



Association Highlights

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Performance information due June 5

June 5 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates data for the Fall 2009 *Sire Evaluation Report*. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

Performance information can be submitted through AAA Login, Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) or via conventional mail, e-mail or fax. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100.

Continue to report abnormal calves

At the request of David Steffen of the University of Nebraska, the American Angus Association is asking members to be on the lookout for two separate and distinct types of

calves, specifically (1) any calves with severe hydrocephalus and (2) any calves displaying characteristics of a condition referred to as fawn calf syndrome (FCS). The Association's web site, www.angus.org, includes postings and photos of these conditions, and anyone who has calves born with these abnormalities should contact Don Laughlin, director of member services, at 816-383-5100 or dlaughlin@angus.org.

Plan now for summer field days

Now is the time to plan for the upcoming summer field days that you may be hosting at your farm or ranch. The Association's communications team offers a field day planner complete with a timeline and checklist of preparatory activities to make your event a success. In addition, the Association will help you publicize your event if hosted on behalf of a local, state or regional Angus association.

A packet of information and posters to display and distribute at your event are available. Contact the Communications Department at 816-383-5100 for more details.

Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state at the 2009 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, set for Monday, Nov. 16, in Louisville, Ky.

Each active Association member should have received a nomination petition in the mail and may nominate one member from his or her state or district. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members this summer for the final selection of delegates.

Signed nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30 to be included on the final ballot. Remember, if your membership has expired or will expire in May or June, renew now. Only current members can be placed on the ballot. Details of the entire election process can be found in Article III of the Association's *Breeder's Reference Guide*, which was mailed with the March *Angus Journal* and is available online at www.angus.org.

It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

Order black books now

Now is the time to place your order for the 2010 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a 2010 calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The books make a great promotional tool or gift for your commercial bull buyers. You can custom-order your books for \$3 each to include your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover. Custom orders require a 100-book minimum order. If you would like to order smaller quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover, those are available for \$3 each.

BioZyme, through the Angus Foundation, is a major partner in the production of these books, and a VitaFerm® ad will appear on the inside front cover, which reduces book costs

► 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.

► BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	HI	Heterochromia irides
+	Embryo transfer calf	HG	Horn gene
^	Cell clone	R	Red
%	Split-ET	X	Multiple defects, check list for kind
@	Clone-ET	F	Tested for defect printed without producing abnormal calves
S	Syndactyly	RTF	Produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a simple recessive genetic defect or genetic factor
H	Double muscling	WT	Wild Type Color Gene
D	Dwarfism		
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test		
M	Osteopetrosis		

to producers. Custom orders must be placed by July 15.

To place orders, contact Kristin Toll, the BRS/AngusSource black book representative, at 816-383-5100 or send e-mail to ktoll@angus.org.

Books will be shipped to you by Nov. 15 — just in time to distribute to your customers during the fall marketing and holiday seasons.

Juniors should note deadlines

A summer full of junior Angus activities is first preceded by many deadlines for entries, contests and awards.

- ▶ May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.

June 1 deadlines include:

- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)
- ▶ Entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) writing, photography and graphic design contests
- ▶ Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Bee*® (CAB®) Cook-Off
- ▶ Ownership deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show

Other important deadlines include:

- ▶ June 10, NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines due; and
- ▶ June 15 deadline for submitting names of state candidates and delegates for NJAA elections and early Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) registration.

Make note of these and other approaching deadlines, as no late entries are accepted for any reason. For more information contact the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njaa.info.

Juniors, submit entries online

Junior members can save time this spring by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to www.njaa.info and provide the necessary information, including a Visa® or MasterCard® number to cover entry and bedding fees. Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail. No late entries are accepted for any reason.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer or steer to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadlines for a specific show are fast approaching, the Association can help. Contact the American Angus Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will

be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Also, all original registration papers are needed at shows to verify the animal's tattoo. If you store your papers electronically, be sure to request the paper copy before leaving home to attend the show.

LEAD goes to the West Coast

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being an NJAA member. One event that allows members to do just that is the NJAA LEAD Conference set for Aug. 6-9 in San Francisco, Calif.

All juniors 14 to 21 years old are encouraged to attend the conference "The Golden Gate to Opportunity." Juniors will experience the agricultural diversity of California while building new friendships and developing leadership skills.

Conference space is limited, so reserve your space now. Early registration for juniors is \$200 before June 15; after that it increases to \$225. Registration for advisors and chaperones is \$250. Registration and release forms are available in the green NJAA information packets that were mailed to all junior members earlier this year.

Tee Up for 9th Annual Golf Tournament

The ninth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 21, at Houston Lake Country Club, Perry, Ga., in conjunction with the NJAS. This event provides an opportunity for Angus enthusiasts of all ages to join together in a day of fun and recreation while raising money to support the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research programs.

Player entry fees will again be \$100 for adults and \$75 for junior Angus members. Player registrations must be received by June 30. A player late fee of \$10 will be applied to players registering after June 30.

Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. For more information about signing up a team contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Auction will support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Perry, Ga. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

