



Association Highlights

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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 North American International



Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and includes a super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus show, which is designated as the 2013 National Angus Show.

The election of officers and five members to the Association Board of Directors will be the highlight of 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.

See "Association to Host Annual Meeting," page 36, for more information.

2013 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell

Connealy Angus of Whitman, Neb., will donate the 2013 Angus Foundation Heifer to sell Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

The Connealys are offering the buyer of the 2013 Angus Foundation Heifer the pick of their entire 2012 spring crop of about 300 elite heifer calves. No heifers from this group will be sold until the buyer has chosen a heifer. Yearling and scan data on the heifers will be available to the buyer in February 2013.

Since 1980, more than \$1.5 million has been raised from the annual fundraising tradition to support education, youth and research programs for the benefit of the Angus breed.

Visit www.angusfoundation.org or turn to page 58 in this *Angus Journal* for more information about the 2013 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

Holiday shopping in Louisville

The Angus Foundation and the American Angus Auxiliary will again open the Holiday Room to Angus enthusiasts searching for holiday gifts or something special for their own home or office.

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 Holiday Room is located in the Crowne Plaza Hotel and is open daily beginning Saturday, Nov. 10, at noon, through Monday, Nov. 12, closing at 6 p.m.

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

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.

See page 273 in this *Angus Journal* to read the forward section of the sire summary, which includes "How to Read the Report," "Adjustment Factors to Estimate Across-breed EPDs," and more.

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



National Western deadline nears

Nov. 21 is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2013 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) ROV and junior Angus shows. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted.

For information about the NWSS, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will again nominate and sponsor an Association

member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2013 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Sponsorship and program nomination is granted to an active Association and NCBA member using an application process. Applications for the conference will be available Oct. 1 at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 7, 2013. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

2013 World Angus Forum

The Association is now taking names for the 2013 World Angus Forum in October 2013. A travel group will be coordinated for the American delegation for those interested in traveling to New Zealand for the Forum and the pre- and post-tours. For more information as it becomes available, call the Activities and Events Department at 816-383-5100.

Download the Angus App

The Association has recently launched Angus Mobile, a free smartphone application

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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.

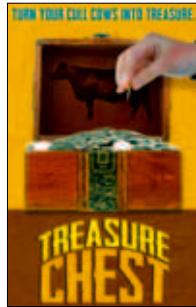
Hillhouse Angus to donate heifer proceeds to the Angus Foundation

Steve Hillhouse of Hillhouse Angus, LaGrange, Texas, is generously donating the proceeds of SJH New Day of 9011 1032 to the Angus Foundation. The February 2011 daughter of B/R New Day will sell at the Hillhouse Angus production sale Friday, Oct. 26, in Salado, Texas. She was bred to EXAR Upshot 0562B on April 4, 2012.

For those interested in this heifer offering to benefit Angus youth, education and research programs, contact Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, at 816-383-5100; Kenneth Altom, Hillhouse Angus manager, at 254-319-8298; or Parker Friedrich, Parker Friedrich Marketing and Consulting, at 254-413-2420.

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.



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