



Association Highlights

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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 2014 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.

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.

| Symbol | Meaning |
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| # | 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).

Make plans for National Western

Angus activities at the 108th National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., take place Jan. 13-18, 2014, 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. Jarold Callahan, Yukon, Okla., will evaluate open show entries. Joel Cowley, Richmond, Texas, will judge the junior show, while a three-judge panel comprising Paul Bennett, Red House, Va.; Chad Ellingson, Saint Anthony, N.D.; and Darrell Hansen, Elk Grove, Calif., 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. A schedule and photos of award winners and newly elected directors will also be available online at www.angus.org.

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 to have a cup of coffee.

2013 Annual Report available upon request

The *2013 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 2013, which ended Sept. 30, 2013. It is available online at www.angus.org. Printed reports are available upon request by contacting 816-383-5100 or lmudlin@angus.org.

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 NWSS 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. Rolly bred, 2068 is the maternal granddaughter of the now deceased record-setting \$263,000 in 2009 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 check the October issue of the *Angus Journal* for more information about the 2014 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.



Make plans to attend Angus Night on the Mountain

Angus enthusiasts are welcome to attend Angus Night on the Mountain Jan. 15, 2014. 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 and 2014 National Junior Angus Show, as well as several lots of elite Angus genetics by Spruce Mountain Ranch.

The event is free and open to anyone. Log on to www.angusfoundation.org for more information.

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 the organization's *2013 Annual Report*.

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.

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, *Angus Journal* and CAB are offering several opportunities this summer 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, in addition to scholarship opportunities also offered.

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 across America. The program

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Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle

Read all about it!

Get the latest in reproduction, nutrition and genetics at www.appliedreprostrategies.com

the *Angus Journal's* online coverage site for the 2013 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) symposium. The meeting is hosted by these sponsors:



<http://beefrepro.unl.edu/>



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is set to air Dec. 5 on RFD-TV. Subsequent episodes are planned for 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 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 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.

Applications now accepted for Beef Leaders Institute

The seventh 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.

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 indexes (\$Values), percentiles and much more. Visit www.angus.org for more details.



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 PR Department at 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.

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



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.

