Several graduate student scholarships will be awarded 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](http://www.angusfoundation.org). The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation 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 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 events, deadlines

- ▶ March 30-April 1: Raising the Bar, The Ohio State University
- ▶ April 15: Ownership and entry deadline for Atlantic National Junior Angus Show
- ▶ April 21-23: Western Regional Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 1: Deadline for several application forms, including:
  - Gold Awards
  - Outstanding Leadership Awards
  - Angus Foundation scholarships

– Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA scholarships

- ▶ May 15: Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show
- ▶ June 1:
  - Ownership and entry deadlines for the NJAS
  - Entries for the NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests
  - NJAA Board Applications
  - Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off

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. For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or go to [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

### 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](http://www.angus.org).

### Black Books available today

Place your order for the 2012 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The 2012 books are available in any quantity for \$3 each. The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers. Standard orders feature the Association's logo.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or [blackbooks@angus.org](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

### Request your sale-day or field-day kit now

Producers with late spring sales or those planning summer field days at their operations should plan now by requesting a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the PR and Communications Department. The kits include educational

and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

All materials should be requested at least two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination.

### 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](http://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 across America. The program is set to air in March on RFD-TV. The air date and time is posted at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) to watch segments from the Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 5 and Feb. 16 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](http://www.angus.org) or [www.youtube.com/apicreativemedia](http://www.youtube.com/apicreativemedia).

### Lifetime membership option

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.

