

June 13-14—The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity, Louisville, KY

June 16-18—Florida Cattlemen's Convention, Orlando, FL

June 22-26—Beef Leaders Institute (by application), Saint Joseph, MO

JULY

July 2-4—Pennsylvania Angus Breeders' Show, Huntingdon, PA

July 13-18—Nat'l Jr. Angus Show, Tulsa, OK

July 15-18—NCBA Summer Conference, Denver, CO

AUGUST

Aug. 7-8—South Carolina Jr. Beef Roundup, Clemson, SC

Aug. 9—Spruce Mtn. Ranch, Larkspur, CO

Aug. 29—Blackstone Cattle Co., Mineral Point, WI

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3—Vintage Angus Ranch Bull Sale, La Grange, CA

Sept. 14—SE Empire Angus Show, Lawrenceville, GA

Sept. 24-26—Certified Angus Beef LLC Nat'l Conference, San Antonio, TX

Sept. 26—Texas Angus Ass'n Breeders' Select Female Sale, Salado, TX

OCTOBER

Oct. 3-2 Bar/Goode Angus Prime By Design Sale, Hereford, TX

Oct. 3—JAC's Ranch, Bentonville, AR

Oct. 4—KiamichiLink Ranch, Finley, OK

Oct. 6—Coleman Angus Ranch Female Sale, Charlo, MT

Oct. 8-18—Georgia Nat'l Fair, Perry, GA

Oct. 9-18—Alabama Nat'l Fair, Montgomery, AL

Oct. 9—Teixeira Cattle Co., Pismo Beach, CA

Oct. 10—Edisto Forage Bull Test Sale, Blackville, SC

Oct. 10—Gaffney Family Cattle Female Sale, Barneveld, WI

Oct. 10—Seldom Rest Farm, Niles, MI

Oct. 11—Vintage Angus Ranch, Modesto, CA

Oct. 15—Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, OR

Oct. 17—D&W Angus, Hartwell, GA

Oct. 17—IBEP PT Bull Test Sale, Springville, IN

Oct. 18—Rock River Ranch, Mount Morris, IL

Oct. 20-22—Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA

Oct. 21—APS Angus Fall Findings Online Sale, Taylorsville, KY

Oct. 23—Lemmon Cattle Ent., Woodbury, GA

Oct. 23—Rutherford Ranches, Buda, TX

Oct. 23—South Carolina State Fair Open Angus Show, Columbia, SC

Oct. 23—Spur Ranch, Vinita, OK

Oct. 24-44 Farms, Cameron, TX

Oct. 24—South Carolina State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Columbia, SC

Oct. 24—SW Virginia Angus Ass'n More For Your Money Sale, Wytheville, VA

Oct. 24—Tanner Farms, Shuqualak, MS

Oct. 26—Hill-Vue Farm, Blairsville, GA

Oct. 28—Fink Beef Genetics Bull Sale, Randolph, KS

Oct. 30—Hokie Harvest Sale, at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Oct. 31—Enright Farms, Renfrew, ON

Oct. 31—Yon Family Farms, Ridge Spring, SC

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2—American Angus Ass'n Board Meeting, Overland Park, KS

Nov. 2—Three Trees Millarden Bull Sale, Woodbury, GA

Nov. 3-5—Nat'l Angus Convention & Trade Show, Overland Park, KS

Nov. 5—American Angus Ass'n Board Meeting, Overland Park, KS

Nov. 5—American Angus Ass'n Convention of Delegates, Overland Park, KS

Nov. 5—Kempfer Cattle Co. Bull Sale, Deer Park, FL

Nov. 6—Frank Turner & Sons, Hayneville, AL

Nov. 6—Quaker Hill Farm, Louisa, VA

Nov. 7—Woodside Farm Female Sale, Berryville, VA

Nov. 14—Alabama Angus Ass'n Fall Sale, Cullman, AL

Nov. 14—Deer Valley Farm Bull Sale, Fayetteville, TN

Nov. 14—Gibbs Farms, Ranburne, AL

Nov. 14—Rocky Mtn. Angus Ass'n Sale, Ogden, UT

Nov. 15—Hudson Pines, Campbellsburg, KY

Nov. 17—Green Springs Bull Test Sale, Nevada, MO

Nov. 21—Miller Farm LLC Bull Sale, Harrisonburg, VA

Nov. 21—Timberland Cattle, Vernon, AL

Nov. 28—Bridges Angus Farm Bull Sale, at Callaway Sale Facility, Rayle, GA

Nov. 29—Knop Angus Farm Online Sale, Ida Grove, IA

DECEMBER

Dec. 2—Utah Cattlemen's Classic All-Breed Bull Sale, Salt Lake City, UT

Dec. 4—Calhoun PT Bull Sale, Calhoun, GA

Dec. 5—SW Virginia's Finest Angus Sale, at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Abingdon, VA

Dec. 7—TK Angus, Valentine, NE

Dec. 12—Springfield Angus Bull Sale, Louisburg, NC

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FEBRUARY

Feb. 20—Janssen Beef Cattle, Earlham, IA

Feb. 21—Jäger Land & Livestock Bull Sale, Eddyville, IA

MARCH

March 5—Foundation Angus Alliance Sale, Luling, TX



Traceability Compliance

Effective March 11, USDA announces identification requirements for cattle moving interstate.

by *Jena McReil*, digital editor

A final phase of the national animal disease traceability rules took effect mid-March. Included was a change in the type of identification methods meeting the requirements. As of March 11, all official ear tags noted under the animal disease traceability requirements must be tamper-evident, approved by USDA, contain an official animal ID numbering system and an official ear-tag shield.

The recognition of manufacturer-coded numbers with the 900 series and "USA" prefix will be discontinued, and producers can consider changing to 840 tags.

Accepted identification varies, depending on location, and could include brands, tattoos, ear tags, registration papers, certificates, owner-shipper statements or a combination of ID systems. For detailed information on acceptable identification, visit the USDA's traceability website at <http://1.usa.gov/1NLrmTf>.

"Cattle producers who are moving cattle interstate this spring are encouraged to check with both the shipping and receiving states to make sure they are complying with the change in USDA regulations," says Ginette Kurtz, American Angus Association director of commercial programs.

The American Angus Association offers several programs and services that comply with the current USDA rules for animal disease traceability, including the age- and source-verification program, AngusSource®.

►AngusSource is a USDA process-verified program (PVP) that documents group age, source and a minimum 50% Angus genetics, while incorporating valuable information from the Association database. Calves are identified using an official AngusSource ear tag that meets USDA regulations for traceability.

►AngusSource Genetic is an additional choice for cattle producers to verify Angus-sired genetics, source and group age through the Association's database. The neon green AngusSource Genetic tag is available in three options: visual, radio frequency ID (RFID) or ChoiceSet.

►CustomCattleTags.com offers traceability-compliant ear tags from Destron Fearing, as well as electronic ID (eID) readers, syringes and other accessories that are cost-effective for any cattle producer. The interactive website allows you to build custom cattle tags step-by-step, and preview a mockup before ordering.

According to Glenn Fischer, a senior vice president for Allflex, the new identification requirements give the industry a window of understanding about animals moving throughout different regions of the country. That's important when it comes to tracing animal disease, but the data don't end there, Fischer says.

"It's not only something where we want to know where the diseased animals come from, but also where the good animals come from, and how we can optimize things that are successful when they move from the cow-calf level to the stocker, feeder and ultimately the packer," Fischer says.

USDA recommends cattle producers contact their State Animal Health Official for more details on your state's traceability activities and requirements. For more information on how the Association can assist in traceability compliance, please contact the commercial programs department at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angus.org.

