

Association Highlights

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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 scenic Kansas farm settings.

Final registration is due Sept. 10. Visit www.nationalangusconference.com or contact the Activities Department for more details. Registration is available online at <http://bit.ly/MZmtEx>.

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 expected progeny differences (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.

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.

NAILE entries due Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2012 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) this November, make sure your entries are in by Oct. 1. Premium sale books and entry forms for exhibitors are available by contacting the NAILE office at 502-595-3166. Entries may be mailed, submitted by fax at 502-367-5299 or submitted on the website at www.livestockexpo.org. Visa® and MasterCard® are accepted.

Note junior deadlines:

Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus 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		



Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

Make plans for 129th Annual Convention

The American Angus Association's 129th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 12, in Louisville, Ky. The Annual Meeting is conducted in conjunction with the NAILE and includes a Super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show.

The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will highlight the Annual Meeting. Elected delegates and other attendees will hear annual reports of the Association and its entities.

Angus events in Louisville begin Sunday, Nov. 11, with the junior Angus show and the open forum for candidates and delegates.

The ROV bull show and the Annual Convention will be Monday, Nov. 12. The Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the ROV female show. All events will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) or at the Crowne Plaza.

Look for a detailed schedule and additional information at www.angus.org as it becomes available.

Hotel options in Louisville

The Crowne Plaza, formerly the Executive West, will serve as Angus headquarters for the Annual Meeting and all related events, but rooms there are reserved for delegates, alternates, and Association officers and directors. Anyone who doesn't fall into one of those categories may want to make reservations at the Hampton Inn, where the Association also has a block of rooms reserved. Other nearby hotels located within walking distance of the Crowne Plaza and the KFEC include:

- Springhill Suites, 502-361-9009
- Comfort Inn & Suites, 502-375-2233
- Courtyard by Marriott, 502-368-5678
- Residence Inn by Marriott, 502-363-8800
- Howard Johnson's Express Inn, 502-363-9952
- Hampton Inn, 502-366-8100

Reserve Your Spot for Angus Foundation Event

Make plans to join the Angus Foundation on Saturday evening, Nov. 10, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville for its Supporter Recognition Event.

All Angus supporters who have contributed \$250 this fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2011-Sept. 30, 2012) to the Angus

Foundation will be invited to attend this donor recognition celebration. A special feature of the event will be announcements of major gifts throughout the year.

You can guarantee your reservation to the event by making your gift of \$250 or more by Sept. 30. Gifts can be made online by Visa or MasterCard. Visit www.angusfoundation.org and click "Donate Online" on the home page.

Your contribution, payable to the Angus Foundation, can also be mailed, postmarked by Sept. 30, to the Angus Foundation at 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. You may call 816-383-5100 to confirm your contribution level for this fiscal year.

Herds of the century

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 with an engraved plaque at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet, 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.

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Fall NCE available

The fall 2012 Sire Evaluation Report and the updated EPDs and dollar value indexes (\$Values) from the latest Angus 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 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 easy-to-navigate 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Request sale day kits

When planning your fall production sales, don't forget to request your sale day kit from the Association's Communications Department. The kits contain posters for decorating your sale facilities, as well as a sample of Association literature for you to distribute to your customers. Contact the Communications Department for your kit or order it online. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

