



Association Highlights

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Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are being made for the 2013 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.

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.

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.

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. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are also listed online. For more information, contact Cortney Holshouser, Auxiliary scholarship chairman, at 919-796-2346 or at kncholshouser@aol.com.

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 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



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		

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.

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 events, deadlines

- ▶ March 10 is the registration deadline for Raising the Bar at Kansas State University.
- ▶ March 25 is the registration deadline for Raising the Bar at Virginia Tech.
- ▶ May 1 is the deadline for several application forms, including:
 - Gold Award applications
 - Outstanding Leadership Award applications
 - Ownership and entry for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
 - Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and NJAA Scholarship applications
- ▶ May 15:
 - Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)
 - Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show
 - Ownership and entry deadline for The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show
 - Entries for the NJAA writing, photography, creative writing and graphic design contests
 - Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American

Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off

- ▶ May 25 is the deadline to submit NJAA Career Development Contest résumés and public speaking contest speech outlines.
- ▶ June 1 is the deadline to submit NJAA Board applications.

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

Note: Due to the time of the NJAS, entry and ownership deadlines have been moved forward to allow adequate time to process the entries and prepare for the show.

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

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www.angus.org, and click on Rules and Forms to access Part 4 of the online Breeder's Reference Guide.

Black Books available today

Place your order for the 2013 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 2013 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.

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.

2013 World Angus Forum

The Association is now taking names for the 2013 PGG Wrightson World Angus Forum in 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 pre- and post-event tours. For more information as it becomes available, call the Activities and Events Department at 816-383-5100.

Hosted 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

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

Post Angus videos on your website

The American Angus 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 PR and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

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.

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.

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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