



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., during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

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).

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.

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. 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.

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

- June 10:
 - Deadline for NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines
 - Deadline for NJAA Career Development résumés and job descriptions

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

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		

submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to www.angus.org/njaa and provide the necessary information, including a Visa®, Discover® 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 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) should have their calendars marked for a summer of regional preview shows, the National Junior Angus Show (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 the May issue. For more information about the weeklong shows and contests, visit 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 to register or for more information.

\$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 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.

Learn more about “The Card Challenge” at www.angusfoundation.org or on the American Angus 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 *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) lunch, provided this year by

Sysco Louisville Inc. 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,” at Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in January. There are many other sponsorship levels available. Sponsorship deadline is June 15.

Find out more about the 2012 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament at www.angusfoundation.org.

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Attend on Your Own Time www.BIFconference.com

Calving, synching, breeding, haying, working...not to mention attending the kids’ ballgames, graduations, proms and spring previews. You have a lot of demands on your time. But staying current with the most recent advances in genetic selection and breed improvement is also core to your business.

The workload at home may have prevented you from attending the 2012 Beef Improvement Federation Annual Research Symposium and Annual Meeting April 18-21 in Houston, Texas, but you can benefit from the information shared at the meeting by visiting API’s event coverage online at www.BIFconference.com. Visit the site on your time to read summaries of the sessions, view the accompanying proceedings papers and PowerPoint presentations, listen to audio of the speakers, read news releases on the award winners, and page through galleries of photos from the tours.

This online event site is made possible thanks to the cooperation of the Beef Improvement Federation and the sponsorship of LiveAuctions.tv.



For more information, contact Shauna Rose Hermel, editor, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506; 816-383-5200; shermel@angusjournal.com. Follow @AJeditor on Twitter.

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.

Order summer show photos now

If you exhibited at a state preview show, regional junior show or the NJAS, you can order copies of photos taken by Association staff. Contact the Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information. Photos are available for a fee.

Download the Angus App

The American Angus Association has recently launched Angus Mobile, a free, smartphone application for the iPhone, iPad and Android devices. The app allows users to update herd data no matter where they are on their farm or ranch. Download the app and gain access to the latest news, sale reports, show results, EPDs and \$Values percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.

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.

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, 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.

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 *Angus Journal* Editor Shauna Hermel by Aug. 15. Biographies and photos submitted by the deadline will be published in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention in November. 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*.



Kansas to host NAC&T

The 2012 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) will be Oct. 3-5 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 for more details and registration materials as they become available, or contact the Activities Department.

Father's Day gift ideas

Don't forget Dad this year on Father's Day, June 17. Make shopping easy on yourself and fun for him by purchasing a gift from the Angus Foundation. A wide variety of items are available, including shirts, jackets, ties and hats. For a detailed listing and photo of each item, go to the online store at www.angusonline.org/store.

The Angus Foundation also has sets of the "Profitmaker" prints available. The set of four black-and-white pencil sketches is the work of Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy and is yours for \$100, payable to the Angus Foundation.

To order any of the items listed above, call the Angus Foundation or shop the online store at www.angusonline.org/store/.

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.

