

## Update

### **American Angus Association® (11/20/08)**

On Saturday, November 15, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Association, through a series of unanimous votes, adopted a new policy and related set of rules governing the handling of genetic defects within the breed. These actions concluded an eight-week examination of the Association's prior policy and rules dealing with the subjects of genetic defects generally and Arthrogyrosis Multiplex (AM) in particular. At its November meeting, the Board:

- Adopted a new policy related to its handling of genetic defects and adopted eight (8) new rules (Rules 300 to 307) ([click here](#))
- Adopted a specific policy relating to the registration status of potential and known carriers of Arthrogyrosis Multiplex (AM) ([click here](#))
- Amended Rule 103(d) to recognize AM and prohibit the registration of affected animals (Note: This amendment does not apply to carriers of a genetic defect but instead to actual animals physically afflicted by the recognized abnormalities.) ([click here](#))
- Rescinded Rule 806, relating to the showing of cattle that are carriers of a recognized genetic defect.
- The Association's rule relating to "genetic factors", as opposed to genetic defects, remains unchanged and is now set forth as Rule 350 GF. ([click here](#))

Please take note that both the new policies and rules emphasize the Association's ability to convey timely and accurate information through its website ([www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org)). Members should check that website regularly to access the names and registration numbers of carrier animals, as well as animals tested free of the genetic defect. A printed listing of such animals will be made available to any requesting member without charge, but the most up-to-date version of such listings is available at the Association website.