



# Association Highlights

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## Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state or district at the 2012 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates set for Monday, Nov. 12, in Louisville, Ky.

Each active Association member should have received a nomination form in the mail and may nominate one member from his or her state or district. All eligible nominations will be included on a ballot that will be mailed to members in July for the final selection of delegates.

Signed nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30

to be included on the final ballot. Remember, if your membership has expired or will expire in May or June, renew now. Only current members can be placed on the ballot.

For more details on how to nominate a delegate and select the delegates to represent your state at the Annual Convention of Delegates, refer to “Soon Accepting Nominations” in the March 2011 *Angus Journal* and “Will Your Ballot Count” in the July 2011 *Angus Journal*, respectively. (These articles can be found via a back issue search at [www.angusjournal.com/aj\\_backissues.html](http://www.angusjournal.com/aj_backissues.html)). Details of the entire election process can be

found in the Association’s “Breeder’s Reference Guide,” which is available online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

It’s important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Convention and who is informed about the Angus business. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

## Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Association members who are seeking election to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association may send a short biography, along with a photo, to Editor Shauna Hermel for publication in the October *Angus Journal*. Biographies should be approximately 500-700 words and will be shortened if necessary.

For more information on the particulars of running for the Board, see “Vying for the Board” in the March 2011 *Angus Journal*.

## Order black books today

Now is the time to 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 and can be customized — free of charge — with purchases of 100 or more.

The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers. Customized orders may include your operation’s logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover, while standard orders feature the Association’s logo. Custom orders must be placed by Aug. 1.

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

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15 — in time to distribute to customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

## Tag Store offers affordable identification

The American Angus Association Tag Store, [www.customcattletags.com](http://www.customcattletags.com), offers affordable identification (ID) options to purchase high-quality, custom-printed cattle ear tags and other ID options, in less time. The interactive, online store offers Duflex®

## 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		

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.



### **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: Deadline for several application forms, including:
  - Gold Award applications
  - Outstanding Leadership Award applications
  - Ownership and entry deadlines for the Northwest Regional Preview Show
  - Angus Foundation scholarship applications
  - Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/ National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) scholarship applications
- ▶ 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 National Junior Angus Show (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.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

### **Juniors, submit entries online**

Junior members can save time by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa) and provide the necessary information, including a Visa® or MasterCard® number to cover entry and bedding fees. Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail, so don't wait till the last minute. No late entries are accepted for any reason.

### **Mark calendars for summer events**

Members of the NJAA should have their

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calendars marked for a summer of regional preview shows, the NJAS and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

The NJAS, themed “In a League of Our Own” will take place July 15-21 in Louisville, Ky. For a preview of the event, including a tentative schedule, see page 118 in this issue. For more information about the weeklong schedule of shows and contests, visit [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

The 2012 LEAD Conference, themed “Peak Performance,” is set for Aug. 2-5 in Fort Collins, Colo. The National Junior Angus Board has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA participants 14-21 years old.

Space is limited, so register early. Early registration, due June 15, is \$200 for junior members and \$250 for advisors/chaperones. After June 15, rates increase to \$225 for junior members.

Visit [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa) to register or for more information.

### **\$75,000 Credit Card Challenge to Benefit Angus Foundation**

The Angus Foundation is pleased to

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

You use a credit card anyway. Why not get the only card that turns everyday purchases into an investment in your future? Learn more about “The Card Challenge” at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) or on the Association’s Facebook page.

### **2012 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament set**

In conjunction with the 2012 NJAS, the 12th Annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 17, at the Quail Chase Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. The tournament is open to both adults and youth.

Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation’s education, youth and research efforts.

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.

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

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).

### **Silent Auction to support Foundation**

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Louisville. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items 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 as of Jan. 1, of good standing 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.



## 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 amongst 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.

## 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.

## 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 Public Relations 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.

## Lifetime membership options

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.

