



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.

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 who own purebred cattle are eligible to apply.

A cover letter, résumé and essay questions are due June 15, 2013, 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 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

► May 1:

- 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:

- Résumés for NJAA Career Development Contest
- Speech outlines for NJAA Public Speaking Contest

► June 1:

- Application for NJAA Board

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

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and ownership deadlines have been moved forward to allow adequate time to process the entries and prepare for the show.

2013 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament seeking players and sponsors

The Angus Foundation's annual golf tournament will be Sunday, July 7, at the Shiloh Springs Golf Club, Platte City, Mo. The golf tournament is hosted in conjunction with the 2013 National Junior Angus Show, and proceeds from the fundraising activity will benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research efforts.

Mark and Cindy Ahearn of Turner Meadow Ranch, Wills Point, Texas, purchased the golf tournament event sponsorship at "Angus Night on the Mountain II," at Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in January. There are eight other sponsorship levels available. Sponsorship deadline is May 31.

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 *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) lunch. The player registration deadline is June 24. After June 24, 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 2013 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament as a player at www.angusfoundation.org.

Request your promotion kits 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.

Building an Angus legacy!

The Angus Foundation has launched a new fundraising drive that allows Angus enthusiasts to become part of the Association's history while simultaneously supporting Angus youth, education and research programs. You are invited to

participate in this exciting project, for a limited time only.

The American Angus Association front entrance will be completely remodeled with black granite and red brick to match the historic building. From March 1 to July 1, 2013, you have the opportunity to make a donation and be recognized on a granite paver of three different sizes and prices to suit your needs and budget. Only letters and numbers (no brands or logos) will be allowed for engraving on the granite pavers. However, in addition to the granite pavers, there will be the opportunity to be recognized on one of four granite planters that will be located prominently at the remodeled entrance. The four planters will be the only opportunities to have a brand or logo engraved into the granite. Watch the *Angus Journal* and www.angusfoundation.org for more information about purchasing recognition on one of the planters.

Association members can look for more information and order forms in the mail. A limited number of each size of granite paver will be available, so make sure to get your orders in as soon as possible. Orders will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and only after the donation is received will engraving begin on your paver. The Angus Foundation is accepting orders via mail and online through July 1. Find out more about the project at www.angusfoundation.org.

Tag Store offers affordable identification

The American Angus Association Tag Store, 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 management numbers printed 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 \$1.00.

"These unique, inexpensive tags will make identification and recordkeeping simple for you and your customers," says Ginette Kurtz, AngusSource® quality manager.

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

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price include applicators, markers and knives.

New to The Tag Store this year are the Allflex Repeater Syringes. The syringes, available in 25 cc and 50 cc, accurately deliver a preselected dose of medication and feature a special locking mechanism to prevent air or contaminants from entering the syringe.

Take a look at the Large Panel Stud that can be used with all the Destron visual panel tags in place of the small round stud. Large Panel Studs can be customized with a management number or a logo for an additional cost.

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, expected progeny differences (EPDs), dollar value (\$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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