



Association Highlights

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Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are being made for the 2014 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Kansas City, Mo. Forms to nominate delegates to the Annual Meeting

will be mailed to every active life and regular Association member during the last week of March.

The nomination period is April 1-June 30. Each member is allowed to nominate one

eligible active life or regular member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself. The candidate should be highly involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office no later than June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

Sire Evaluation Report released

The printed version of the *Spring 2014 Sire Evaluation Report* is now available. Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the report will receive it automatically. Other members and commercial producers who want a printed report should request it via email or by calling the Association. All requests should be submitted to Brenda Weigart at bweigart@angus.org or 816-383-5144.



Report new association, auxiliary officers

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer listings to the Association Public Relations and Communications Department by May 1 to ensure correct listings on www.angus.org.

Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and website, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact the PR and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or prphotos@angus.org.

State auxiliary information is also requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

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).

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 also listed online. For more information, contact Lynne Hinrichsen, American Angus Auxiliary president-elect and scholarship chairman, at rlangus@bluevalley.net.

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 National Junior Angus Show (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 a National Junior Angus Association (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.

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 events, deadlines

- ▶ May 1:
 - Gold Award applications
 - Outstanding Leadership Award applications
 - Ownership and entry for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
 - Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and Angus Foundation scholarship applications
 - Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 15:
 - Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

- Ownership and entry deadline for The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show
- Entries for the NJAS writing, photography, creative writing and graphic design contests due
- Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off
- ▶ May 22-25:
 - Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, MD

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► May 25:

- NJAA Career Development Contest résumés and public speaking contest speech outlines due
- Late entry deadline for the NJAS (online only)

► June 1:

- NJAA Board applications due
- State delegate names for NJAA election due
- State names for NJAS showmanship contest due

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

Purchase Angus photos online

While in the showing or covering Angus events, Association staff capture thousands of photos throughout the year. Candid photographs, backdrop images and others can be found online through a special photo website (photo.angus.org). The Association recently released new prices and offers digital downloads, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, keychains and more.

For more information, contact the PR Department at prphotos@angus.org or 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 (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*.

Black Books available today

Place your order for the 2014 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® Genetic black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

The 2014 books are available in any quantity for \$3 each. The books make great promotional gifts to commercial customers. Standard orders feature the Association’s logo.

To place orders, contact the AngusSource Genetic department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

Request your sale day or field day kit now

Producers with late spring sales or those planning summer field days at their operations should plan now by requesting a sale day kit or field day planner and kit from the Public Relations and Communications Department. The kits include educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

All materials should be requested at least two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination.

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 and \$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, visit www.angus.org or AAA Login.

