



# Association Highlights

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## Pathfinder® Report available

The 2012 *Angus Pathfinder® Report* is now online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). Click on the Performance link. This year's report lists 8,761 individual cows and 231 sires qualifying for Pathfinder status. Search the listing online or request a printed version by calling the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100.

The Pathfinder program was started in 1978 and identifies superior Angus females based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production and include early and regular calving, as well as heavy weaning weights.

Bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder cows are listed as Pathfinder sires in this report.

## 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 were mailed to every active life and regular Association member during the last week of March.

Delegates may be nominated 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](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.

## Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. 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 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.



## 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	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		

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 American Angus Auxiliary will also award scholarships to qualifying graduating high school seniors. Juniors must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

The postmark deadline for both Foundation and Auxiliary scholarship applications is May 1. Recipients will be recognized at the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky.

More information and applications are available at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) and/or [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).



### Apply for NJAA Ambassador Program

The NJAA Ambassador program is an educational and learning experience designed to recognize one outstanding junior Angus member who will support the production of the Angus breed and the consumption of Angus beef on a national and international level.

The selected person will represent the NJAA at major beef industry conferences and events across the United States for one year.

American Angus Association members ages 17-20, of good standing and who own purebred cattle are eligible to apply.

A cover letter, résumé and essay questions are due June 15, 2012, to the Junior Activities Department, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

For more information and the essay questions, 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 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

- ▶ April 15: Ownership and entry deadline for Atlantic National Junior Angus Show
- ▶ April 21-23: Western Regional Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 1 is the deadline for several application forms, including:
  - Gold Awards
  - Outstanding Leadership Awards
  - Ownership and entry deadlines for the Northwest Regional Preview Show
  - Angus Foundation scholarship
  - Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA scholarship
- ▶ May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show.
- ▶ June 1 is the deadline for ownership and entry for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and for:
  - 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).

### Kansas to host NAC&T

The 2012 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) will be Oct. 2-5 in Wichita, Kan. The daylong conference and two days of tours hosted by the Kansas Angus Association will feature leading industry speakers and outstanding Angus genetics among the Kansas scenic farm settings.

The early registration deadline is Aug. 20; final registration is due Sept. 10.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more details and registration materials as they become available, or contact the Activities Department.

### 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.

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.

### 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.

### Tag Store offers affordable identification

The American Angus Association Tag Store, [www.customcattletags.com](http://www.customcattletags.com), offers affordable identification options to purchase high-quality, custom-printed cattle ear tags and other ID options, in less time. The interactive, online store offers Duflex® visual tags in numerous colors and sizes with free text on the front of the tag. Print logos, text on the back of the tag and/or on the tag stud for a small fee. Large visual tags cost just 99¢.

Farmers and ranchers can also build numerous tags with unique data with a spreadsheet template and step-by-step directions. The document can then upload as a CSV file online.

The Tag Store exclusively offers Destron Fearing™ products, including visual tags, e. Tags [radio frequency identification (RFID) tag], Combo e. Tags and "840" tags. Accessories available for purchase below retail price include applicators, readers, panel antennas, headgate kits, markers and knives.

### \$75,000 credit 'Card Challenge' to benefit Angus Foundation

The Angus Foundation has partnered with Wichita-headquartered Intrust Bank on a project called "The Card Challenge." For every new and activated Angus Platinum Visa® account booked Jan. 1-June 30, 2012, Intrust Bank will make a \$100 donation to the Angus Foundation. If 500 new and

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activated accounts are reached, Intrust Bank will donate an additional \$25,000 to the Angus Foundation, which makes the total potential donation \$75,000 for Angus education, youth and research programs.

Learn more about The Card Challenge at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) or on the American Angus Association's Facebook page.

### **Golf Tournament seeking players and sponsors**

The Angus Foundation's annual golf

tournament will be Tuesday, July 17, at the Quail Chase Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. The golf tournament is hosted in conjunction with the 2012 National Junior Angus Show, and proceeds from the fundraising activity will benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research efforts.

Terry Stade Farms, Shakopee, Minn., and Richard Ames, Jordan, Minn., purchased the golf tournament event sponsorship at "Angus Night on the Mountain" at Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in January. There are eight other sponsorship levels available. Sponsorship deadline is June 15.

If you are interested in playing in the tournament, adults can register at \$100 per person, and junior golfers (NJAA members) can register at \$75 per person. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, Continental breakfast and a CAB lunch. The player registration deadline is July 1. After July 1, a \$10 late registration fee applies per player.

Find out more about how you and your Angus farm can be recognized as a sponsor or participate in the 2012 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament as a player at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

