



# Login Lowdown

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## Troubleshooting

*The Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show is a great time for Angus breeders, commercial cattlemen and American Angus Association staff to get together as a meeting of the minds. The Innovation Workshops Tuesday afternoon allowed Angus cattlemen to learn more about Association resources from the staff who work with them. Chris Stallo, Association vice president of operations, explained AAA Login and troubleshooted a few issues for members. This month's column will recap the helpful tips he presented.*

### Handy tips

The AAA Login website had an overhaul of its layout this summer (for more information on the new layout, see the "Login Lowdown" in the September issue, [www.angusjournal.com/articlepdf/login-lowdown-09.15.pdf](http://www.angusjournal.com/articlepdf/login-lowdown-09.15.pdf)). Breeders are still getting used to it, Stallo admitted, though the new layout more closely resembles those used on mobile devices. However,

the changes haven't stopped 8,107 Angus breeders from logging in during the 60 days before convention, with a total of 125,757 logins performed and 13,959 acts of business handled.

There are 15,954 total members with an AAA Login account. Stallo reported that in fiscal year 2015, AAA Login accounted for 168,037 registrations, 53,382 transfers, 155,930 weaning weights, and 73,811 yearling

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weights submitted. These online submissions account for 52.45% of registrations, 33.35% of transfers, 49.42% of weaning weights, and 47.61% of yearling weights.

Stallo offered insight into new features and troubleshooted some issues for session attendees.

- Helpful bubbles appear over the six tiles on the main page explaining each section, though breeders can click the "Do not show bubble help text" once they are familiar with the site if the bubbles annoy them.
- The "Registration/Transfer" page now has online entry options and spreadsheet offline entry options easily accessible for registrations, registration correction, transfers and request printed registration paper.
- Blue links on entry forms mean they have helpful tips available if you click them.
- Accounts can be linked together. For instance, two siblings with linked accounts could authorize bull codes. For example, if a brother uses his sister's bull and the accounts are linked, he can enter the sister's member code in the Bull Permit box and then select immediate family member in the Permit Type box. Additionally, animal sets can be made with animals from all of the linked accounts.
- It is possible to make a default preference to include cattle of all member codes that are linked. This can be done in edit preferences in the "My Account" tab.
- Custom reports now include Pathfinder® status, notes, genomic status, parentage SNPs, owner information, oculocutaneous hypopigmentation (OH) status and cow data search options.
- MaternalPlus now has tutorial videos for enrollment and more.

Stallo encouraged questions, suggestions or feedback to be directed to [aaalogin@angus.org](mailto:aaalogin@angus.org) or by calling 816-383-5100.

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