



Association Highlights

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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 May 2011 *Angus Journal*.

NJAS television program airs Aug. 6



The American Angus Association will air a special edition of the *The Angus Report*, featuring the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The program will air Aug. 6 at 8:30 a.m. EST and includes a close-up of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and its members, and the role

of junior members in the future of the Angus breed.

Visit www.angus.org or check local listings as more information becomes available. RFD-TV is available on Dish Network channel 231, DirecTV channel 345 and through independent cable providers.

Delegate ballots due Aug. 14

The deadline to nominate state and district delegates for the Annual Convention of Delegates was June 30. Ballots used to vote for eligible nominees will be prepared and mailed mid-July to all active regular and life members.

All ballots must be received in the Association office by Tuesday, Aug. 14, to be counted. To ensure a valid ballot, vote for no more than the designated number of delegates listed at the top of the ballot and remember to sign the document.

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 129th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 12 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. If a delegate cannot attend, an alternate delegate can then attend and vote.

For more details on how to select the delegates to represent your state at the Annual Convention of Delegates, refer to “Will Your Ballot Count?” in the July 2011 *Angus Journal* (available via a back issue search at www.angusjournal.com/aj_backissues.html).

Fall NCE available

The fall 2012 *Sire Evaluation Report* and the updated expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values) from the latest national cattle evaluation (NCE) are now available. To view the latest *Sire Evaluation Report* online, go to www.angussiresearch.com. Printed copies are available upon request.

Contact the Association at 816-383-5100 for further details.

Download the Angus App

The Association 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 easy-to-navigate app and gain access to the latest news, sale reports, show

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		



results, EPDs and \$Values percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.

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.

See the insert in the July *Angus Journal*, visit www.nationalangusconference.com or contact the Activities Department for more details and registration materials.

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.

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

Boot Camp scheduled

Mark your calendar for an upcoming Cattlemen's Boot Camp, an educational



workshop geared toward beginning and advanced Angus producers.

The Boot Camp is scheduled for Sept. 28-29 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. The registration deadline is Sept. 4 and is \$75. The event is sponsored by the Angus Foundation. Visit www.angus.org for more information as it becomes available.

Herds of the century

The Association initiated 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, with an engraved plaque, notice will be given in the *Angus Journal* and a list will be maintained on the Association's website. Contact the Activities Department for more information or for applications. Awards will be presented during the Angus Banquet in Louisville, Ky.

Note junior deadlines

- ▶ The ownership deadline (process date) for the NAILE Junior Angus Show is Sept. 1.
- ▶ The ownership (process) date and entry deadline for the American Royal Junior Angus show is Sept. 10. Please note that late entries are never accepted.

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. Visit www.angus.digitaleventsonline.com to purchase your photos online or contact the Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information.

Consign bulls to the NWSS Bull Sale

The American Angus Association is now accepting consignments for the 2013 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Wednesday, Jan. 16, and producers can save \$50 by acting now.

Consignments received on or before Sept. 15 are \$400 per head. From Sept. 16 through the Oct. 1 entry deadline, the fee is \$450 per head. All consignments must have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information to be eligible.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2012, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale. The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for nonparent sires.

For more information contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846. For entry forms contact the Association at 816-383-5100.

Continue the legacy of your treasured cows

The Angus Foundation provides an opportunity to honor treasured cows while simultaneously supporting the future of the Angus breed. The Treasure Chest project is a fundraising project that allows the legacy of treasured cows to live on through other Angus youth, education and research efforts that the Angus Foundation supports.

Angus breeders can participate in the Treasure Chest project by donating the auction proceeds of a cull cow or cull cows to the Angus Foundation. Donors participating in Treasure Chest can choose to direct funds to one of the organization's priorities — education, youth or research — or make unrestricted contributions.

They can make checks payable to the Angus Foundation, or instruct their local sale barns to directly contribute proceeds to the Angus Foundation. Donations may be mailed to the Angus Foundation at 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

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.

