

# Angus Remains Industry Leader

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**T**he American Angus Association® remained at the top of the beef cattle industry in 2009, with the number of registrations far outpacing those of any other breed.

“Our year-end statistics continue to demonstrate strong demand for Angus genetics and solidify our long-held position as a leader in the beef cattle industry,” Bryce Schumann, Association CEO, said. “These results underscore our members’ commitment to providing genetic solutions to the beef cattle industry, and record-breaking sales for *Certified Angus Beef*® further substantiate Angus demand.”

Despite a sagging U.S. economy, 282,911 animals were registered during fiscal year (FY) 2009, which ended Sept. 30. Transfers, representing sales of cattle to new owners, reached 176,199, indicating continued demand for Angus genetics. Embryo transfers (ET) accounted for 11.3% of registrations,

and more than 52% of registered calves were a result of artificial insemination (AI).

The number of members storing registrations electronically increased slightly during 2009, and breeders continued to utilize Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and Beef Improvement Records (BIR). Breeders submitted a total of 845,633 weights, bringing the database to more than 16 million weight records.

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) saw its third consecutive sales record in 2009, selling 663 million pounds (lb.), an increase of more than 24 million lb. over last year. Approximately 14.1 million head were identified, and nearly 2.87 million head certified — an 8% increase over the previous year. Acceptance rates climbed to 19.8%.

AngusSource® — a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Process Verified Program (PVP) documenting age, source and Angus genetics — saw an 8.5% increase

in enrollments this year. More than 122,700 head were enrolled in the program in FY 2009, bringing total enrollments to more than 390,000 head since the program was initiated as a PVP in 2005. The average size of enrolled lots increased as well, from 146 head to 161 head.

In addition, producers marketed 18.7% more cattle through AngusSource online cattle listings, available at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

The American Angus Association is the nation’s largest beef organization, serving more than 30,000 members across the United States and Canada. It provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers and others who rely on the power of Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers.

For more information about Angus cattle and the American Angus Association’s programs and services, visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).



**Table 1: Registrations categorized by number of animals recorded per member**

15,734 members registered 282,874\* animals.

Animals registered per member	% of animals recorded by category	No. of members in category	% of membership in category
1-10	13.61	10,739	68.25
11-19	9.79	1,944	12.36
20-49	19.66	1,824	11.59
50-99	17.72	724	4.60
≥100	39.20	503	3.20

\*An additional 37 nonmember imports were registered for a total of 282,911 animals registered.

**Table 2: Total active memberships, by type**

Membership type	No. members
Active life	2,789
Active regular	19,612
Active junior	6,395
Active transfer life	899
Active transfer regular	1,323
Active nonresident	163
Active associate	280
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31,461</b>

**Table 3: Registrations and transfers processed by animal type**

	No. of registrations	% of registrations	No. of transfers	% of transfers
Cows	160,964	56.90%	95,591	54.25%
Bulls	120,418	42.56%	79,576	37.19%
Steers	1,529	0.54%	1,032	0.59%

**Table 4: Registrations by breeding method**

Total calves recorded	282,911	
Calves produced by natural breeding	135,658	(47.95%)
Cows	80,224	(59.14%)
Bulls	54,437	(40.13%)
Steers	997	(0.74%)
Calves produced by artificial insemination*	147,253	(52.05%)
Cows	80,740	(54.83%)
Bulls	65,981	(44.81%)
Steers	532	(0.36%)
Active sires	22,815	
Bulls used naturally	20,364	(89.26%)
Bulls used by artificial insemination	2,451	(10.74%)

\*Of the calves produced by AI, 126,759 were registered with AI certificates.

**Table 5: No. sires categorized by number of progeny registered**

No. of calves	No. of sires	% of total sires
1	5,679	24.9
2-5	8,590	37.7
6-10	4,074	17.9
11-100	4,261	18.7
101-500	149	0.7
501+	62	0.3

**Table 6: Top 25 bulls by number of progeny registered**

Reg. no.	Bull name	No. progeny	Reg. no.	Bull name	No. progeny
13880818 [AMF-NHF-RDF]	Mytty In Focus	9,118	14292649 [NHC-AMF]	Dr. J Analyst M250	2,065
13395344 [AMF-NHF]	GAR Predestined	8,295	13009379 [AMF-NHF]	CRA Bextor 872 5205 608	1,948
13776378 [AMF-NHF]	SS Objective T510 OT26	6,922	13739532 [AMF-NHF]	HA Image Maker 0415	1,632
13512009 [AMF-NHF-RDF]	SAV 8180 Traveler 004	3,957	15034593 [AMF-NHF]	BC 7022 Raven 7965	1,457
14844711 [AMF-NHF]	TC Total 410	3,735	14686137 [NHC-AMF]	Basin Franchise P142	1,309
13395329 [AMF-NHF]	GAR Retail Product	3,426	14660859 [AMF-NHF]	Quaker Hill Objective 3J15	1,284
14739204 [AMF-NHF]	SAV Net Worth 4200	3,237	14509685 [AMC-NHC]	BT Crossover 758N	1,133
13896250 [AMF-NHF]	HSAF Bando 1961	2,450	12310707 [AMF-NHF]	Sitz Alliance 6595	1,122
13592905 [AMF-NHF]	SAV Final Answer 0035	2,269	13588640 [AMF-NHF]	B/R New Frontier 095	1,110
13936986 [AMF-NHF]	Woodhill Foresight	2,233	13728513 [AMF-NHF]	GAR New Design 5050	1,101
13062750 [AMF-NHF]	Bon-View New Design 878	2,143	15148659 [AMF-NHF]	Connealy Thunder	1,081
13793826 [AMF-NHF]	Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616	2,132	13828202 [AMF-NHF]	Boyd On Target 1083	1,046
14187839 [AMF-NHF]	BC Marathon 7022	2,107			

AMF = tested and found to be free of arthrogryposis multiplex (AM); AMC = tested and found to be a carrier of AM.

NHF = tested and found to be free of neuropathic hydrocephalus (NH); NHC = tested and found to be a carrier of NH.

RDF = tested and found to be free of the red color gene.