



# Red Angus Carcass Progeny Test

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## Red Angus

**CPT NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2008**

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**Purpose:** To provide producers a cost and time effective means of validating carcass genetics on young, unproven Red Angus bulls.

**With the moderate to high heritability of carcass traits and the increasing importance of known carcass genetics due to grid marketing of commercial cattle, the CPT will benefit Red Angus by:**

- Proving young bulls faster for carcass traits.
- Achieving higher carcass EPD accuracies than ultrasound data alone.
- Allowing for rapid genetic progress through more accurate carcass sire selection.

Red Angus' Carcass Progeny Test requires the random mating of selected bulls in commercial test herds (which are identified by RAAA staff) where progeny are retained through harvest. Test herds must commit a minimum of one sex (most likely steers) for actual carcass data. If a test herd retains the females, there will be incentives to collect ultrasound data. Additionally, test herds will be provided incentives to collect growth data (birth, weaning, yearling, etc.).

### **NOMINATION PROCESS**

- All RAAA members are eligible to nominate Red Angus bulls for the Red Angus CPT.
- \$3,000.00 fee per bull.
- 75 Units of semen provided at owners' expense.
- Possibility of use as a reference sire in future CPT trials.

### **BULL SELECTION**

- Maximum of 8 bulls will be tested.
- Test herd management will provide Red Angus EPD standards that bulls must meet in order to be used in their herd.
- RAAA will provide the test herd management information on the nominated bulls that meet their breeding strategies to determine which bulls they will use in their herd.