

# Online Registration Proves Easy for Angus Breeders

Here's how to register an animal online.

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As Angus breeders become more computer-savvy in their day-to-day endeavors, they can use their computer skills to register Angus cattle online with the American Angus Association. With the AAA Login service, breeders can register cattle 24 hours a day, seven days a week by means of the Internet.

The first step in registering an animal online is going to the AAA Login Web site at [www.angusonline.org](http://www.angusonline.org). If you already have a customer code and password, you may enter each in its respective place in AAA Login.



If you don't have a customer code and password, simply click on "Sign me up!" or "First Time User." These links will take you to a page where you

can create an account and acquire a customer code and password. The customer code will be your Association member code. The password for AAA Login is sent privately to the breeder by the Association to maintain confidentiality. There is no cost to the breeder for creating an AAA Login account.

Fig. 1: Example of registration form accessed via "Registration"

The screenshot shows a registration form with the following fields: Sex (Bull/Cow), Date Calved, Animal's Name, Tattoo Brand, Tattoo, Artificial Insemination (No/Yes), Twin Indicator (Single/Double), Embryo Transplant (No/Yes), Embryo Removal Date, and Store Electronically (No/Yes). There are also buttons for Save, Reset, and Proceed to Cart.

## The registration process

Once inside AAA Login, choose either "Registration" or "EZ Registration" to begin the application process. "Registration" can be used for animals that haven't previously been entered into an American Angus Association record system (see Fig. 1).

"EZ Registration" is available for animals that have been previously enrolled in the Association system through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) or the Beef Record Service (BRS). Clicking "EZ Registration" will access a dialogue box to allow you to specify the age group of calves you wish to register (see Fig. 2).

Clicking "Search" accesses a screen that contains a listing of all the nonregistered calves within your specified time frame for which you

have entered calving and/or weaning data through AHIR or BRS (see Fig. 3). Select the calf you want to register and click on "Click to Register." The registration application form will come up on your computer screen partially completed with that information (see Fig. 4), making the process EZ.

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The dialogue box allows users to specify search criteria for calves. Fields include: Beginning Birth Year (2005), Ending Birth Year (2006), Sort By (Date Registration Number), and Sort Order (Ascending). There are Search and Clear buttons.

Left: Fig. 2: Example of dialogue box accessed via "EZ Registration"

Below left: Fig. 3: Listing of potential calves to be registered in age group specified in Fig. 2

Calves listed 1 thru 24 of 34	Click to Register	Calf Tag	Tattoo	Birth Date	Calf Sex	Dam	Dam Tag	Dam Tattoo	Sire	In Cart
	Click to Register	517	M517	02/04/2005	B	11800794	124	M124		
	Click to Register	543	M543	03/06/2005	C	11966079	310	M310		
	Click to Register	517	M517	03/04/2005	B	12084278	413	M413		
	Click to Register	503	M503	01/06/2005	B	12139824	213	M213		
	Click to Register	531	M531	02/04/2005	C	12646007	001	M001		
	Click to Register	517	M517	03/11/2005	B	12946002	639	M639		
	Click to Register	544	M544	03/25/2005	C	12924722	740	M740		
	Click to Register	518	M518	01/12/2005	B	13030074		M014		
	Click to Register	536	M536	03/08/2005	C	13050719	016	M016		
	Click to Register	514	M514	01/06/2005	B	13085731	027	M027		
	Click to Register	524	M524	02/18/2005	B	13085734	028	M028		
	Click to Register	537	M537	03/04/2005	B	13110638		M006		
	Click to Register	517	M517	03/04/2005	C	13000247	811	M811		

Below right: Fig. 4: Registration application form of calf selected in Fig. 3

The screenshot shows the registration form for a specific calf. Fields are pre-filled with information from the listing: Sex (Bull), Date Calved (02/04/2005), Animal's Name, Tattoo Brand (M517), Tattoo (M517), Artificial Insemination (No), Twin Indicator (Single), Sire (13074137), Dam (11800794), First Owner (10M30), Embryo Transplant (No), and Embryo Removal Date. Buttons for Save, Return to List, and Proceed to Cart are visible.

registration form is very similar to that of the paper registration form,” says Lou Ann Adams, Association director of information systems. As you fill in the registration form online, you can request the Association print the registration papers and mail them to you, or you can request the Association electronically store them at the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. For more information about this feature, see “Electronic storage and transfer” below.

Once the information is entered, click “Save.”

Adams explains that one advantage to online registration is that validation takes place during “real time.” This simply means that if you make a mistake on the registration application, the computer will catch that mistake before you are allowed to move on with the online registration process (see Figs. 5 and 6).

Once all questions are cleared and the application is successfully stored in your cart (see Fig. 7), you can register additional calves or finish the application process by checking out.

“When the information is in the cart, many breeders think that the Association has received their online registration forms,” Adams says. “But we don’t get the online registration form until the breeder actually checks out their cart.”

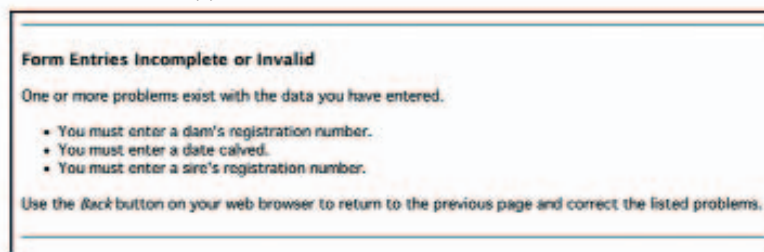
### By popular demand

Members’ increasing use of computers for ranch recordkeeping sparked the idea to create an online registration service for Angus cattlemen, says Bryce Schumann, Association director of member services. The Association began offering the service in May 1999. From Oct. 1, 2005, to date, 25% of registrations received by the Association have been through AAA Login.

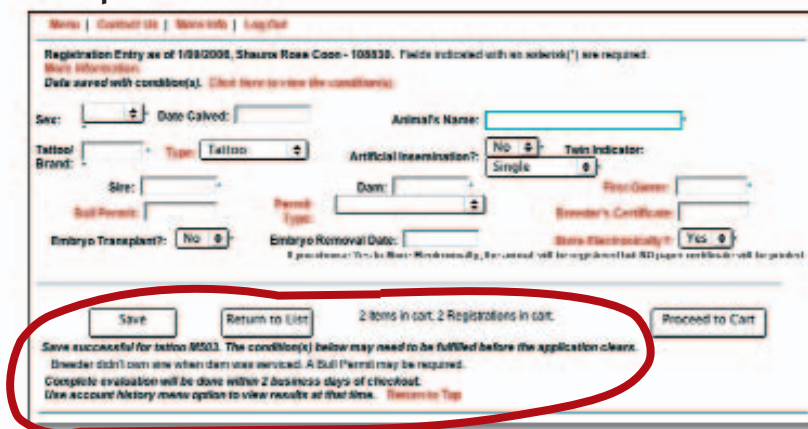
When registering Angus cattle online, the cost to the breeder is the same as registering on paper. The turnaround on processing the registration is the same as well. However, savings are seen in mailing time and postage. Breeders know at the click of a mouse if the Association has received their registration applications, no postage is used to accomplish the task, and time is saved since the application forms don’t have to be sent through the postal system.

As final words of advice, Schumann says, “Register early; register often.” He explains that as animals get older, the registration fee increases.

**Fig. 5: Real-time flag that not all of the required information was entered on a registration application**



**Fig. 6: Real-time flag that AI certificate is necessary before registration can be completed**



**Fig. 7: Cart holding two saved registration applications (Note: Cart must be checked out to send the application request to the Association.)**



**Editor’s Note:** A learning module to walk you through this process is available in the Angus Education Center located online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). Registering cattle is just one of many features available to members via AAA Login.

### Electronic storage and transfer

When Angus breeders register cattle, either online or through traditional mail, two storage options are available. They can choose to have the registration sent via traditional mail, on paper, or they can choose to have it stored electronically at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

In addition to electronic storage of Angus cattle registrations, transfer of registrations that were previously stored electronically can also take place for the regular transfer fee (minus the cost of postage). Instead of receiving a piece of paper in the mail, Association members will receive a confirmation notice. The process of storing Angus cattle registrations electronically won’t change the

authenticity of the registration or transfer. If at any time a producer wishes to have a printed copy of the registration or transfer, the person simply may request one through AAA Login. This service is offered at no cost to the producer.

Angus breeders have had the option to store and transfer registrations electronically at the Association since January 2004. From Oct. 1, 2005, to date, 19.2% of registrations received by the American Angus Association have been stored electronically.

For more information about online registration or electronic storage and transfer of registrations, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).