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It is hard to believe that January is already over! Time really does fly when you are having fun as they say!

Message from the Tag Team

Cheryl Hazenberg

Show Your Angus Pride with New Tags

Your Canadian Angus Association is pleased to announce that the selection of tag accessories the Association offers is expanding. The Angus RFID tag is not changing and will still be recognized as the "Official Angus Tag." Users of the Official Angus Tag will have access to Angus branded management tags in all colours offered by Allflex. Colours available are: red, yellow, orange, white, pink, blue, purple and traditional green. [Super Maxi](#) tags have also been added and are the largest management tag available at a size of 4 5/8" high by 3" wide (not available in purple). All tags come with the updated Angus insignia as pictured.

Also available are the [Allflex Bottle Feeder Syringe](#) in 2 ml and 5 ml sizes and [Allflex Repeater Syringe](#) in 2.5 ml and 5 ml sizes. Your Canadian Angus Association also continues to offer the latest RFID reader technology and the [RS420 Pro Reader](#) is available in the 45 cm & 60 cm sizes.



The complete line of tag products previously offered remains available for purchase including [NextGen Tissue Sampling Units](#) (TSUs). TSU's are an alternate method of collecting DNA samples. TSU's are an excellent way to collect DNA on young calves that have finer hair. TSU's can be linked to matched RFID and management tag sets if required. Your Association lab, Delta Genomics, accepts hair, semen and tissue samples taken using the Allflex TSUs.

Angus tags and tag accessories are available to order through Byron at the Canadian Angus Association head office or [online](#).

January is a very busy time for your staff at Angus Central. Over the course of the month we have been compiling many important documents for the annual membership renewal package, including your Winter-calving Herd Inventory. Here is a list of what you can expect to see in that package: (however, please note that you may not have received everything listed as some may not pertain to your operation and, as an 'electronic communications' member, some of these may have come to you via e-mail as opposed to in the package):

- Information on genetic conditions, SNP (parentage) testing and the Canadian Angus Performance Program (CAPP)
- CEO letter and reports (including new information for A.I. and Embryo Donor Dam Approval)
- Blank Herd Inventory and Application for Registration form
- Herd Inventory Form 'How-To'
- Blank ET Calf application form
- Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed Tag number Age Verification worksheet
- Electronic Registration form
- Updated Fee Schedule
- Guideline for collecting hair root samples
- Member-specific winter calving Herd Inventories
- Heifer Exposure Worksheets
- CAA calving record book



GOAL 2015

The 2015 GOAL (Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders) Conference takes place February 14-16 in Guelph, ON. The theme is "Power of the Past - Force of the Future". Click [here](#) to see the 2015 Schedule.

Be sure to follow the CJAA on Twitter @cdnJRAngus or 'LIKE' their page on [Facebook](#)



Canadian Angus Foundation Introduces Junior Angus Stockman of the Year Award

The Junior Angus Stockman will receive a \$3,500 bursary to be used for genetics, cattle supplies/equipment, training, etc. along with travel assistance to attend Showdown. Nominations must be submitted by a Canadian Angus Association member in good financial standing. Finalists will be evaluated based on the written nomination and completed by a Skype interview. The award winner will be announced at Showdown, the Canadian Junior Angus National Show, in July.

View and print the [Junior Angus Stockman of the Year Application](#). The application deadline is April 15th.

Self-Directed Travel Bursaries Available

The Canadian Angus Foundation offers assistance for national and international travel for young Angus breeders. From that 'trip of a lifetime overseas' to something as simple as your regional cattlemen's conference, the CAF may provide some funding to help you get there. There are still funds available to be used before the end of this year. Please note that awards are considered on a first come, first served basis so submit your application as soon as possible. Please note that applications are due at least 15 days prior to the event that you wish to attend. [Click here for more information or to apply.](#)

Kaitlynn Bolduc is the most recent recipient of a bursary from the Foundation. She says, "I have always dreamed about going to Australia so when the opportunity for me to receive a travel bursary from the Canadian Angus Foundation arose, I couldn't think of anywhere else I'd rather go. And so my adventure began.... I was lucky enough to have some amazing friends there who offered me a place to stay and tour Angus Studs with them, as well as attend the Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

- Copy of AC-TV (for those specifically requesting this in your 2014 Communication Preferences form)
- AC-TV DVD request form
- CAA Bylaws and new amendments
- Bylaw Voting ballot (green in color)
- Self-addressed envelope to mail Bylaw Voting ballot back to your national Canadian Angus headquarters

Now folks this is a very long list, but we strongly encourage you to take the time to read, fill out and return everything that applies to you. I want to stress the importance of the CAA Bylaw Voting Ballot. Your CAA Board of Directors is recommending some changes and it is up to you, the membership, to approve or disapprove of the changes that your board has brought forward. This is the most comprehensive update to our bylaws in 20 years so many of the amendments may seem minor, but others are best voted on with due consideration on your part. We NEED to hear from you! Please send your voting ballot back to the office postmarked on or before March 16th, 2015 in the envelope included in your packages that is labeled, "Voting ballot enclosed." Again I cannot stress how important it is that you open your membership package and return everything back to Angus Central as soon as you can. I thank you in advance for doing this!

For those members that are online users, much of the same information that I have

"I learned so much in Australia and talked to so many people, but the most exciting time for me was watching two cows with Canadian genetics walk around the ring in the running for the overall Champion Female and the Hordern Trophy, and being able to watch the Red Angus Female come out on top in the Hordern Trophy Ring. As a Canadian Angus Breeder, there was nothing more exciting than to see Canadian Genetics doing the job for our fellow breeders in Australia."

Get Angus Swag through the A Store

The [A Store Catalogue](#) features Angus swag and apparel. Custom embroidery with names and logos is available. Watch for new items coming soon to the A-store!



A note from Registry:

Stacy Price

"Why isn't my calf registered?" That has to be the most common question we hear at this time of year. Many members are trying to get catalogues ready for sales and realize that an animal is not registered. For this exact reason we need you as members to follow up with your RFI's, once an RFI is sent out to you, we don't follow up, the ball is in your court and you need to give us the tools to correct it, this not only saves panic time later on but it will also save you money.

While most members send in registrations in July and August, waiting until January to finish up an RFI can be costly, for one thing you are past the 90 days that we hold pricing and if DNA is required on an animal it may not be able to be back prior to a sale. We cannot stress how important it is for you to open up your e-mails or mail, check your RFI's and deal with them promptly.

Speaking of e-mails, we would like to remind everyone once again that if you have a change in your e-mail it is imperative that you update our office with the new address, as invoices, DNA request forms, DNA results and notices of performance data comes out via e-mail. We do not know if you have changed providers or addresses. Much like the importance of a postal code, the correct e-mail address is extremely critical to our getting information out to you. We get numerous calls from members who want to know why they are not getting invoices and then when we say the e-mail address it went to they say, "well I don't use that e-mail anymore" sadly we have no way of looking up a new e-mail address for you, that day may come but we are not there yet.

Just a reminder to everyone our office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and we are closed for lunch 11:30 - 12:30. Your registry staff is available during that time, Julia, Laurie and I are happy to assist you.

All the best for your calving season,
Stacy Price - Registrar

mentioned above will be sent to you via email. Please be watching for an email from the office coming to you shortly.

There is going to be an election in Saskatchewan to represent on the CAA Board of Directors for the next three years: 2015-18. Current Past President Kevin Blair is not seeking re-election so this, coupled with the expiry of Jon Fox's term puts the CAA Board into the position of looking for two members to represent the great province of Saskatchewan. Jon Fox (Lloydminster) has indicated his interest in serving his second consecutive 3-year-term and both Tracey Willms (Dundurn) and David Johnson (Peebles) have accepted nominations along with Jon. We will have results of this election by the end of March, so please wish all three of these outstanding candidates the best of luck as they seek re-election or election to the CAA Board of Directors.

We have just completed the Winter Board Meeting here at Angus Central. Your Board has really prepared for 2015 to be a great year and has made some necessary changes to ensure many strong years ahead for your Canadian Angus Association. The Board meeting was held for three days earlier this week at Angus Central. Through those three days the Board was able to have many exciting conversations about different topics affecting the Association as a whole. Many topics discussed were specifically requested by CAA members and I'll be sharing the outcomes of this meeting in the coming weeks.

Message from Breed Development

Kajal Devani

There's Never Been A Better Time.. to raise Angus, to be a member of the CAA, to participate in the Canadian Angus Performance Program!

There was a significant increase in the number of weights submitted last year, more members are participating on the performance program, using EPDs as both selection and marketing tools, accessing genomic information, and you can too! There are outstanding funding programs available in almost every province that will GIVE you at least half the cost of buying a scale and any other animal handling equipment you might need.

Members of the Performance Program receive a quarterly newsletter, and an incredible fee incentive on their transfers and registrations. Members, big or small, on paper or electronic, are all welcome on the Performance Program where the only requirement to participate are complete herd inventory and weaning weight information. For more information contact your Director of Breed Development, Kajal Devani, at 1-888-571-3580.

Kajal will also be attending a few conferences to speak about how to profit from your cattle herd. Kajal will be at the Olds and Lethbridge events. Click [here](#) for more information. *Please note that the Lethbridge event is in the New Residence Hall at Lethbridge College. The Olds Event is in DMP 101 at that College.*

Get Engaged!

Karla Ness

It has been a very busy month in the office. We had our annual membership packing envelopes day on January 17th. Currently we are in the process of mailing out all the packages, so please be looking for them in your mail box soon. There is a lot of important information in these packages that I am sure you will want to read and return back to the office.

Copies of the first [AC-TV](#) in DVD form were also sent out. If you would like to receive a copy to watch in your own home please let the office know so we can get you on the AC-TV DVD list! With almost 800 views online and 400 DVD copies sent out, AC-TV is reaching a wide audience. Remember that it is our pleasure to offer advertising opportunities on AC-TV. Please contact Karla Ness for more information. Also if you have any stories that you would like to share with the Angus office that could be featured on AC-TV we would love to hear about them!



Some exciting news that you will see very soon is a new CAA website. We are very close to launch a new, revamped CAA website for you the members. The new website will be easier to navigate and allow you to efficiently update all your information. Coming soon!

Mark your calendars

31 Jan Deadline for CJAA Director Nominations

As part of the meeting, your CAA staff gave presentations to the Board to hopefully enlighten them about the questions we receive from the membership and projects our staff are currently working on. I hope this was beneficial to the Board to understand what questions or comments the staff receive and respond to on a daily basis.

For the next month I look forward to attending NCBA (National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the primary beef industry leadership in the United States) in San Antonio, Texas next week and our own GOAL Conference (Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders) in Guelph. Junior events are always a highlight of mine and it looks like our first eastern GOAL may be one of our best attended yet!

I wish each and every one of you a great calving season and good luck with all upcoming bull sales! It has all the makings of a great one, based on these results Cheryl compiled for us from last fall:

- 2054 live animals sold for gross sales of over \$12,517,000
- 91 cows averaged \$3989
- 115 cow/calf pairs averaged \$5056
- 425 bred heifers averaged \$4773
- 398 open heifers averaged \$4179
- 537 bulls averaged \$7125

As great as last year was in its entirety, our momentum seems to actually still be building so this bull sale season has all the makings of an historically successful one.

8 Feb Quebec Angus AGM
 13 Feb Angus Central closed at noon
 16 Feb Angus Central closed for Family Day
 14-16 Feb CJAA GOAL Conference, Guelph, ON
 18-20 Feb. Alberta Beef Industry Conference, Red Deer, AB

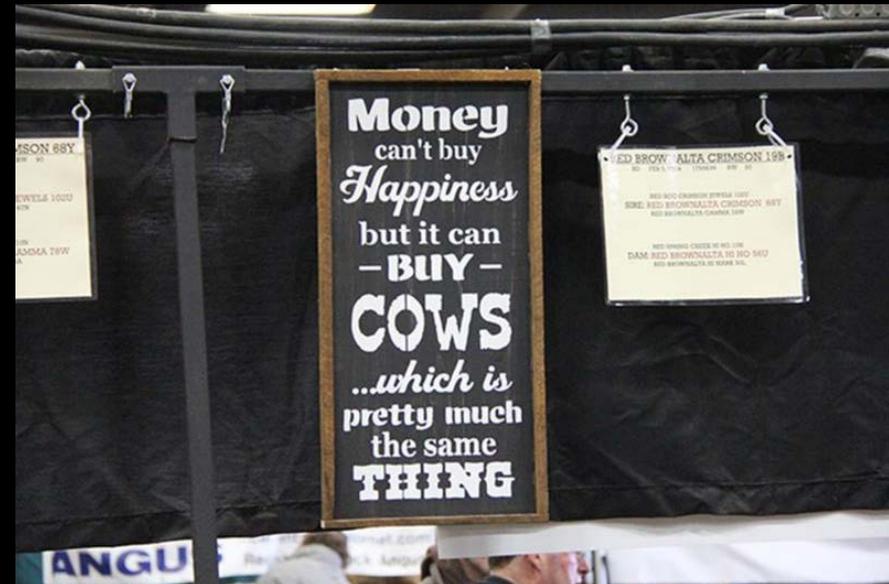


Photo taken at Camrose Bull Congress in January

Canadian Angus Association **NEW** Sale Package

Included in the package: \$45

1. Upload of Sale catalogue to CAA website and at least one social media platform of CAA
2. Sale included on CAA events calendar
3. Maximum 3 picture upload of herd bulls on CAA animal inquiry web page
4. Choice of 3 excerpts for Sales Catalogue
5. Access to all logos that member requires



Contact Angus Central for more information
 1-888-571-3580

Quick Links

[Canadian Angus Association](#) [Canadian Junior Angus Association](#) [Canadian Angus Foundation](#)

[CAA Events Calendar](#)

Find us online!



As we navigate these record-setting and record-breaking times, please accept how much your Association appreciates your choice of Angus to propagate the nation's cowherds and assure that most of the beef our consumers eat is superior Angus beef. Having said that, however, your CAA's business is less about Angus cattle than it is about Angus people and we are so very fortunate to have the most visionary, dedicated and outstanding leaders and producers right here within Canada's Angus fraternity. Our #1 objective is to serve YOU so if ever we can do so in a manner you do not believe we currently are, please let us know and we'll do our best to help you and try to make you as proud as we are of your success as seedstock producers.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.
(1-403-571-3580)

Cheers,

Rob Smith

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