



Association Highlights

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Apply for NJAA Ambassador Program

The National Junior Angus Association (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, 2013, of good standing and who own purebred cattle are eligible to

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

Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state or district at the 2013 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*. Both 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).

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15 for publication in the *Angus Journal*

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*.

Century Award applications due Sept. 1

The American Angus Association initiated

► 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		

the Century Award to recognize its members and their families who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for at least 100 years. The award recipients will be recognized at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet.

Visit www.angus.org to apply before the Sept. 1 deadline or for more information.

Order black books today

Place your order for 2014 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 2014 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 — 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. Print logos, text on the front and back of the tag and/or on the tag stud for a small fee. Neon green is a brand new visual tag color that is now available in every size.

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. The optional large stud for panel tags can be customized with a management number or a logo. Accessories available for purchase below retail price include applicators, markers and knives.

Added to The Tag Store this year are Allflex Repeater Syringes.

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.

Mark calendars for summer events

Members of the 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 “Aberdeen in Twenty Thirteen” will take place July 6-11 in Kansas City, Mo. 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 for the LEAD Conference, 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 player participation

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.

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 at www.angusfoundation.org.

Silent Auction to support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the

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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.

NAC&T planned in New York

The 2013 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) will be in New York Aug. 28-30, 2013. Albany, N.Y., will serve as the headquarters for the event, which will again be sponsored with the 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 and registration materials as they become available, or contact the Activities Department. www.nationalangusconference.com, an event website compiled by the *Angus Journal* staff, will be live with the 2013 information by June 1.

Building an Angus legacy!

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

The American Angus Association front entrance will be completely remodeled with black granite and red brick to match the historic building. Through 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.

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.

Father's Day gift ideas

Don't forget Dad on Father's Day, June 16. 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/.



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