



# Association Highlights

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## NAILE entries due Oct. 1

If you plan to show at the 2013 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](http://www.livestockexpo.org). Visa® and MasterCard® are accepted.

## Note junior deadlines:

Sept. 15 is the ownership deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.

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

## Make plans for the 2013 Annual Convention in Louisville, Ky.

The American Angus Association's 130th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 18, 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. 17, with the junior Angus show and the open forum for candidates and delegates.

The open bull show and the Annual Convention will be Monday, Nov. 18. The Annual Banquet is that evening. Events conclude Tuesday with the open 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](http://www.angus.org) as it becomes available.

## 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](http://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		



## Hotel options in Louisville

The Crowne Plaza 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 Saturday evening, Nov. 16, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville for its Supporter Recognition Event.

All Angus supporters who have contributed \$250 this fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2012-Sept. 30, 2013) to the Angus Foundation will be invited to attend this donor recognition celebration. Special features of this year's event will be the announcements of significant major gifts

throughout the year and recognition of donors achieving the \$25,000 level or above since 1980 in the Angus Foundation's newly implemented Lifetime Giving recognition program.

The Angus Foundation will auction off an engraved granite planter to be displayed in the new walkway at the Association's headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. The proceeds raised will support the Foundation's efforts in education, research and youth.

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](http://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.

### **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 were due Aug. 1, but standard

orders can still be placed. Standard orders feature the Association's logo. To place orders, contact the AngusSource Genetic department at 816-383-5100 or [blackbooks@angus.org](mailto:blackbooks@angus.org).

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

### **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](http://www.angus.digitaleventsonline.com) to purchase your photos online or contact the Public Relations and Communications Department at [prphotos@angus.org](mailto: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

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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.

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

**Request your sale-day or field-day kit now**

Producers planning sales or 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 (PR) 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](http://www.angus.org) or on YouTube by searching for “Angus means business.” Contact the PR Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

