



Association Highlights

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June 5 is deadline for submitting performance information

June 5 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates the values published in the *Fall 2009 Sire Evaluation Report*. It's essential 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.

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, which includes 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 Inc., 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 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.

Continue to report abnormal calves

The American Angus Association is asking members to continue 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.

Delegate nominations due this month

You have just a few weeks to nominate delegates to represent your state at the 126th American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, which is set for Nov. 16 in Louisville, Ky.

Each Association member may nominate one member. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members for the final selection of delegates. Nominations must be received in the Association office by June 30.

Nomination forms received after June 30 are not eligible to be placed on the ballots. Only active members can nominate or be nominated. If your membership is due to expire, please be sure that it is paid before June 30. Nominations of expired memberships cannot be placed on the ballots.

Ballots will be mailed by mid-July and must be received in the Association office no later than Aug. 18.

Candidate résumés due Aug. 15

Those Association members who have expressed an interest in seeking a position on the Board of Directors should submit their biographies and a photo to *Angus Journal* Associate Editor Crystal Albers by Aug. 15. All biographies and photos submitted by

ASSOCIATION FEES

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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. 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	HG	Horn gene
+	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
DM	Double muscling	XC	Carrier of more than 1 defect
DW	Dwarfism	XF	Free of more than 1 defect
D2	Dwarfism by DNA test		
HI	Heterochromia irides		

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the deadline will run in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention in November.

National Junior Angus Show approaching fast

Make your plans now to attend the 2009 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), "Sweet Southern Showdown," July 19-25 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Ga. This event showcases the youth of our breed and activities of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). It is the largest event the Association coordinates during the year, and it is well worth your time if you've never attended.

The Georgia Angus and Junior Angus associations will host the four days of cattle shows and more than a dozen educational contests for junior members 9-21 years old. A highlight of the week's activities this year is the special entertainment that the Georgia breeders have planned for opening ceremonies. Award-winning country music act Lady Antebellum will energize the group on Monday evening.



Juniors will exhibit heifers, bulls, cow-calf pairs and steers. There is a carcass contest with special emphasis on meeting *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) product specifications.

Angus youth will participate in public speaking, poster design, creative writing, graphic design, photography and state junior association scrapbook contests. Rules for all of the contests are available online at www.njaa.info.

State showmanship winners will compete for national honors at the 43rd National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Another highlight for the week is the 26th annual Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

Delegates from state junior associations will elect six new directors to the NJAA Board.

LEAD Conference set in California

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 annual NJAA Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (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 have the opportunity to make new Angus

friends, enhance leadership skills and tour the diverse agricultural sites of California.

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.

Juniors should note new ownership terminology

Juniors participating in shows and concerned with ownership deadlines should take note. Beginning July 1, registration certificates will have a new look and some new wording. Ownership is currently based on the issue date listed on the bottom of the paper; beginning July 1, ownership will be based on process date.

The Association has made every attempt to inform state fairs and shows of this change. Please contact the Association if you have questions.

Father's Day gift ideas

Don't forget Dad this year on Father's Day, June 21. Make shopping easy on yourself and fun for him by purchasing a gift from the

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Angus Foundation. A wide variety of items are available, including shirts, jackets, ties and brand new caps. For a detailed listing and photos of each item, go to the online store at www.angusonline.org/store.

With a new line of ties being developed, there are only a few of the limited-edition Angus ties left. Get yours today.

The Angus Foundation also has sets of the “Profitmaker” prints available. The set of four black-and-white pencil sketches is the work of Angus artist Frank Champion Murphy and is yours when you donate \$100 to the Angus Foundation.

To order any of the items listed above, call the Angus Foundation or shop the online store at www.angusonline.org/store/.

Tee up for 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.

Silent Auction will support Angus 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.

A featured item in this year’s auction is a limited-edition 2008 “Vision of Value” Angus bull bronze specially commissioned for “That Old West Magic” Fundraising Gala and Auction. Donated by an anonymous patron, this is a unique second opportunity to own one of these gorgeous bronze bulls.

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.

