



Association Highlights

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Nominate advisors and Honorary Angus Foundation recipients

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA)

Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100. Nominations for both honors are due to the Junior Activities Department by March 1.

The 2013 Annual Report available

The 2013 American Angus Association Annual Report features the business, progress and activities of the Association and its entities for fiscal year (FY) 2013, which ended Sept. 30, 2013. It is available online at www.angus.org.

Printed reports are available upon request by contacting the Public Relations and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or lmaudlin@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.

B is the designated letter for permanent ID in 2014

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification

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 arachnodyctyly
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).

(ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, B001 and B002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2014. International letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For complete information about permanent ID and naming animals, visit www.angus.org, and click on "Rules and Forms" to access Part 4 of the online *Breeder's Reference Guide*.

Summer internship deadline Feb. 5

The Association offers internship opportunities for college students hoping to further their education and gain valuable real-world experience with the world's leading beef cattle association. Applications are due Feb. 5, 2014.

The **American Angus Association's Activities & Events Department** is offering an internship focused on event planning to a college sophomore, junior or senior who has agricultural interests. The internship will provide a highly organized, detail-oriented college student the opportunity to gain real-world experience planning and implementing educational and social events for the Association membership. The qualified candidate should be available to start the position on or before June 1, 2014. Some travel is likely. To apply, send a cover letter, résumé and references to Robin Ruff, director of activities, events and education, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506, or email rruff@angus.org.

The **Association Junior Activities Department** is offering college sophomores, juniors or seniors the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of junior shows and leadership events, and gain experience in Association work. Applicants must be enrolled in an agriculture-related major. Applicants may send a cover letter, résumé and references to Jaclyn Upperman, director of junior activities, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information contact Upperman at 816-383-5100 or jupperman@angus.org.

The **Association's Public Relations and Communications (PR) Department** is now accepting applications from college juniors or seniors studying communications, agricultural communications or a related field. Applicants with strong writing, editing and design backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Photography experience and an understanding of video and social media would be an asset in this fast-paced internship. Travel is likely. To apply for the PR internship, send a cover letter, résumé,

references and samples to Jena McReil, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information contact McReil at 816-383-5100 or jmcreil@angus.org.

The **Angus Journal** offers a college student the opportunity to be part of the editorial team of various publications. The writing-intensive internship offers the selected intern an opportunity to participate in producing various publications, including the *Angus Journal*, the *Angus Journal* digital replica, the *Angus Beef Bulletin* (ABB), the *ABB EXTRA*, the *Angus Journal Daily*, editorial websites, and social media efforts. To apply, send a cover letter, résumé and writing samples to Shauna Hermel, editor, *Angus Journal*, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. For more information, contact Hermel at 816-383-5270 or shermel@angusjournal.com.

The internships span approximately mid-May to mid-August, with specific starting and ending dates depending on the applicant's availability.

Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Applications are available at www.angusauxiliary.com. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are listed online.



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 2014 NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind.

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 an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the 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.

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Junior entry packets mailed

All junior members who are 9 years old and older should receive the green entry booklet in the mail this month. It contains a calendar of events and deadlines, as well as complete show rules and entry forms for the regional preview shows and the NJAS. It also contains information about the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference and Raising the Bar.

If you have not received your booklet, please contact the Junior Activities Department.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer that he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines. If a deadline is fast approaching and you haven't received the transferred registration, the Association can help.

Contact the 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.

Note these junior deadlines

- Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 7-9 in Harrisonburg, Va.
- March 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be April 18-19 in Reno, Nev.
- March 1 is also the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.

Visit www.angus.org/njaa for more information and deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

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



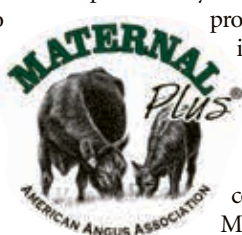
Post Angus videos on your website

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 Public Relations and Communications 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, read the "By The Numbers" and "Login Lowdown" columns in this issue or 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.

