



Association Highlights

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126th Annual Convention scheduled

American Angus Association® members will gather Nov. 14-17, 2009, for the 126th Annual Convention of Delegates in Louisville, Ky. Delegates will convene in Louisville to elect officers and five new Directors to serve on the Association Board. The gathering also features other Angus-focused activities and events. (See NAILE Preview, page 50.)

I Am Angus featured

The Association continues to connect with its members and their customers. Recently, the Association's documentary series, *I Am Angus*, made its debut on *AgDay* and *U.S. Farm Report* on RFD-TV. The ongoing series will air most weekends, reaching more than

150 TV stations nationwide. The segments highlight the Angus breed by telling the personal stories of Angus producers from across the country.

Also, when you're tuning in to RFD-TV, watch for additional Angus coverage. Beginning this fall, commercials promoting the Angus breed will also debut.

Simplify herd management with AAA Login

If you use Angus genetics, you already know the value Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and Beef Record Service (BRS) creates for you and your customers. Do you know you can access this information and electronic registration certificates 24 hours a day, seven days a week?

Electronic access to herd information and reduced paperwork and postage means less wait and less worry.

AAA Login is a secure online service for seedstock producers with an Association member code and for commercial producers using Angus genetics who have an affiliate (non-member) code.

Taking advantage of AAA Login conveniently connects you to your herd data and helps you more efficiently process this information with the Association. Electronic access to herd information and reduced paperwork and postage means less wait and less worry, and more time for you to focus on other aspects of your operation.

A newer feature of AAA Login is the online calving book. This feature allows producers to keep track of calving records online, making it easier to submit performance records and other important data to the Association.

Also, if you require a printed registration certificate — for a sale or show — you can request one through your AAA Login profile.

Visit www.angus.org to create an AAA Login online profile using your member code or your affiliate code. If you already use AAA Login, remember that you can take advantage of this service for transfers and encourage your customers to use AAA Login as well.

Submit performance records by Nov. 6

The deadline to submit performance data for inclusion in the Spring 2010 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) is Friday, Nov. 6. Prompt submission of accurately gathered performance records is important for your herd and the breed.

Remember to include breeding records and temperament scores in addition to the typical growth and carcass information.

The fall 2009 deadline marks the first time data will be included for genomic-enhanced EPDs. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

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	\$30
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	NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
+	Embryo transfer calf	OS	Osteopetrosis
^	Cell clone	RD	Red
%	Split-ET	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
@	Clone-ET	SN	Syndactyly
AM	Arthrogryposis multiplex	WT	Wild type color gene
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DM	Double muscling	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism		
HG	Horn gene		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

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National Western junior show ownership and entry deadline Nov. 20

Nov. 20, 2009, is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2010 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) junior Angus heifer show. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted.

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

Angus Foundation event scheduled

On Saturday, Nov. 14, in Louisville, Ky., the Angus Foundation will host its 7th annual Supporter Recognition Event to recognize supporters contributing \$250 or more to the \$11 million fundraising campaign, Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus, during the 2009 fiscal year.

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.

The Holiday Room is located in the Crowne Plaza Hotel and is open daily beginning Saturday, Nov. 14, through



► Sinclair K Bty 8R102 E118 (+16027239)

Monday, Nov. 16. All Foundation sales benefit education, youth and research. The Auxiliary supports numerous programs, including beef promotion and youth education.

Sinclair Cattle Co. donates 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer

Jeff Ward and Duncan Smith, owners of Sinclair Cattle Co., Warfordsburg, Pa., will donate the 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer, selling in January at the NWSS.

Sinclair K Bty 8R102 E118 is the heifer chosen to represent the Sinclair program. A January 2008 daughter of RR Rito 707, this outstanding female descends from the legendary N-Bar herd on her maternal side.

For more information about the heifer package log onto www.angusfoundation.org, contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100, or visit with any regional manager.

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 beef industry and 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 2010 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) will be available Oct. 1, 2009, on the Angus Foundation web site, at www.angusfoundation.org, and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 8, 2010.

Sponsorship by the Foundation covers flight costs and registration fees. Incidental costs and meals are not covered by the Foundation sponsorship.

Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

