



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. 18, 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*. (These articles can be found via a back issue search at 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.

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

Cattlemen's Boot Camps set for North Dakota and South Carolina

The American Angus Association will host two Cattlemen's Boot Camps this June. Clemson University will host a Cattlemen's Boot Camp June 3-4 at the Poole Ag Center in Clemson, S.C. Registration is due May 20.

A block of hotel rooms is available at the James F. Martin Inn, and offers a university rate of \$99 plus tax. Call the hotel at 1-888-654-9020 and use Group Folio #10905 to receive the Cattlemen's Boot Camp rate.

The second boot camp, hosted with North Dakota State University, is scheduled for June 25-26 at the Gate City Auditorium in Fargo, N.D. Registration is due June 10.

Area hotels are:

Candlewood Suites, 701-235-8200;
Homewood Suites, 701-235-3150; and
Days Inn, 701-232-0000.

The day-and-a-half of events are open to all cattle producers and include information from management and breeding to marketing and evaluating the end product. Boot Camps are one of the educational efforts made available through the Angus Foundation.

Registration is \$75 per person and includes meals and materials.

A complete schedule of events and registration forms are available online at www.angus.org. For more information or to

register, contact the Activities Department at 816-383-5100.



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The 2014 books are available in any

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		

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.

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15 — just 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, 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. X-tra large visual tags cost just \$1.

"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 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, plus a special locking mechanism to prevent air or contaminants from entering the syringe. Also 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.

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 National Junior Angus Association (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
- Entry deadline 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

- Deadline to submit NJAA Career Development Contest résumés and public speaking contest speech outlines.

► June 1

- 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.

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.

Juniors, submit entries online

Junior members can save time by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to www.angus.org/njaa and

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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. No late entries are accepted for any reason.

Mark calendars for summer events

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

The NJAS, themed “Aberdeen in Twenty Thirteen” will take place July 6-11 in Kansas City, Mo. For a preview of the event, including a tentative schedule, see page 106 in this issue. For more information about the weeklong shows and contests, visit www.njas.info.

The 2013 LEAD Conference, themed “Cajun livin’ Angus leadin’” is set for Aug. 1-4 in New Orleans, La. 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 to register or for more information.

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 NJAS, 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 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.

Silent Auction to support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Kansas City. 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 and 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.

The Ambassador program is one of the educational efforts made available through the Angus Foundation.

For more information and the essay questions, contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.

NAC&T planned in New York

Angus enthusiasts should be in New York, Aug. 28-30, 2013, for the 2013 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T). Albany, N.Y., will serve as the headquarters for the event, which will again be sponsored with support of Land O’ Lakes Purina Feed LLC. New York Angus breeders will provide a tour featuring the state’s Angus operations, history and New York agriculture.

The early registration deadline is July 15; final registration is due Aug. 1.

Visit www.angus.org for more details

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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 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.

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.



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2013 BIF Symposium

June 12-15 • Oklahoma City

www.BIFconference.com

Oklahoma State University and the Beef Improvement Federation will host the 45th Annual BIF Research Symposium and Meeting June 12-15, 2013, at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City. A complete schedule and links to online registration are available at www.BIFconference.com, the *Angus Journal's* online coverage site for the event.

For more information about the event, contact Megan Rolf at 405-744-9292 or mrolf@okstate.edu, or Joe Cassidy, BIF executive director, at jpcassad@gmail.com. For information about the website, contact Shauna Hermel, editor, at 816-383-5270 or shermel@angusjournal.com.

