



Association Highlights

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National Western deadline nears

Nov. 20 is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2014 National

Western Stock Show (NWSS) Roll of Victory (ROV) and junior Angus shows. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted.

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

Request sale-day kits

When planning your fall production sales, don't forget to request your sale-day kit from the Association's Public Relations and Communications (PR) 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 PR Department for your kit or order it online. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

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 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and includes a super-point 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 as it becomes available.

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:

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.

Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire
+	Embryo transfer calf
^	Cell clone
%	Split-ET
@	Clone-ET

The American Angus Association currently recognizes the following genetic conditions:

Code	Meaning
AM	Arthrogryposis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism
DD	Developmental duplication
DM	Double muscling
DW	Dwarfism
HG	Horn gene
HI	Heterochromia irides
M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
OS	Osteopetrosis
RD	Red gene
SN	Syndactyly
WT	Wild type color gene

The following single-letter descriptors appearing after a genetic condition code shall have the following meaning:

- P – refers to a "potential" carrier based on an ancestor known to carry that specific mutation.
- F – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be "free" of that specific mutation.
- C – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a "carrier" of that specific mutation.
- A – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a carrier of two copies of that specific mutation. It may or may not exhibit the phenotype associated with that genetic condition.

The following letter designations describe cases in which there is more than one genetic condition present:

- XF – Free of more than one genetic condition.
- XC – Carrier of more than one genetic condition.
- XA – Affected of more than one genetic condition.
- RTF – Recessive trait free (produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect).

- ▶ 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

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. 16.

2014 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell

Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., will donate the 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell January 2014 at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo. The chosen female is EXAR Royal Lass 2068 (AAA Registration No. 17160657), born Jan. 8, 2012, and sired by EXAR Upshot 0562B. Royally bred, 2068 is the maternal granddaughter of the now-deceased, record-setting calving-ease sire EXAR 263C and the dam of BR Midland, BR Royal Lass 7036-19.

The 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer is bred to Sitz Top Game 561X and is due to calve Feb. 13, 2014.

Since 1980, more than \$1.6 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 watch for future issues of the *Angus Journal* for more information about the 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

I Am Angus® airs this winter

I Am Angus® focuses on the heart of the Angus business — its people, its heritage and why people have chosen to be a part of it.

Initiated in 2008, the Association-produced documentary series continues this fall and winter. The program is set to air Nov. 28 on RFD-TV. Subsequent episodes are planned for Dec. 5, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Visit www.angus.org to watch previous episodes.

“There are countless people across the country and around the world whose lives are defined by producing quality Angus beef for consumers,” says Eric Grant, Association PR director.

The program provides an avenue to show the commitment producers and others have made to raising quality beef.

“Consumers today are seeking a

connection with the people who raise food,” Grant says. “*I Am Angus* allows that to happen; for us to put our best foot forward.”

For more information or to watch segments from past shows, visit www.angus.org.

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 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 conference are available at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 10, 2014. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The seventh annual Beef Leaders Institute

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(BLI) is scheduled for June. Applications are now being accepted. BLI is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a resource to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry now and in the future.

The Association and the Angus Foundation will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online or by contacting the Activities Department. March

1 is the application deadline. Call 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 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. Recent enhancements to MaternalPlus allow enrollees to access genetic trend information for their herd, a cow age distribution report and a detailed production performance report.

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

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, EPDs and \$Values, percentiles, and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.

