



Association Highlights

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Delegate ballots due Aug. 20

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

All ballots must be received in the Association office by Tuesday, Aug. 20, 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.

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).

Elected delegates will conduct Association business at the 130th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 18 during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. If a delegate cannot attend, an alternate delegate can then attend and vote.

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*.



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 from 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.

Final registration is due Aug. 1. Walk-ins are welcome as space permits.

Visit www.angus.org for more details, or contact the Activities Department.

Order black books today

Now is the time to place your order for the 2014 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® Genetic 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.

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 Genetic Department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

Books will be shipped by Oct. 15 — in

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
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| # | 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 | | |

time to distribute to customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

Century Awards applications due Sept. 1

The American Angus 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.

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

Note junior deadlines

- ▶ The ownership deadline (process date) for the NAILE Junior Angus Show is Sept. 15.
- ▶ 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 National Junior Angus Show, 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 2014 National Western Angus Bull Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The sale is set for Wednesday, Jan. 15, 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, 2013, 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.

Download the Angus App

Angus Mobile is a free, smartphone application for the iPhone, iPad and Android devices that allows app users to update herd data no matter where they are on their farm or



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ranch. Download the easy-to-navigate app and gain access to the latest news, sale reports, show results, EPDs and dollar value (\$Value) percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.

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.

Post Angus videos on your website

The American Angus Association has released its latest national advertisements focusing on the straightbred Angus advantage. Short video segments are available to post to state association or individual websites, free of charge. Watch the videos at www.angus.org or on YouTube by searching for “Angus means business.” Contact the

Public Relations and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

MaternalPlus

MaternalPlus is a voluntary, inventory-based reporting system designed to capture additional reproductive



trait data and, ultimately, expand reproductive and lifetime productivity tools. By using MaternalPlus, producers will receive additional information at weaning processing time, including calving ease, birth weight and weaning weight expected progeny differences (EPDs) for calves out of inventoried cows.

In addition, MaternalPlus allows producers to submit cow disposal codes and reason designations, which keeps an accurate record of why a cow left the herd.

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit www.angus.org or AAA Login.

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.



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