



Login Lowdown

by Kasey Miller, associate editor

Current Calf Inventory

A few weeks ago, your Angus Journal staff covered the Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) symposium in Sioux Falls, S.D. Actually, the conference inspired the theme to this month's issue. While we were there, one of the presenters, John Moes of Moes Ranch and Moes Feedlot LLC, Florence, S.D., said, "You can't keep enough records. You really have to push the pencil to what we're looking at anymore."

Convenience

Keeping records straight is a convenient side effect of using AAA Login. AAA Login lets you keep your records in one place accessible online and via your smartphone, thanks to the free Angus Mobile app. With spring calving season in full swing, the Current Calf Inventory keeps track of your calf crop's records, especially the records of unregistered calves.

This feature was developed as a way for producers to access the records of calves after submitting calving book records and before weaning. You can also view these records in Produce of Dam, but the Current Calf Inventory is an even easier way to view the current calf crop's information, says Chris Stallo, assistant director of information systems at the American Angus Association.

He notes that users can access that calf's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) information and drill into the pedigree for the sire and the dam on the search results.

Search results can also be exported into Excel for custom data sorting.

"The original request came from an Angus Mobile user — he added the Calving Book through the app and checked out his cart (the calves were unregistered). We processed the calves and put them in the database, but there was no way for him to view the unregistered calves in the

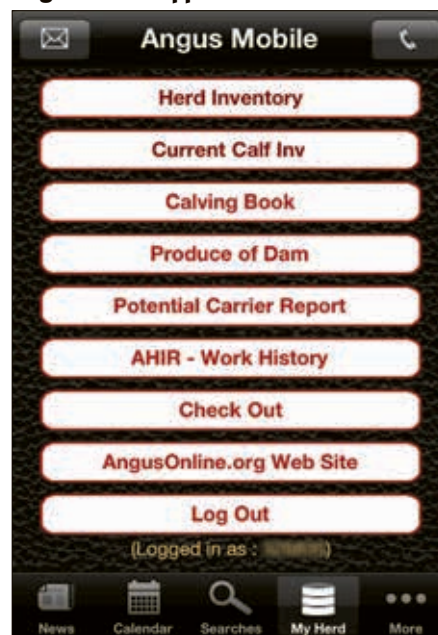
Angus Mobile app because we only had the Registered Herd Inventory option at the time. Now this option is on www.angusonline.org/mobile and in the Angus Mobile app (see Fig. 1)," explained Lou Ann Adams, director of Association information systems.

Location

The Current Calf Inventory is accessible from the main page once signed into AAA Login. It's the fifth on the list, just under Registered Herd Inventory (see Fig. 2). You can search for calves by registration number,



Fig. 1: View of Current Calf Inventory on Angus Mobile app



birth year, tattoo/tag and animal set (see Fig. 3). From there, you can drill into more information per calf, including dam and sire information, as well as AHIR data (see Fig. 4).

Moes was right when he said that you can never keep too many records. Calving season can be hectic with late-night checks and rough weather. You can enter the calf's data into Calving Book online or on your smartphone through the app. Current Calf Inventory lets you access the data anywhere you go, even if your calves aren't registered yet.

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Fig. 2: Where to find Current Calf Inventory on AAA Login



Fig. 3: Sorting options for calf information

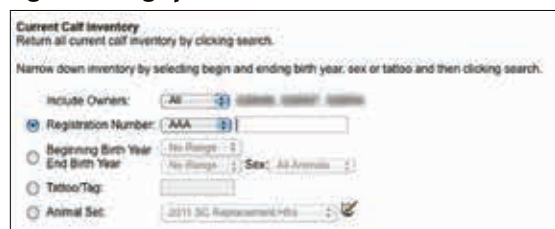


Fig. 4: Information available on calves in Current Calf Inventory

