



# Login Lowdown

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## Electronic storage

*Are you a fan of clutter? I'm not sure anyone is, but sometimes life gets in the way of organizing paperwork. I enjoy learning new tips to keep things neat and organized. I've been debating using electronic versions to organize some of my conference notes (I still enjoy taking notes by hand in my notebooks) or maybe scanning business cards I've received.*

*As Angus breeders, you have a way to keep your registration papers; weaning, yearling and ultrasound summaries; and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) clutter-free by storing them electronically. Here are some of the benefits.*

### Benefits

Lou Ann Adams, director of Association Information Systems, says electronic storage saves time and money. During a busy sale season, that is hard to beat.

"By storing the registration certificates electronically, producers can take advantage of transferring the animals electronically. If they aren't stored electronically, they have to fill out the form and mail it to the Association before it can be processed," Adams explains.

It also helps with registration corrections. If you find a necessary correction, you can make those corrections yourself in AAA Login if the papers are stored electronically. This makes the correction much quicker. You wouldn't have to mail in the registration

certificate and wait for it to go through the mail both to and from your home.

If you show your cattle, Jaelyn Clark, director of Association events and education, says you can use your smartphone to pull up the papers at check-in. However, the tattoo will be checked if the registration paper is at home, even if the paper itself has been stamped. She does recommend bringing the hard copy of the registration papers to the

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National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) because it helps move 750 exhibitors with 1,200 head of cattle through the check-in line more quickly.

A nice feature of electronic storage is that you can choose to store all documents electronically, but you are still able to request hard copies for specific animals, like show animals. To get a paper certificate, you can choose "Request Printed Registration Paper" within the "Manage Herd" tab, then within "My Herd."

In the registration process, you can also choose to override the electronic preference on certain animals.

### Making the switch

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If you decide you want to store your papers electronically, Adams says you can mail in all of your paper certificates and get them converted to electronic storage at no charge.

To change your settings for future registrations, you can click the "My Account" button on the AAA Login home page. The third option from the bottom, "Registration Certificate Storage Preference," will let you check for electronically stored registration certificates by member code.

Additionally, within the "My Account" tab, the last option is "Report Preferences." This screen will let you customize which AHIR reports you want electronically, including weaning/yearling summaries, sire summary tag order, sire summary sire order, sire average progeny ratios and ultrasound barn worksheets; and ultrasound summaries, including tag order, sire averages, dam averages and sire order.

As always, there is a video to show where these options are on the website. It is available at <https://youtu.be/YLCOVJEVhJg>. Reducing clutter is often easier said than done, but AAA Login can help.

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