



Association Highlights

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Make plans for National Western

Angus activities at the 107th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., take place Jan. 14-19, 2013, with hundreds of entries expected for the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) show on the Hill, and the carload and pen shows in the Yards. Doug Parrett, Champaign, Ill., will evaluate open show entries. Paul Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, will judge the junior show, while a

three-judge panel comprised of Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Rob Thomas, Baker City, Ore.; and John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; will evaluate the pen and carload shows.

For complete show results, visit www.angus.org/showresults, which may also be accessed through mobile phones, depending on phone capabilities.

Make plans to attend Angus Night on the Mountain II

Angus enthusiasts are welcome to attend Angus Night on the Mountain II Jan. 16, 2013. The event will be hosted by Tom and



Lois Ames at their beautiful Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in conjunction with the NWSS.

Spruce Mountain Ranch will open its facilities to guests who wish to drive out early at 3 p.m., but bus transportation will be provided beginning at 5:30 p.m. to take guests to the ranch from the NWSS Complex and Denver Marriott City Center Hotel. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a live auction that includes various experiences and vacation packages to benefit the Angus Foundation, as well as 15 lots of elite Angus genetics by Spruce Mountain Ranch.

The Angus Foundation is looking forward to making Angus Night on the Mountain II a successful event just like the one hosted in 2012. The event is free and open to anyone. Log on to www.angusfoundation.org for more information.

Visit with Association staff in Denver

All Angus producers attending the NWSS are encouraged to stop by the Association's Listening Post in the Yards.

Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff members will be available daily to visit with producers about Association programs and the cattle industry. Be sure to stop by to chat and have a cup of coffee.

2012 Annual Report available upon request

The 2012 *American Angus Association Annual Report* is now available. The report features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2012, which ended Sept. 30, 2012. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available upon request by contacting 816-383-5100 or Imaudlin@angus.org.

'The \$75,000 Card Challenge' Extended

The Angus Foundation and Intrust Bank have announced "The \$75,000 Card

► 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
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| # | 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 | Arthrogyrosis 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 | | |

Challenge” has been extended to include a second phase through Dec. 31, 2012.

For every new and activated American Angus Association Platinum Visa® booked, Intrust Bank will make a \$100 donation to the Angus Foundation to help support Angus education, youth and research programs. Most people use a credit card anyway, and by simply opening a new credit card account and activating that card with \$100 in purchases, Angus producers and other Angus enthusiasts are making an easy contribution to support the future of the breed.

The first phase of the challenge, which took place Jan. 1 through June 30, 2012, generated 199 new credit card accounts. Intrust Bank presented the Angus Foundation a check for \$20,000 for this first phase accomplishment during the National Angus Conference & Tour in October. If 300 new accounts are opened and activated by Dec. 31, Intrust Bank will make an additional \$25,000 contribution to the Angus Foundation.

Log on to www.angusfoundation.org and click “Angus Credit Card Application” for more information and to participate.

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 NWSS in Denver, Colo.

The Connealys are offering the buyer of the 2013 Angus Foundation Heifer the pick of their 2012 spring crop of elite heifer calves. 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 watch for future issues of the *Angus Journal* for more information about the 2013 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

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 now available 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.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2013 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will also make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have at one time been a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate

and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

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 tour before and after. For more information as it becomes available, call the Activities and Events Department at 816-383-5100.

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, expected progeny differences (EPDs) and dollar value indexes (\$Values), percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.

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Still time for end-of-the-year charitable gifts

Charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation in support of its education, youth and research programs are appreciated regardless of the time of year the gift is made by the donor. Oftentimes, however, charitable giving decisions are made at year-end once an individual or couple knows their income tax situation for that respective calendar (tax) year.

Feel free to make your gift this year through the Angus Foundation's annual fund appeal you received recently, or the envelope insert in our organization's enclosed 2012 Annual Report *Faces of Progress*.

As a reminder, one should pay special attention to timing when it comes to year-end gifts. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, 501(c)(3) charities such as the Angus Foundation will recognize the U.S. Postal Service's postmark denoted on the outside of the carrier envelope used by the donor in transmitting the gift to the charity.

In order to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash gifts, this means your gift

must be personally delivered or mailed to the Angus Foundation in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Gifts can also be made online at www.angusfoundation.org.

Angus gifts available for the holidays

Still looking for the perfect holiday gift for the Angus buff on your list? Shopping online at www.angusonline.org/store offers many options.

A variety of items — complete with photos, descriptions and prices — are available on the site and may be purchased online with a Visa or MasterCard.®

If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Association at 816-383-5100.

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 or on YouTube by searching for "Angus means business." Contact the Public Relations and

Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more information.

Important junior information

A comprehensive mailing will be mailed to Angus juniors next month, including show schedules, rules and entry forms. This booklet will include all regional preview shows, regional shows, and National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference information.

The information will also be available online at www.njaa.info.

Angus internship, scholarship applications being accepted

The American Angus Association, Angus Foundation and CAB are offering several opportunities this winter for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association and branded beef program.

Available internships offer goal-oriented students an opportunity to build upon writing, editing, photography and organizational abilities while developing

knowledge of agriculture and the beef industry. Deadlines, requirements and application details for the paid internships are available online at www.angus.org.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The sixth annual Beef Leaders Institute (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.

***I Am Angus* airs this winter**

I Am Angus focuses on the heart of the Angus cattle business — its people, their

heritage and why they've chosen to be in the Angus business. The video series explores each sector's stake in the Angus breed and beef business, our Angus heritage and how animal agriculture remains relevant today.

Initiated in 2008, the Association-produced documentary series continues this fall and winter across America. The program is set to air Dec. 3 on RFD-TV. Subsequent programs are planned for Dec. 27, Jan. 3 and March 7. 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 director of communications and public relations.

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

"Consumers today are craving 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.


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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